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PROPER PLANNING PREVENTS PREDICTABLE PITFALLS

Remodeling your current facility, relocating or building a new facility is challenging enough without experiencing any unforeseen pitfalls. Why not take advantage of other church's learnings and step around known issues?



As facilities age, building codes and restrictions added, churches experience numeric growth, and communities change, facility planning gets increasingly complicated. These tools are intended to address specific needs your leaders may have in planning for the future. Our goal is to assist you in making wise decisions about that future.



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CHURCH FACILITY AND LOCATION PLANNING SERVICES

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CUSTOMIZED SERVICES FOR YOUR SITE AND SITUATION

Space, facilities, site and location all influence the ministry of many churches. These physical characteristics are but one element of an effective church. They are to be considered as a resource in fulfilling the church's vision for ministry.

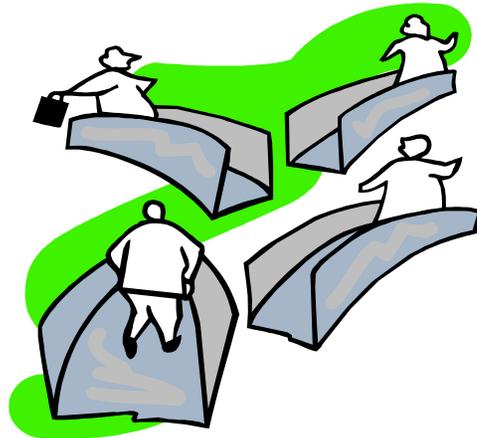
1. Building Walk Through – What do your first time guests notice when they visit your facility? What are the four predictable “anxiety points” they experience? The walk through takes a couple hours and includes a debriefing with the trustees or building committee.

2. Maximum Mission Potential – What could your ministry area support? How big should you realistically plan your facilities? Calculation factors in area churches, un-churched population, and travel time to your location.



3. Drive Time Analysis – Ministry area profiles can be determined using travel time. A map is produced showing the resulting shape of your mission field.

4. Ministry Planning – Four basic questions need to be answered before determining many facility or location issues. Planning the ministry precedes planning the building.



5. Membership Pin Maps – Where do folks live relative to the church facility, or each other? Relative location is a crucial factor in planning relocation, or other church ministries or services.

6. Relocation Analysis – How do you know when to consider relocation as an option for future growth? What factors influence the decision, in addition to finances? Criteria for the decision can be identified to assist leaders in deciding.



7. Ministry Area Profile – Whom do you seek to reach? Who lives in your ministry area and how does that impact the nature of your ministry? Custom demographic information, including people groups, is compiled in a notebook for your area.

8. Site Analysis – What physical factors influence the continued growth and development of the church? How do issues of parking, access, visibility, and landscaping impact reaching new people?

9. Comparative Site Analysis – If relocating, how do you know which site is best for your current members? What other factors ought to be considered before locking in on a particular site?

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