The Church in the Neighborhood

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Putting Soul into the Neighborhood:
The Possibilities and Pitfalls of Working with Communities of Faith

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What is the Church?
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• A Building
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- A Building
- A Congregation
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- A Connectional Body
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- A Parish
What Does the Church Offer?
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- Community Catalyst
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- Community Catalyst
- Marker of Time
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- Marker of Time
- Gathering Place
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- Gathering Place
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• Compassion
What Does the Church Offer?

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- Conscience
What Kind of Church?
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• Building Type
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- Theology / Ethos
Neighborhood Ethos
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• Generous Orthodoxy
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- Communal Spirit
Neighborhood Ethos

- Generous Orthodoxy
- Communal Spirit
- Parish Mentality
Neighborhood Ethos

- Generous Orthodoxy
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- Longevity
Incentives
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- Social Capital
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- Social Capital
- Infrastructure
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- Infrastructure
- Parking
Incentives

- Social Capital
- Infrastructure
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- Land
Incentives

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- Infrastructure
- Parking
- Land
- Architectural Services
Pitfalls
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• Fortress Mentality
Pitfalls

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- Sprawl Mentality
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• Institutional Amnesia
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