

# Temporary Marquees & Welcoming Spaces: A New Way to See Church Property

*How buildings can serve—not shape—your gospel mission.*



# Reframing the role of property in church life

Church buildings ..

- huge blessing or a heavy burden?
- Lord or the servant of the mission?

AIM: to signal the gospel, facilitate ministry, support the community, & serve Christ's calling



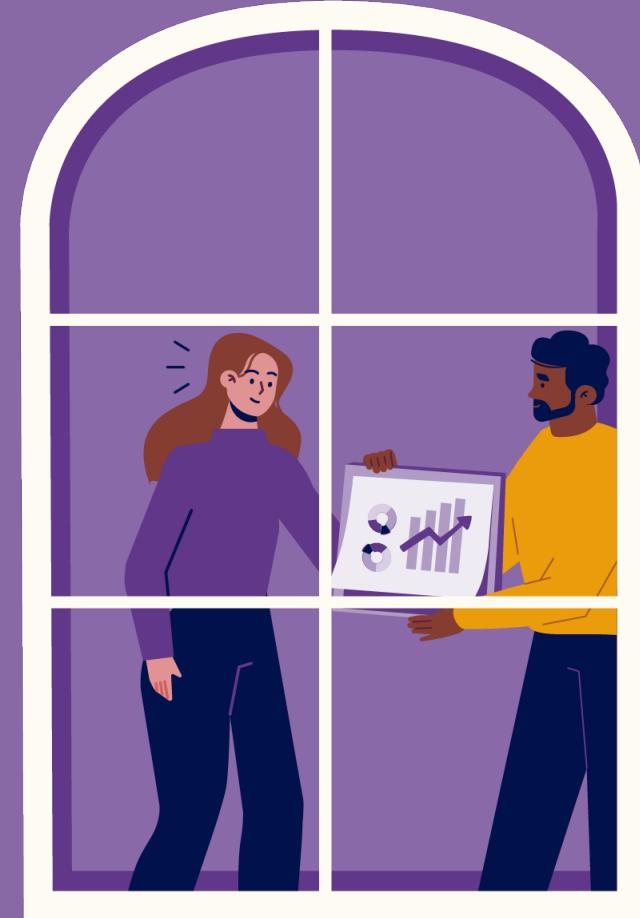
# A new way to see church property

1. A temporary marquee for Christ's great commission
2. A welcoming & flexible space to showcase Christ's love to others
3. The warning – when property becomes the product
4. The invitation – reimagine with purpose



# The unholy trinity: when church buildings

- Shape the mission
- Define our identity
- Dominate the agenda



**Let the Spirit of God  
shape our mission**

**– and then in turn let  
the mission define the  
marquee it uses.**



# 1. Church Property as a temporary marquee for Christ's Great Commission

Let your property *point beyond itself* to the gospel life and hope of the church community who meet under it's roof.



## 2. Church Property as a Welcoming & Flexible Space

A good space to grow mission is like an **oasis and refuge**

Good spaces are **ministry tools** – *to be kept efficient & fit for purpose*



## 2. Church Property as a Welcoming & Flexible Space

*Is our space flexible enough to support growth, gospel creativity and changing ministry needs?*

We are called first to build disciples and so need property solutions that will help us do that well in our context.



### 3. The warning – when property becomes the product

Are we:

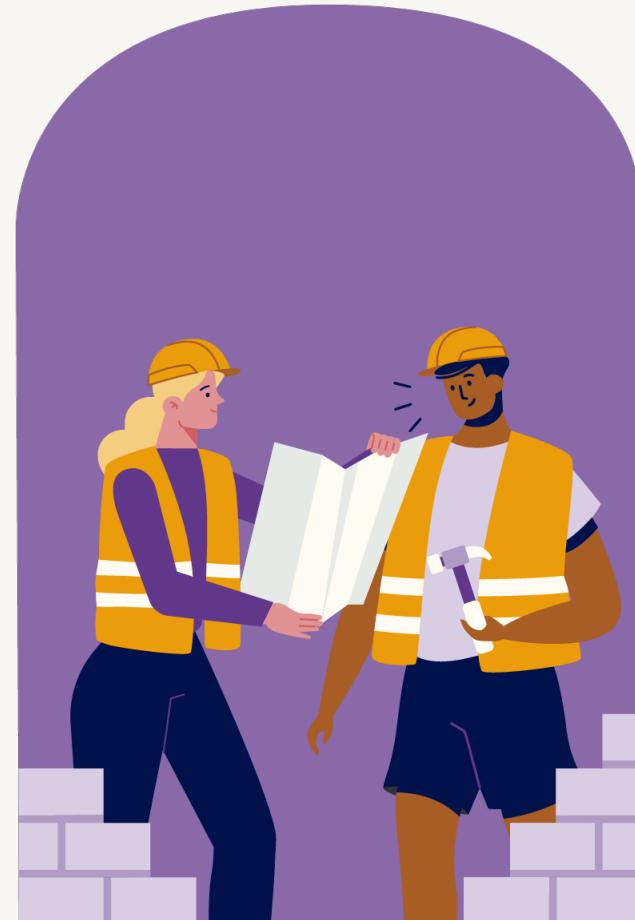
- preserving walls before effectively proclaiming the Word
- protecting property more than meeting the needs of local people
- using discernment language to defend sentimental attachment



### 3. The warning – when property becomes the product

“What was once a marquee has become a museum?

What was once a space has become a cage?”



## 4. The Invitation – Reimagine with Purpose

Reframing your relationship with property?

See it not as a constraint but shape it as a :

- living canvas
- mission tool
- story telling space



## 4. The Invitation – Reimagine with Purpose

If your marquee isn't welcoming and  
your gathering space isn't as useful as  
your mission needs  
— it's time to rethink.



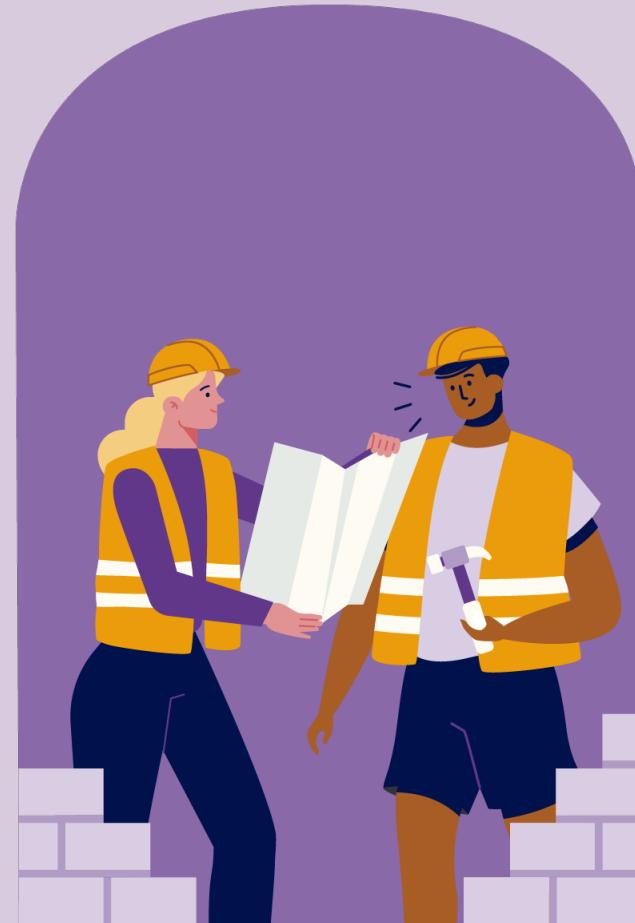
# Closing Reflection: Stewards, Not Prisoners

We steward physical space — but we must not become *prisoners of permanence*



# Closing appeal:

- Let the **mission** Christ has given the Church define the marquee.
- Let the **Spirit of God** shape our thinking of how to use property for the mission of Christ.
- Let us **do God's work God's way — until Christ returns.**



# Where to go next?

## FIEC/ KBPS webinar

- **Clarity, Confidence & Credibility:**  
Making Property Decisions That Grow  
Your Church's Mission
- *A strategic process for churches  
looking to hire, rent or buy space that  
serves their mission*



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