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**Leading Church Design/Builders Create National Organization To Serve As Resource For Churches And Non-Profit Organizations**

***National Association of Church Design Builders to provide information on all areas of the development and construction process***

Leading designers and builders of churches and church-related facilities have formed the National Association of Church Design Builders (NACDB), a non-profit organization that will provide religious and other non-profit groups with information on the planning, design and construction of churches and church-related facilities.

“One of the largest financial commitments a church or non-profit organization makes is the construction of their facilities,” said Greg Barron, president and CEO of Fort Worth-based G.L. Barron and the first president of the NACDB. “There is a tremendous need among these communities for information on the entire development process, from funding to finding the land all the way through the design and construction of the facility itself. Our goal is to serve as that resource.”

The NACDB initial membership includes design/build companies representing seven areas of the United States. Those members are G.L. Barron (Texas), J.H. Batten (North Carolina), Britton Construction (New Mexico), J&S Construction (Tennessee), SR Construction (Nevada), Chorba Contracting (Alabama) and Derrick Construction (Wisconsin, Minnesota).

The organization has identified three primary areas where it will focus its efforts:

- To educate local churches in evaluating their needs regarding buying, building, expanding remodeling or leasing facilities that promote their ministry's mission, vision and values;
- To provide the highest levels of expertise for cost efficient and effective church facility solutions;
- To promote the church planning, architecture and construction services of its member companies.

In addition to serving as a resource for outside organizations, the NACDB members will also work together to conduct industry research, participate in conventions, seminars and trade shows, and combine their resources for a marketing and public relations campaign.

“Our goal is to help congregations design and build better churches in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” added Barron. “We want to help local churches evaluate their needs regarding buying, building, expanding, remodeling or leasing facilities that promote their ministry's mission, vision and values. We want to become recognized as the experts in the educational process, the architectural design and the construction of churches and related facilities. In addition, we want to provide a way for our members to better market their services and their expertise.”

More information on the NACDB is available at the organization's web site, [www.nacdb.com](http://www.nacdb.com), or by calling (817) 461-1830.

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