

# Florida Conference Treasurer's Seminar

Church Legal and Compliance Briefs:

Recap of Frequent or Major Issues Affecting Church Ministry



# Affiliations between church and non-denominational entities:

## FORMS OF AFFILIATION:

- Pastoral representation on boards
- Overlap between church membership and entity leadership
- Financial contributions
- Lease arrangements with unusual provisions or without protective provisions
- Letter of Intent
- Promotional materials
- **Reminder to get any apparent affiliations approved by ADCOM**



# Contracts Executed by the Local Church:

## AREAS OF FOCUS:

- Who are the contracting entities?
- Does the signer have contract authority?
- What are the long-term commitments or liabilities?
- Ensure compliance with terms including notice and termination.



# Non-assembly or Commercial Facilities, Zoning and Use Permits

## WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES?

- Building codes and the cost of compliance
- Residential vs. Commercial zoning
- Residential vs. Commercial use
- The Distinctions extend to our tenants

