

# **Church Administrative Essentials:**

## **How to Plan for an Effective Annual Meeting**

It's never too early to start planning for your next annual meeting. These meetings are essential for compliance, strategic alignment, and board engagement. This guide provides best practices to help you run a focused, effective meeting that keeps your organization on track.

## **Empowering Stewardship | 5 Keys to Financial Health**

When you assess the health of your ministry, do you just consider attendance and giving trends, or salvations and water baptisms? I'd like to encourage you to assess the strength of your financial operations and practices, as well. Here are five keys that will reduce financial risk while increasing the overall health of your ministry.

## **Students on the Move: Parent Transportation**

Christian schools, youth programs, and day cares rely on parent volunteer transportation to help enrich students' lives through field trips, sports events, and after-school activities. But volunteer drivers using personal vehicles to transport small groups of students can expose your organization to numerous liability risks. Find out how to create a plan that helps reduce risk, build trust, and protect your students on the move.

## **Reducing the Risk of Financial Abuse**

According to studies performed by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, churches and religious organizations lose 5% of their revenues to fraud each year. This is a very real risk that all churches are susceptible to. However, there are several steps that churches can take to insulate themselves from this threat. This article discusses the risk of financial abuse and ways to protect your church's finances.