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**CIRCULAR TO: Local Church pastors
Local Church treasurers**

Dear Friends

Re: Open letter to all Church entities in Victoria – Property Infrastructure Process & Procedure

A property purchase, sale, new development or renovation can be one of the largest decisions a church body makes.

However often due to unforeseen complexities and an increasingly regulated developmental environment, a simple and straightforward infrastructure goal can turn into a complicated, drawn-out and wearisome burden that takes our attention as a Church away from our core Mission purpose.

To address this common problem and to assist Church entities in achieving their infrastructure goals, the Victorian Conference has created a Property Infrastructure Process and Procedure framework to provide guidance, direction and help.

Attached to this letter is:

- Property Infrastructure Working Values – to help guide our thinking
- Property Sale Process & Procedure Document
- New Purchase, Development, Renovation or Extension Process & Procedure Document

These documents seek to create a practical, user-friendly, templated-process that identifies key questions, approvals needed, and go-to people for consultation – to help empower Church entities be more effective in prudently addressing their property infrastructure needs.

“I saw that God’s people should act wisely, and leave nothing undone on their part to place the business of the church in a secure state.” – EGW Relating to Church Property CCh 247.6

Together may we seek to act and build wisely to support the fulfillment of our Church Mission here in Victoria.

Yours sincerely

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