Risk Management

Don't Jeopardize Your Parish By Not Strategically Confronting Risk

Some Risks Within and To Parishes

- Physical Risks
- Reputational Risks
- Financial Risks
- Leadership Risks
- Social Changes
- Economic Risk
- Negligence
- Intentional Acts

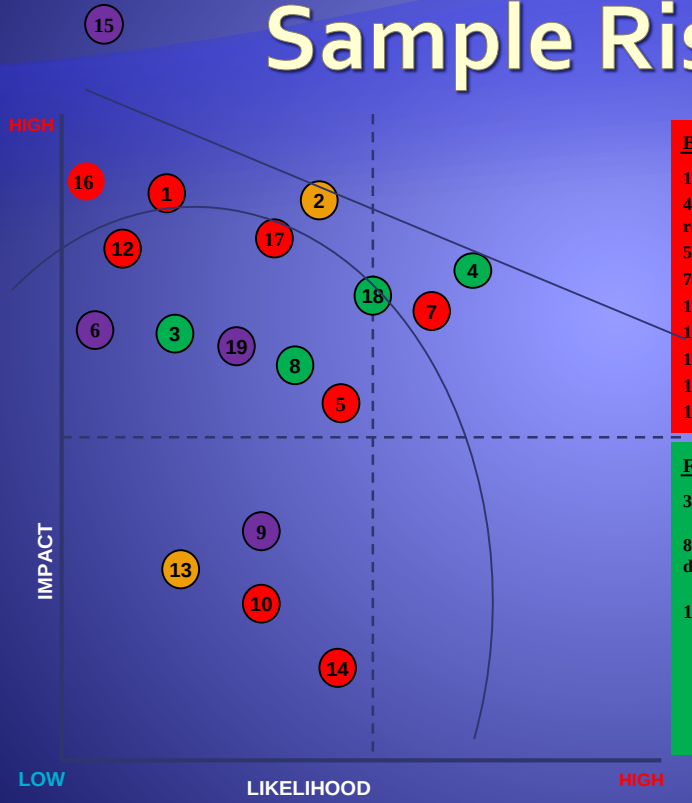
Executive Risk for Vestry Members

- Church Vestries have a fiduciary duty to protect and preserve the assets of the parish.
- Failure to do so can open the members of the vestry to suit, personally.
- CIC provides coverage for Executive Risk to vestries via General Liability + Umbrella Liability, but to a limit.
- Another very good reason to have a robust risk assessment/ risk management program.
- Include a risk management review in every Vestry meeting.

Steps Toward Creating Your Own "Risk Management Strategy"

- Observe
- Identify
- Assess
- Prioritize
- Strategize
- Avoid/Minimize/Mitigate
  - Absorb or Transfer

Sample Risk Map



Buildings & Grounds

1. Fire in Church
4. Major, unanticipated repairs
5. Trip/Fall with Injury
7. Flood in Church
10. HVAC Failure
12. Fire in Parish House
14. Food spoiling/poisoning
16. Earthquake
17. Black Mold

Worship

6. Rector departure
9. Music Director departure
15. Active Shooter
19. Medical Emergency

Finance & Administration

3. Pledges drop precipitously
8. Investments significantly devalued
18. Cyber Crime

Mission, Edu. & Outreach

2. Child Injury
~~11. Staff departure~~
13. Libel/slander

Risk Transfer, a.k.a Insurance?

- What about Contractual Risk Transfer?
- Read Your Policy(ies)
- Especially:
  - Insuring Agreement
  - Exclusions
  - Endorsements
  - Duties of the Insured

Post-Loss Preparedness

- Insurance Co
  - Contact Agent-Coach
  - Follow "Duties", Don't Void Coverage
  - Be Aware of "Claims Cooperation", etc.
- Other Key Parties
  - First Responders
  - Community
  - Media
  - Local Politicians
  - Claims Adjuster & Lawyers

Recommended CIC Resources

- CIC Safety and Risk Management Handbook:
www.cpg.org/administrators/insurance/property-and-casualty/risk-management

-CIC Representatives :
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- Request Risk Mitigation and Valuation Site Visits

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