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Church Design Newsletter

### Introduction to TPC, Dan Kinnoin and the firm

Dan Kinnoin was a young architect with several years of corporate experience in Southern California, but something was missing. He wanted to do more with his professional life than serve corporate clients on large projects; he wanted to help private and community clients, especially churches and non-profit organizations, make wise planning decisions. He wanted to help them accomplish projects which helped their communities by serving people.

During his interlude of teaching at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA he began helping churches establish phased master plans for their development and found much satisfaction in this work. Today, 32 years later, this passion remains and serves as the foundation for TPC (The Planning Collaborative). The firm's work is undergirded by healthy relationships, driven by insights into people and their needs, and carried out with integrity. It has extended to a variety of commercial project types along with its foundation of church facilities.

As you might then expect, TPC is a comprehensive planning firm, providing a far greater scope of services than building design. Most of our building design projects are rooted in a comprehensive, phased master plan, providing our clients with an effective development that meets their needs.

### Ministry Master Planning - The First Crucial Step

Ministry Master Planning defines your needs in tangible terms that can be used to design the site or building. It establishes planning and design criteria for you to use, and equips you to decide on the specific area requirements for each function. All church leaders can benefit from this process.

**Ministry Master Planning** is a form of programming or "needs assessment". But it goes deeper into the reasons why you do what you do, and is strategic in defining how your ultimate needs can be met.

**Ministry Master Planning** is done at the outset of the planning work, before you prepare a preliminary site plan, and in fact before you select a site for purchase. It produces valuable information about you and your needs, equipping you to make all subsequent planning and design decisions. For instance, if you knew your needs will require 500 parking spaces, and that this function alone would require 5.0 "net usable" acres, you would not purchase property that failed to meet this criteria.

Given TPC's strong motive to meet peoples' needs we have refined this "programming" task and developed the tools for our clients to use.

**Ministry Master Planning** is the first of three crucial "master planning" steps. Consider the following:

- What Drives Us?
  - Why do you do what you do and spend what you spend?
  - What motivated you to accomplish your last notable project? In hindsight was it a good choice?
  - Do you know what your group's passion is?
  
- What Are Our Top Priorities?
  - How do you determine what is the BEST investment toward meeting your #1 ministry need?
  - Do you know the impact and interrelationships of your priorities?
  
- What is Holding Us Back?
  - Can you identify, in practical terms, the "stumbling blocks" that hinder your growth or effectiveness?
  - Can you evaluate the overall impact and priority of removing these hindrances?
  
- How Much Land or Building Space Do We Need?
  - If you are looking for land, how do you know how much you need?
  - If you are considering a building project, what criteria are you using to determine the overall size required?
  - How are you determining exactly what should be included in this major investment?

As your group considers the planning path before you we suggest you consider some careful "Ministry Master Planning".

*More to Come on Master Planning:*

**November:** The second of the three crucial master planning steps:  
Facilities Master Planning

**December:** The third of the three crucial master planning steps:  
Financial Master Planning

I encourage you to contact me personally with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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