

# Above Reproach

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## Learning Objectives

- Evaluate meaning of ‘above reproach’
- Assess impact of administration and management of church

# Why Does This Matter





## Above Reproach

- Blameless
- Highest Christian standard
- Good character and reputation
- Accountability
- Transparency



# Stakeholders

- Congregation
- Grantors
- Governing body
- Finance committee
- Leadership team
- Employees
- Bank



# Potential Losses

- Reputation
- Financial
- Trust
- Information

# Impact

- Everyone responsible / culture
- Financial advisors easy to approach and ask questions/advice
- Listening
- Common language
- Proactive



# Financial Literacy

- Know the financial literacy of the stakeholders
- Adopt reporting formats that align with the mission and are customized for the decision-maker
- Understandable and relevant for decision-making
- Consider accounting method and presentation method used
- Complexity of reporting





# Involvement

- Involvement of stakeholders to set expectations
- Role of budget
- Internal audits
- Communication



# Involvement

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Dashboard reports for assessing
- External evaluation

# Identify Key Measures

- Customized to user needs
  - Available cash
  - Cash flow
  - Giving trends
  - Obligations
  - Other

# Factors to Consider

- Charity Navigator's Accountability and Transparency Assessment

<https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=content.view&cpid=1283>

# Thank You!

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