



District Board of Church Location and Building

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Board Overview

- ◆ Safety Net for the UMC
- ◆ Reviews buildings, renovations, acquisitions
- ◆ Purchase of a district parsonage
- ◆ Analyzes project to be sure it will enhance the ministry and mission of the local church



Functions

- ◆ Functions to prevent serious errors in
 - Church locations
 - Facilities
 - Financing
 - Construction
- ◆ Sound Planning
- ◆ Cannot make decisions on individual churches in isolation from other churches
- ◆ Board develops a district strategy for church location and new church development



Membership

- ◆ District Superintendent
- ◆ 6 to 9 other individuals nominated by the DS in consultation with the District Committee on Nominations-divided into 3 classes
- ◆ Committee elected annually by the Annual Conference
- ◆ Committee elects Chair and Secretary annually
- ◆ Recommendation of Committee Make up
 - 1/3 Laity, 1/3 Lay women, 1/3 clergy
 - Inclusive-sex, race age, people with disabilities
 - Expertise real estate, finance, construction, etc



Decisions

- ◆ Maintain accurate minutes-have legal authority-must be in compliance with Mississippi law and the Book of Discipline
- ◆ Specific Decisions in Paragraphs
 - 2520.1; 2520.2
 - 2519
 - 2521.3
 - 2522
 - 2520.3
 - 2544.6; 2544.8



Other Considerations

- ◆ Information local church brings to the meeting
- ◆ 25% Rule
- ◆ Board meets with the church approximately 3 times
- ◆ Bringing codes up to date
- ◆ Parsonage considerations
- ◆ Sale of property to another UMC or other denominations
- ◆ Suggested space for different age levels & rooms



Starting a Building Project

Responsible Entity

- ◆ Local Church
- ◆ Study Committee
- ◆ Local Church

- ◆ District Board
- ◆ Charge Conference

- ◆ Building Committee

Task

- ◆ Establish Study Committee
- ◆ Work to be done
- ◆ Pastor & DS Approval
- ◆ Submit data to Board
- ◆ Review report and approve
- ◆ Authorize project, elect a building committee of no less than 3 members
- ◆ 9 tasks to complete



Conducting a Capital Campaign

Responsible Entity

- ◆ District Board
- ◆ Senior Pastor
- ◆ Church Conference
- ◆ Building Committee
- ◆ Charge Conference
- ◆ District Board
- ◆ Local Church

Task

- ◆ Review Preliminary data
- ◆ DS approves church conference
- ◆ Preliminary data review & approve
- ◆ Detailed plans, estimates, to District Board
- ◆ Review and approve final data
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- ◆ 6 Tasks



Time Line

- ◆ Establish Study Committee 36-13 months
- ◆ Interview and Select Capital Campaign Consultants 13-5 months
- ◆ Submit Formal Loan Application 2 months
- ◆ Obtain Bids & Select Contractor 2 -1 month
- ◆ Construction Phase Begins



Questions Board Needs to Ask

- ◆ Financial
- ◆ Site
- ◆ Construction
- ◆ Organizational
- ◆ Education Area
- ◆ Fellowship Area
- ◆ Safety
- ◆ Accessibility
- ◆ Worship



Financial

- ◆ Considerations
- ◆ Interactive Spreadsheet



Your turn for
comments and questions



Next Steps

- ◆ Elect Chair and Secretary
- ◆ Consider district strategy for
 - Church location
 - New church development



On a final note

- ◆ Don't be afraid to ask appropriate questions

because

- ◆ This is vital work for the connection

and

- ◆ This is vital work for the success and vitality of the local church-the place best equipped to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Thank you for coming