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Omega Launches New Blog



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Four months ago, we at Omega announced the launch of our [all-new website](#). And now we are pleased to introduce a new [blog](#) named *Building for Eternity*. This site will be filled with posts containing cutting-edge news, advice, and direction on church design and construction. We hope that you will take advantage of this blog when

Dear friends,

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 20 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.*

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planning your worship facilities.

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Choosing a Color Scheme for Your Church



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There are several factors to keep in mind when selecting colors for your church's interior. Whether choosing design themes for a new church or updating obsolete fashions for your current church, colors are more important than you might think.

First, it is important to decide on a "trademark" color scheme for your building. Once these colors are



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Thumb Rules for Planning a Church



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Just as your thumb may not be exactly one inch wide, not every church can measure their space needs by those of other congregations. If one keeps in mind that "rules of thumb" are only rough estimates affected by many variables, they may prove beneficial

established, they should be used frequently--but not excessively--throughout the church building (e.g., a light tan paired with burgundy). A [3D model](#) of your future church building is especially useful when choosing interior finishes and color schemes (see photo above).

Another thing to keep in mind is the purpose of the room. In the sanctuary, do you want to communicate transcendence through your colors? Neutrals are safe, but if used too often, can be quite boring. Perhaps you could use a neutral base color and then add bright accents. Bold colors conjure up certain images in people's minds. For example, reds, violets, and blues often communicate the idea of majesty. Green expresses health and new life. To see dozens of photos of church interiors, visit the Omega [website](#).

By thoughtfully selecting tasteful color schemes, you can help create a more worshipful atmosphere in your church.

[>>Click here to watch an example of a 3D virtual tour video.](#)

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* Inspiration for this article is taken from "Your True Colors," by Robin F. DeMattia, *Christianity Today*, July/August 1999.

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in looking at the big picture of church design.

Site Planning. A church planning for a sanctuary, classrooms, offices, and parking should allow about one acre per 100-125 people in the building at one time. Add acreage for outdoor recreation areas. Assign about one parking space for every 2.5 to 3 people in attendance. Allot 110-120 parking spaces per acre.

Sanctuary Planning. The sanctuary floor should be designed for about 9-12 square feet (s.f.) per seat. Fanned seating uses more space than straight row seating. Allow about 21" per person and rows of 16 persons maximum. The choir should seat about 10-15 percent of the congregation capacity. The foyer serving the sanctuary should be about two s.f. per seat.

Education Facilities. Preschool and day-care children need about 35 s.f. each in rooms about 12' x 18' or larger. Elementary students need about 25 s.f. each with 24 children per room maximum. Youth and adult areas should be at least 12-15 s.f. per person.

Recreation Facilities. High school basketball courts are 50' x 84'. Allow at least 4' for side and end lanes and add for spectator and team seating areas. The ceiling height should be at least 21 feet. Add for locker rooms/restrooms, office areas, storage



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and mechanical rooms. Allot about 12-15 s.f. per person for seating at tables in fellowship halls, and add for any stage, kitchen and storage areas.

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