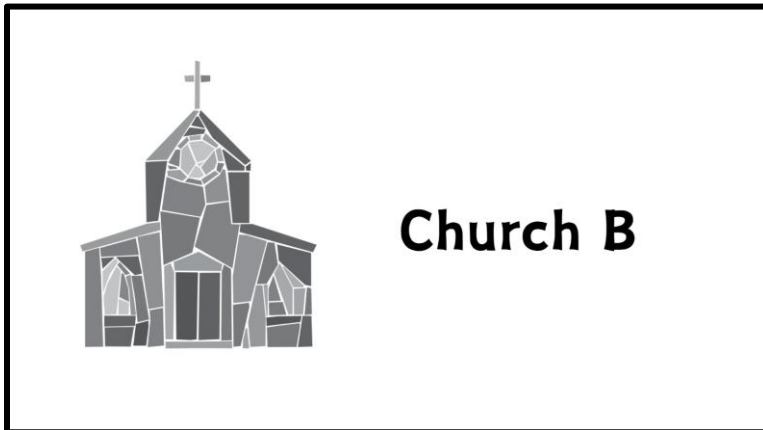


Church A is in a downtown location, with lots of people who walk to church each week. Because of the inclusive nature of the congregation, there have been an increase of adults with developmental and cognitive disabilities coming to church. While this is a wonderful addition to the congregation, these adults often wander throughout the building during the worship service. The church is an aging congregation, with a decreasing attendance.

What is the risk?

Ways to mitigate risk?



Church B is a large suburban congregation with a growing number of young families and young children. Recently they have seen 2-5 toddlers and 8-12 elementary age students. They do not have a very large Youth Group/ Sunday School (teens). Sometimes 5, sometimes 10 youth show up. Because of their low youth attendance, the Sunday morning program only has one volunteer for both groups every Sunday. Sometimes they have 5 teens, sometimes up to 10.

What is the risk?

Ways to mitigate risk?



Church C is a small rural congregation, (35 or less people in attendance) who has just a few children who attend church with their grandparents. They often only have one Sunday School teacher available to teach.

What is the risk?

Ways to mitigate risk?



Church D The Youth Ministry is going on a fun outing. The leadership has told the parents they would drop off the kids after the outing at each of their homes. There are three carloads of kids going with one leader in each car.

What is the risk?

Ways to mitigate risk?



Church E is a church that has been seeing some revitalization in their neighborhood and are wrestling with ensuring they have a budget for ministries with children. They have several events on the calendar and have started to see children come with parents visiting Sunday morning worship, making them want to relaunch Sunday School. They want to be proactive and have all of volunteers interested in working with children background checked, but it the cost seems prohibitive.

What is the risk?

Ways to mitigate risk?



Church F has a youth/ children's texting service that texts parents, students, and children (with phones) to remind them about upcoming events. The Youth Director wants to be able to text the teens bible related things. He has the parents permission to do so. As a result he has been texting the teens individually.

What is the risk?

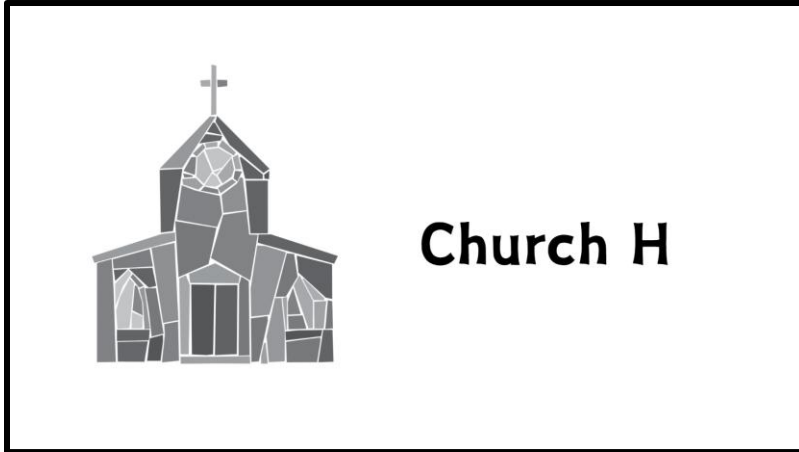
Ways to mitigate risk?



Church G had a family visit worship last Sunday for the first time. The next Saturday evening their pastor decided to start doing a children's moment and called a retired schoolteacher to see if they would take them for children's church that morning and to make sure she took pictures to share on their Facebook page.

What is the risk?

Ways to mitigate risk?



Church H has started a ministry between elementary/middle school and high school students. Every two elementary school or middle school students have been paired with a high school student to meet with at least once a month. This program has been going on for five years and has been very successful. Elementary, Middle School and High School programs have increased due to the bonds formed in these groups. The students set up a time with each other and are able to come into the church to meet whenever it is open which is normally between 8:00am and 9:00pm Monday-Friday. Sometimes there are adults present, other times there are not.

What is the risk?

Ways to mitigate risk?