

10 Steps for a Church Capital Project

Church capital projects are a very exciting phase in congregational life, the reason being that successful projects position the church for ministry expansion and growth. Successful projects however do not happen automatically. They are only successful as a result of solid planning in the architectural, fundraising and construction area.

Work in financial campaigns however is also directly related to the planning that is needed for campaign readiness, building design and eventual construction. What has become obvious therefore is the overall planning process that is needed to make capital projects successful. Let me indicate therefore what I believe are the ‘10 steps for a Church Capital Project’.

Step I: Clarify vision related to project purpose

Step II: Determine the church’s facility need, short and long-term

Step III: Establish the issue of “What can we afford?”

Step IV: On the basis of need priorities, establish project design

Step V: On the completion of project design, establish a global budget

Step VI: At the completion of Step V, generate the needed approvals

Step VII: Conduct a capital campaign to raise the needed funds

Step VIII: Complete project design, generate working drawings, receive building permits

Step IX: Construction

Step X: Develop a marketing plan to generate growth