Congregational Safety Assessment Report and Recommendations for Unitarian-Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign (UUCUC)

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In the Study Session with the UUCUC board, the evaluator was informed that security cameras had been installed to monitor the overhang areas in the church, rather than the food pantry. The SLT had created a policy for the use of the cameras that was approved by the board for this purpose, to increase information about persons using the overhang areas.

It is typical and considered best practice to evaluate new safety policies and procedures after implementation for their effectiveness. The evaluator encourages the board and SLT to assess after the first cold season whether the use of the security cameras and the policy is achieving the goals it hoped for. Since the food pantry is a new endeavor and ministry of the church, a review of those policies and procedures is also recommended.

