

Relocation Decision Process

Processing the Decision: Should Our Church Relocate to a New Location?

1. Community

- Who lives here?
- Is this community changing?
- Are they like the people who attend our church? Is our church made up of people from the community?
- Would the community folks feel comfortable in our church?
- Is there an untapped people group the Lord would have us reach?
- Key: Are we the ones God has assigned to reach the folks in this community?

2. Location

- How close is our location to the folks the Lord has assigned us to reach?
- How visible is our location?
- How accessible is it? How easy is it to figure out how to get to it once it is seen?
- How safe is our location & parking lot?
- Will this be a good location in 20 years?
- Key: Does our location help or hurt our mission?

4. Space

- Does our facility have good curb appeal?
- What is the capacity of our education space and our worship center?
- What could we realistically expect to average in attendance in each?
- Are the parking, education space, and worship center capacities in balance?
- Do we have quality space (especially for preschool & children)?
- What impression do visitors get?
- Is it easy to find the entrance and your way around inside the building?
- Key: Is the space functional for the programming needed to reach the people we are trying to reach?

3. Site

- How much land do we have? How large could our church grow to be on this site?
- Is our site as large as our vision?
- How much off-street parking could we have on this site?
- Do we have a master site plan?
- Could we buy surrounding properties to expand or are we landlocked?
- Do local building codes allow us to fully develop our site?
- Key: Can we reach our growth/mission potential on this site?

Consider Staying If...

- Your location positions you well to reach the people God has assigned you to reach
- Your facilities are functional for the programming needed to reach the people—or you can expand to get that functionality
- Your location is visible and accessible

Consider Relocation If...

- Your site is landlocked and is too small to accommodate your growth potential
- Your location has low visibility or is inaccessible
- You are in a changing community, but don't have enough members gifted in trans-cultural ministry to reach the new people group
- Even if your facility has sufficient capacities, (1) your space is so functionally obsolete, it cannot be brought up to standard at a reasonable cost and (2) your site is too small to expand