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## TALES OF 3 [Growing Churches]

PLUS  
**DESIGN/BUILD  
PROCESS**

A Visual Guide of what to expect during your next building project.

*Highlands Church,  
Hudson, WI*

*Huntersville United Methodist,  
Huntersville, NC*

*The Soul Factory,  
Bakersfield, CA*





**Q&A with Greg Barron,  
President of the NACDB**

**G**reg Barron, president of the National Association of Church Design Builders -- founding sponsor of the Church Solutions Conference and Expo -- talks about how the conference came to be, his vision for it, and how he's helping to ensure it's a unique learning opportunity.

**Church Solutions:** Greg, where did the idea for this conference originate?

**Greg Barron:** For a year now, the NACDB had talked about [hosting] a national trade show to complement its educational emphasis. We felt that not only our clients, but our members, would greatly benefit from a conference/educational forum.

**CS:** What do you think makes this conference unique?

**Barron:** The unique aspect about this conference is that it's an extension of a proven educational process that has been refined over the past several years. It's not just a pitch about a product.

**CS:** What are your highest hopes for this conference?

**Barron:** My highest hopes -- and frankly, expectations -- are that the Church-at-large discovers it has an advocate in both Church Solutions and the NACDB. We want them to know we're a clearinghouse of information to steward effective decision-making in the church development and management process.



GREG BARRON  
President

# Relationships are Built on Trust, Respect, and Honesty...

*The National Association of Church Design Builders has worked diligently over the past five years to earn and keep your trust in deciding the most sensible option for your future church needs.*

**T**he NACDB has set up standards and guidelines to protect our integrity. All of our potential members are required to furnish professional references from their church contacts. The Executive Director will personally call and confirm that company's allegiance to the church's requests. The board of directors will then vote on their admittance into our organization.

To further our commitment to the Church we have created a Certified Church Consultant program. This is a curriculum created by a national panel of experts in their respective fields. Only current members of the NACDB are eligible for the Certified Church Consultant course, and currently there are less than 50 consultants in the country. You can trust that we know who we are certifying to be your church's consultant.

The education committee for the NACDB personally chooses our instructors for the Certified Church Consultant program. Many of our presenters have spoken na-

tionally at numerous seminars and trade shows. These highly respected mentors pass along their years of knowledge and experiences to our consultants to ultimately help the church.



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"The passion and vision of the NACDB to help the Church was so contagious that I jumped at the chance to serve as the association's Executive Director."



TOBEY VANWORMER  
Executive Director

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# VISION

The vision of The National Association of Church Design Builders (NACDB) is to create a nationwide association of firms committed to the practical application of biblical values resulting in their excellence as specialists in consulting, designing and building church facilities that focus on the ministry needs and styles of the churches they serve.

# 3 [ TALES OF GROWING CHURCHES ]

By Tobey Van Wormer



## Structurally Sound Design

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*The music suite has all the bells and whistles of a major recording studio, but rather than producing Top 40 songs, this studio is dedicated to Sunday morning worship at Huntersville United Methodist Church (HUMC) in Huntersville, N.C.*

Located about 15 miles from Charlotte, N.C., Huntersville has experienced an explosion in the population due to its close proximity to the city.

“In the past 25 years Huntersville, has grown from a town of about 1,500 to 40,000 people, with our community continuing to expand,” said Pastor Billy Rintz.

As the church body of 700 people grew, **Pastor Rintz was challenged to make the nearly 100-year-old church into a regional church for the United Methodist Church.** In order to do this, he knew he needed to build to a larger facility with more resources and a better location.

After attending a seminar on the benefits of the design/build process,

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## Industrial Strength Worship Facility

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*With a steel-frame structure, metallic foyer and 40,000 square feet of space, the Soul Factory could almost be mistaken for an ordinary industrial warehouse. But this 10,000-member church, based in Bakersfield, C.A., is anything but ordinary.*

When Pastor Tom Touchstone met with CharestCorp, the project’s builder, to discuss the design of the facility, he requested the structure and plans literally give life to the church’s motto:

**“We turn the Christian world inside out.”**

To deliver the design, Rene Charest, president of CharestCorp, set to work designing a church that had the appearance of being constructed inside out. The result is a 190-foot clear span metal frame structure that reveals the structural steel on the outside of the building.

“The church’s key message is very clear and Pastor Tom wanted the design of the church to encompass that message in every way,” said Charest.

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## Building a Church without Busting the Budget

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*It’s an all too common situation seen by members of the National Association of Church Design Builders (NACDB) when design plans far exceed a church’s budget, as was the case for Bethel Highlands Church in Hudson, W.I.*

Fortunately, NACDB member, Derrick Companies formulated a solution that didn’t compromise style for substance. “We are a 135-year-old church, and since 1873 we’ve been in the same downtown area. There was no space to grow,” explained Pastor Dennis Nelson.

**“We had some success with contemporary worship, and we needed more space.”**

To accommodate the popularity of its contemporary service, Bethel Highlands prepared to build a new facility. They organized a building committee, chose 40 acres of land, and selected Station 19 Architects and a contractor to create the facility.

Designed to be the first of three phases, the plans for the project in

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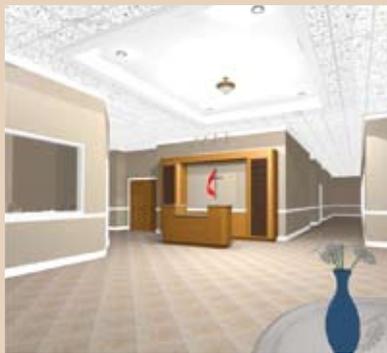
**Structurally Sound Design**

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the church leaders selected JH Batten, a founding member of the National Association of Church Design Builders (NACDB). A full-service design/build firm, JH Batten is the complete package providing the services of an architect and a contractor. By combining the design and construction phases, the church was able to afford an even larger facility than they expected. They were able to add 14,000 additional square feet; all the while staying comfortably within the \$6.4 million budget. Located on 30 acres easily accessed from a major highway, the 38,563-sq. ft. church is in a convenient location for the entire community.

To build a church that would meet HUMC's current and future needs, JH Batten knew they would need a state-of-the-art audio/visual system. As a member of the NACDB, JH Batten drew from its extensive network of resources to invite Signature Sight & Sound to join the project and create a top notch, high-tech system. With a \$400,000 budget set aside for A/V needs alone, the church will be fully equipped to handle music, speakers, presentations and more with a recording and production room, and expansive audio, video, and lighting system throughout the building, and a performance area.

HUMC will also have softball fields, a licensed pre-school, kitchen, fellowship hall, and outdoor patio, to create a center where its members can enjoy each other's company beyond the walls of the worship center. HUMC will also share its resources with the community by incorporating a spacious pantry into the design plan. The pantry will store food donations from church members



and other area churches for a local food bank. The food bank will be available two days a week to provide those in need a place where they can receive food to meet the needs of their family.

The project is expected to take less than a year to complete. A ground breaking ceremony took place in April, with the completion scheduled for early March 2008.

**“I feel that it’s important to keep up interest in the opening, so we’re setting up milestone celebrations,”**

said Bob Adams, a Certified Church Consultant with JH Batten.

One of those celebrations for HUMC recently included a beam-signing in the multipurpose room. For two hours members could visit the site and sign their names on the beams. Plans for another celebration are underway for the fall. Members will be invited to a floor signing in the worship center where they can write scripture references and prayer requests on the floor. So during the services people will be immersed in the Word of God and prayers from the ground up.

**“They were great. It was a wonderful experience. Being a NACDB member gave them credibility,”**

said Pastor Rintz. “It’s more like a team experience. The contractor has worked side by side with our building committee. Instead of making us feel like we don’t know a lot they work along side us. And because a lot of their work is for churches, they know what churches need. It’s not just a job for them. They are trying to help us as a church.”

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## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Work is being done all over the United States! Here's a sample of some projects our members are completing.

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Capital Christian Center Renovation  
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- FLORIDA (Orlando)  
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and First Life Pregnancy Center  
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*Corcoran Construction, Inc.*
- INDIANA (Evansville)  
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20,925 Sq. Ft.  
*Kinetic Church Building Solutions*
- INDIANA (Indianapolis)  
Southeast Baptist Tabernacle  
9,525 Sq. Ft. Addition  
*T&W Church Solutions*
- ILLINOIS (Bradley)  
Kankakee Valley Family Church  
25,000 Sq. Ft.  
*Professional Building Services*
- KANSAS (Ellinwood)  
Ellinwood Baptist Church (design phase)  
14,755 Sq. Ft.  
*Fuqua & Doerksen Construction Inc.*
- KANSAS (Lenexa)  
Kaw Prairie Community Church  
26,000 Sq. Ft.  
*Bowden Contracting Company, Inc.*
- MINNESOTA (North Branch)  
Abundant Life Church  
11,373 Sq. Ft.  
*Derrick Companies*
- NEW JERSEY (Sicklerville)  
Christ Care Unit Missionary  
Baptist Church  
73,000 Sq. Ft.  
*The Bennett Group*
- NEW MEXICO (Rio)  
Rancho Destiny Center  
15,000 Sq. Ft.  
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*JH Batten, Inc.*
- OREGON (Florence)  
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10,266 Sq. Ft.  
*Gale M. Roberts Co. Inc.*
- TEXAS (Dallas)  
Inspiring Body of Christ  
172,000 Sq. Ft.  
*GL Barron Company, Inc.*

## Industrial Strength Worship Facility

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**“Our goal was to create an entire structure that was built to look like a factory but still with the beauty and functionality of a church.”**

The final result was an \$8 million complex that was completed in six months – just in time for Easter Sunday services where more than 15,000 people attended.

In addition to the building’s unique look, Charest said design plans also had to keep the church’s future growth plans in mind.

“This is a growing church and we wanted it to be able to expand as needed,” said Charest. “The church is equipped with a television-ready video and audio system and a built-in video and recording studio. The church has 10,000 members and is growing quickly. **They needed an expandable building, so we incorporated a free span interior structure that will help in future expansions.**”

Pastor Tom Touchstone said the church’s growth was the foundation for building a new facility.

“We were just growing and busting at the seams because we needed a bigger sanctuary,” said Pastor Touchstone. “The idea was we’ve never been an extravagant church. We wanted something functional and Rene was able to bring that to the table.”

A larger sanctuary and state-of-the-art video and audio systems weren’t the only necessity. Designing a stage that could be used for more than pulpit preaching and worship was also key.

“Our challenge was to create a concrete pan deck suspended stage,” said Charest. “The church uses a lot of major equipment during its productions on stage, so the floor had to be able to handle the weight. It was a custom-built job so that the floor can support heavy equipment.”

Charest said being a member of the National Association of Church Builders helps CharestCorp maintain a sense of credibility with clients.

Pastor Touchstone agreed CharestCorp was the right builder for the job.



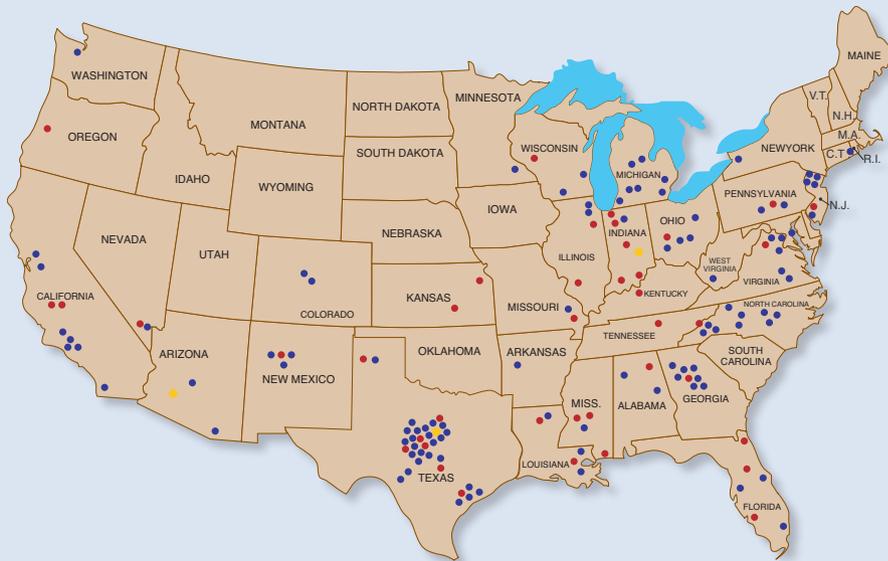
**“Belonging to the NACDB brings us a certain level of expertise, said Charest. “We are backed by a national association that is strictly dedicated to church construction.”**

*CharestCorp*

“Rene did the impossible by completing this project in six months. We were impressed with the enthusiasm and knowledge he brought to the project.”

CharestCorp is based in Fresno, Calif. and is currently consulting with more than 180 churches and has 25 churches under design. Charest and Alisa Manjarrez, director of church consulting for CharestCorp, are both Certified Church Consultants.

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## A Growing Network

The NACDB members reach across the country to where churches are being built. Simply go to [www.nacdb.com](http://www.nacdb.com) to find a local design-build contractor or a company that offers church related products. We’re adding more members weekly to help you find quality products and services for your ministry.

# MISSION

The mission of The National Association of Church Design Builders (NACDB) is to serve the Church as the experts in the educational process, the architectural design and construction of church-related facilities.

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# The Design/Build Process

*Ever wonder what to expect on the road to a new worship facility?*

T&W Church Solutions' Process diagram displays a brief overview of the time-line and typical process of building a worship facility from start to finish.



Special thanks to:

## DISCOVERY (2 months)

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### FACILITY NEEDS PROJECTION

- 1 Financial Analysis & Facility Model
- 2 Facility Need Analysis
- 3 Site Challenge Analysis

DISCOVERY  
CONCEPTUAL  
ESTIMATE

## ARCHITECTURE (3-4 months)

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### ARCHITECTURAL SCHEMATIC ESTIMATE

- 1 Facility Schematic Design
- 2 Master Site Plan Schematic Design
- 3 Subcontractor Qualification

GUARANTEED  
MAXIMUM  
PRICE

## CONSTRUCTION (6-14 months)

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### DESIGN DOCUMENT BIDDING

- 1 Construction Documents
- 2 Subcontractor Bidding & Selection
- 3 Construction & Quality Control

### Building a Church

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cluded a 500-seat sanctuary, 200-seat overflow/narthex area, 2,000 square-foot children's theater, classroom space able to occupy 350 students, fully functional kitchen, coffee bar, state-of-the-art audio/visual system, and many multi-functional spaces to create a 21st century worship facility.

**But there was one, big problem.**  
"The design came in at \$2.5 million over our budget,"

said Pastor Nelson. The original contractor selected to do the construction and the architect tried to alter the designs to bring the estimate down to the original \$5.5 million budget, but a solution could not be found. Disappointed, the congregation at Bethel Highlands feared their dreams for a new church facility would have to wait.

Fortunately, a building committee member was involved in a construction business, and knew there must be a way to build their facility within the budget.

"A member on our building committee recognized that it would be unseemly if he



accepted the project, so he recommended his toughest competitor, Derrick Companies," Pastor Nelson said. "Derrick could hardly believe it, but he said would review the design plans and see what we could do with the project."

The team, including Certified Church Consultant Mark Johnson, met with the church's building committee and suggested that before the committee compromise on design modifications that they be allowed to review the plans and apply their budget numbers to the same set of drawings. As the team from Derrick Companies expected, their estimate came in within \$175,000 of the church's original budget.

Bethel Highlands retained Derrick Companies to work with Station 19 Architects to complete the construction documents and bring the design to life. Throughout

the design process the construction team attended the design meetings, provided construction costs, construction techniques and current architectural trends that we see in modern day churches. The newly formed team was able to provide the Church with all of their desired "wish list" ideas and programs and most importantly, accomplished it all while meeting the original budget.

**"Derrick's customer service was exceptional,"** praised Pastor Nelson. "They were very responsive and always provided the documentation to make decisions."

The end result is a beautiful, multi-functional 21st Century worship facility. It is an outstanding contribution to the community and a source of pride to its members.

**"The congregation has responded very positively and with lots of enthusiasm,"** Pastor Nelson said. "It's a splendid building."

Derrick Companies is based in New Richmond, Wisconsin.

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