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**National Association of Church Design Builders (NACDB) Holds First Member Meeting**

***Organization celebrates growth, looks at industry issues during two-day event***

ARLINGTON, Texas – The National Association of Church Design Builders (NACDB) celebrated its first anniversary with a two-day gathering of members at the Ballpark in Arlington, Texas. The NACDB, a non-profit organization made up of leading architects, builders and businesses serving the construction industry throughout the nation, provides religious and other non-profit groups with information on the planning, design and construction of churches and church-related facilities.

Formed in 2002, the NACDB has grown from seven original members to more than 20 members in just over a year.

“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 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.”

During the two-day event, NACDB members discussed a number of issues including:

- Development of an NACDB awards program for members, recognizing outstanding projects, new construction, renovations, religious facilities and other church design areas;
- Development of a “Certified Church Consultant Program” designed to help facilitate the education of professionals and staff in becoming church-facility experts;

- Launch of a new advertising and marketing campaign for the organization;
- Review of upcoming NACDB seminars for 2004.

In addition, members attended a presentation on issues relating to zoning cases involving churches and the successful legal actions taken.

In addition to serving as a resource for churches, the NACDB members will also work together to conduct industry research, provide a national presence at industry conventions, seminars and trade shows, and combine their resources for a marketing and public relations campaign.

“Our goal at the NACDB is to continue growing and helping 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 also want to become recognized as the experts in the educational process, the architectural design and the construction of churches and related facilities.”

More information on the NACDB is available at the organization’s web site, [www.nacdb.com](http://www.nacdb.com), or by calling (866) 416-2232.

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