



Legacy Church Cost Considerations

The costs of completing a ministry, after regular worship and other activities conclude, may include:

1. Continued liability insurance for ongoing leadership group and property insurance until building sale and legacy endowment funds are settled.
2. Legal and Real Estate professional costs, including the cost of a commercial appraisal of real estate¹.
3. Other professional services costs for consultants, coaches, and facilitators, particularly if the work to build a legacy has not been completed.
4. Severance for staff and pastors. These policies must be written and in place before closure.
5. Any building upkeep and repairs required for/by church sale.
6. On-going maintenance of lawn and church property during sale of property.
7. Security for building if it remains empty for some time.
8. Clean-up of the building and disposition of church furniture, building and office material.
9. Collection and distribution of archival material.
10. Demolition of property if necessary.

Note: If the cost of completing a ministry exceed available cash on hand, the church can apply to the SNEUCC for a recoverable grant to fund these costs. These grants will typically be repaid out of the net proceeds of the sale of illiquid assets, including real estate

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¹ Churches are public charities and so there may be state-specific public charity law that applies to disposition of charitable assets.