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Stewardship of Religious Property

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SAMPLE EVALUATION TOOL FOR MULTI-PERSPECTIVE EVALUATIONS

Overview:

- All options and alternatives the religious institute is seriously considering will be evaluated from multiple perspectives.
- Members of evaluation teams will focus on mission and eco-sustainability perspectives.
- A specific set of criteria and numerical scoring system will guide the mission and eco-sustainability perspective evaluations.
- The business perspective evaluation of options and alternatives will be entrusted to a single individual or small subgroup for reasons of efficiency and consistency.
- Each evaluation team member will independently rate each option and alternative. These ratings will be tabulated and distributed to all members prior to a meeting when the group as a whole will complete the process of evaluating options and alternatives.

Framework for Mission and Eco-Sustainability Evaluation Criteria

- Examples of potential criteria and a numerical scoring scale for mission and eco-sustainability perspective are included on the next page.
- The following criteria and numerical scale will be used for the business case evaluation:
 - +1 If:
 - The financial and human resources needed to implement the option are well-defined, **and**
 - The financial and human resources the option requires are sustainable, **and**
 - The results of the mission and eco-sustainability perspective evaluations justify the business risk.
 - 0 If there is ambiguity regarding the resources needed, their sustainability or risk
 - 1 If:
 - The financial and human resources needed for the option or alternative are not well-defined, **or**
 - The financial and human resources needed for the option or alternative are not sustainable, **or**
 - Results of the evaluation of the option or alternative do not justify the business risk.





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HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLES OF MISSION AND ECO-SUSTAINABILITY EVALUATION CRITERIA

MISSION CRITERIA	
Questions Drawn from the Institute's Mission Statement	Evaluation Criteria
1. Who does the option empower and how does it empower them?	+2 Directly empowers others +1 Indirectly empowers others 0 Empowerment of others is not relevant -1 Empowerment of others is weak -2 Does not empower others as it could
2. How does the option help form right relationships?	+2 Directly forms right relationships +1 Indirectly forms right relationships 0 Forming right relationships is not relevant -1 Right relationships are questionable -2 Does not form right relationships
3. How does the option foster oneness?	+2 Primary intent is to foster oneness +1 Enhances oneness indirectly or as a byproduct 0 Fostering oneness is not relevant -1 Hard to see how oneness is fostered -2 Will not foster oneness
ECO-SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA	
Questions Drawn from Institute's Commitment to Eco-Sustainability Values	Evaluation Criteria
1. In what ways does the option or alternative honor the sacredness of all creation?	+2 Honors sacredness of all creation in specific ways +1 Indirectly honors sacredness of all creation 0 Is neutral -1 Raises sacredness of creation questions -2 Does not honor the sacredness of creation
2. How does the option or alternative protect life?	+2 Protection of life is a primary goal +1 Adequately protects life 0 Should have a neutral effect on life -1 Effects on life are unknown -2 May damage life
3. How will the impact of the option or alternative be for the greater good of Earth?	+2 Tangible positive impact on the greater good +1 Intangible positive impact on the greater good 0 Neutral impact on the greater good -1 Questionable impact on the greater good -2 Will not be for the greater good





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4. How will land use improve harmony with the bioregion and ecosystem of the area?	+2 Visibly improves harmony with bioregion +1 Intangible benefits to bioregion 0 Should have a neutral effect on bioregion -1 Effects on bioregion are unknown -2 Harms bioregion
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