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Selecting an Architect

Finding the right architect is a critical first step in any church building project. Look for an architect that has ample experience with the type and size of facility that you are planning. Obviously, an architect who designs only schools or shopping centers will probably not be the best choice to design your church. Find out who designed other church facilities that you admire. These facilities should be fairly new since the personnel and operation of a firm can change over time. Inquire about the experience that these churches had with their architect.

Contact the architect directly and make arrangements to meet face to face for an interview. Try to arrange to meet with the person who will be assigned to work with you through the planning, consulting and design processes. Assess your ability to communicate comfortably and effectively with the architect. You should be persuaded that the architect has your best interests at heart and is looking for a design solution that meets your needs, rather than his own. Contact as many client references as possible. Select an architect who is active in his church and faithfully serves the Lord.

Determine the level of service that you can expect from the architect. How busy is he? Can he meet your schedule? What human resources does he have available for your project? How are the fees determined? Be certain to clearly understand what services he will be providing for his fee and whether those services match the unique needs of the church.

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