

**“Property Stewardship: 21st Century Mission
Challenge”**

Report and Implications of Research

**Mid Councils
Financial Network
(MCFN)**

Property Inquiry

- ❖ At least 20,000 local properties
- ❖ No uniform or longitudinal data
- ❖ No comparative data for mainline denominations
- ❖ Application of inference and anecdotal methodology

Topographical Features

- ❖ Increasing rate of sales
- ❖ Innovative re-purposing/Outmigration of resources
- ❖ Age and membership decline contributing factors
- ❖ 21st Century institutional culture contributing factor
- ❖ Real property value locally determined

Variety of Sales Properties

- ❖ Rural, suburban and urban
- ❖ Poor repair or functional
- ❖ Varied market contexts
- ❖ Two common typologies

Issue Identification

- ❖ Congregational and mid-council support needs
- ❖ Variable governance mandates and responsibilities
- ❖ Complex technical assistance needs
- ❖ Diverse proceeds allocation practices
- ❖ Community impact assessments

Pandemic Consequences

- ❖ Property devaluation
- ❖ Downturn in all revenue streams
- ❖ Economic scarring
- ❖ Declension of property primacy in mission

Next Steps

- ❖ Identify re-purposing best practices
- ❖ Catalogue technical assistance needs
- ❖ Catalogue local/state resources
- ❖ Continued data gathering and analysis of policies and procedures
- ❖ **Broaden the nature and scope of the conversation**



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