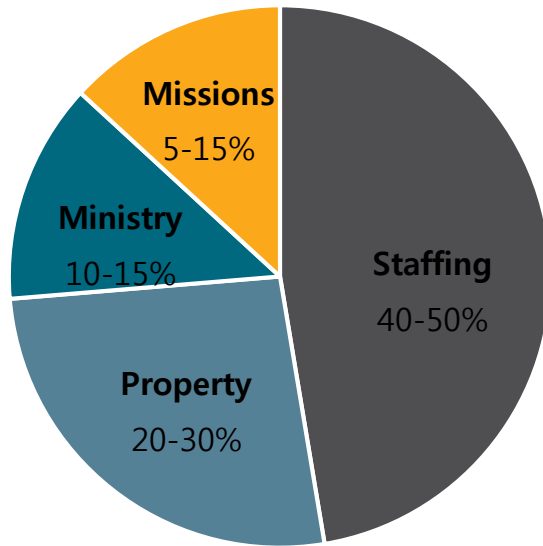




50,000ft BUDGET DISCUSSION

How we spend our money is directly proportionate to what we really believe is important for our church.

Average CBOQ Church Expenses



Because every church does ministry so differently, there is a wide variety in how churches allocate their resources. Some churches rent space, because they find that a better fit in the long run than owning a building and having to pay exorbitant upkeep and utilities costs. Some churches have lower staffing costs because they utilize more volunteers from their congregants. Some churches are intentional in “tithing 10%” of what comes in as an example to the congregants.

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.
Matthew 6:21

STEP ONE
(5 minutes)

From your own budget, draw a pie chart showing the budget categories of your church. How do your church expenses compare to the average CBOQ church expenses?



STEP TWO
(2 minutes)

What are the larger budget categories? Do these reflect your church values?
(i.e. – if your church values – worship, fellowship, discipleship and mission are these values categorized in your budget?)

STEP THREE
(3-5 minutes)

Discuss what changes or adjustments need to be made to better reflect the values of the church? Make a specific commitment to follow up on this discussion at the appropriate levels (agenda items for another meeting, congregational vote, further research)

STEP FOUR

What budgetary goals might you consider for the next five years?
(i.e. – we want to increase our local missions giving by at least 2% until we get to 15%)

Goal for Year One:

Goal for Year Two:

Goal for Year Three:

Goal for Year Four:

Goal for Year Five:

The way you use your budget is an indicator of your actual vision for your church.

