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News You Can Use to *Grow Your Ministries*

Six Reasons to Start Now



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1. The Planning, Design, Bidding, Funding, and Permitting processes can often take two years or longer. Even if you started tomorrow, it might be two years from now before you could even be ready to break ground. At that time you would have your plans, budget, permits and financing in place and be in a position to choose a ground break date whenever you felt conditions were most favorable.

2. With the economy slowing, construction costs are falling. According to the 12-21-08 Issue of the Facilities Management News, in the month of November of 2008 alone: structural steel costs fell 11%, asphalt costs fell 15%, diesel fuel costs fell 20%. The article predicts, "The decline in metals, energy and freight costs in the

Dear Custom Field 1 Thomas,

We hope that the information that we are sharing with you in this newsletter will be a blessing to you. Our mission here at Omega is simple... we strive to make the process of expanding your ministries as easy, enjoyable and cost-effective for you as it possibly can be. Omega offers a complete menu of consulting, architectural design and construction management services that seamlessly and safely move your project from vision to occupancy.

We understand the tremendous responsibilities borne by leaders like yourself. You want the best for your congregation and community. You want to work with people who share your vision, with people that you can trust, and with people who have a proven track record of success. At Omega, we bring over 17 years of church design and construction expertise to you to insure that your expansion plans will meet with success. *The unique system offered by Omega results in less risk, less cost, and more control in your hands.*

Please contact me to discuss your unique needs and to learn more about how Omega can help your ministries grow.



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pipeline will push down the prices of manufactured products in the next few months."

3. **Interest rates are near all-time lows.** Even as low construction costs can save hundreds of thousands of dollars on the front-end of construction, today's low interest rates can save hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest expense over the term of the loan.

The slowing economy offers additional opportunities and benefits:

4. Designers, builders, engineers, contractors, suppliers, and permit authorities all have seen their work-loads reduced which will result in **faster and better service for you** from everyone that you will be working with. Your time from planning to occupancy will be reduced which translates into cost savings on construction interest, rent, utilities, etc.

5. Your project will be notable in your community as one of the few significant new construction projects at this time. **It will generate a lot of public interest.**

6. If you are working with a Construction Manager like Omega, the church will be in a position to hire friends of the church and members of the church to perform some aspects of the construction work, which could be **a great blessing to both the church family and to many other families in**

The Feasibility Study

An Important Tool for a Successful Project



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Before embarking on a new construction project or relocation to expand the ministries of your church, it is prudent to consider all available options. A thorough **Feasibility Study** prepared by a **design and build professional** will **objectively** analyze the available growth options and present the costs and benefits of each option in a format that will bring clarity and consensus to the project.

Furthermore, the **Feasibility Study** will provide conceptual floor plans, site plans and building elevations that may be displayed and will generate increased excitement for growing the ministries of your church.

In Luke 14:28 Jesus admonishes us to count the cost before starting a building project. A **Feasibility Study** will provide an initial construction budget for each option under consideration.

A typical Study may compare the renovation of existing facilities versus

your community.

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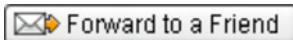
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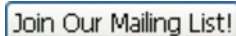
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selling the church and relocating to a new site. It might even compare the costs and benefits of purchasing an existing church building versus operating at the present location. The study will, therefore, involve analysis of land costs and availability, financing options, land usage, construction costs, architectural design, marketability of the church, construction schedules, alternative facilities for use during construction, operational expenses of the old facility versus a new building, and more.

Omega provides Feasibility Studies to our church clients at a very small fee compared to your total project investment. Please contact Omega to discuss the scope of your Study and receive a free proposal for services.

The Feasibility Study will provide you with the valuable tools you need to bring clarity to your vision and to identify the best choices for the future growth of your ministries.

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