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## Faith and Charity in a Regulatory World

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### The Regulatory World

- A Charity's Structure
  - Income Tax Act (CRA)
  - Trust Law (PGT)
  - Corporate Law, Religious Organizations Land Act, etc.
- A Charity's Operations
  - Human Rights Act (Human Rights Tribunal)
  - Occupational Health and Safety Act (WSIB)
  - Etc., etc., etc.

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**Societal Trends**

- Watch these carefully
  - Making their own 'story'
  - "What have you done for me lately?"
  - Tolerance
  - Hermeneutic of suspicion
  - Court of public opinion
  - Private belief vs. public action

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**Societal Trends**

- Positive
  - Responsibility of wealthier nations to the poorer nations
  - Greater awareness of global issues

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**Government Trends**

- Anti-terrorism efforts
- Value for Canadian taxpayers
- Burden of Regulation

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**Media Trends**

- Exposure of 'bad apples'
- Call for greater regulation

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**Looking Ahead...**

- Public Benefit

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**Looking Ahead...**

- Fundraising

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**Looking Ahead...**

- Governance

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**Looking Ahead...**

- Public disclosure

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**Looking Ahead...**

- International Activities

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### Taking Action

- Tell your own story
- Be a positive presence in your community
- Remember your mission
- Be open
- Take care
- Model
- Support your sector

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### Resources

- Pellowe's speech on Christian charities  
– <http://www.christiancurrent.com/national/2006/featurejan.htm>
- Pellowe's research on church/agency relations  
– <http://www.christianity.ca/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=4465&srcid=2123>
- Canadian Council of Christian Charities  
– [www.cccc.org](http://www.cccc.org)

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