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# Loans to Churches

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## Loan Building Timeline

### Months Prior to Construction

16 Months	15 Months	14 Months	13 Months	12 Months
Establish Study Committee.	<p>Submit Study Committee’s Findings to District Committee on Church Location and Building.</p> <p>Hold Charge Conference to Elect Building Committee.</p> <p>Prioritize and list the needs of the church.</p> <p>Determine the estimated safe debt limit for the church.</p>	<p>Interview and hire an architect for preliminary drawings.</p> <p>Ensure architect takes into consideration all permitting requirements when preparing drawings.</p> <p>Interview and consult with a contractor.</p> <p>Ensure contract includes ALL costs associated with project.</p>	<p>Submit Building Committee’s findings to District Committee on Church Location and Building.</p> <p>Conduct Church Conference to approve project (preliminary data).</p>	Interview and select capital fund consultants.
10 Months	9 to 5 Months	4 Months	3 Months	2 to 1 Month(s)
Begin capital fund drive.	<p>Architect to work within the guidelines of the church concerning needs and financial ability. Obtain final plans.</p> <p>Interview contractors before letting bids.</p> <p>Obtain preliminary bids.</p>	<p>Conduct Charge Conference to approve project (using detailed data).</p> <p>Submit detailed financial and architectural plans to District Committee on Church Location and Building and receive approvals.</p>	Submit formal loan application.	<p>Obtain firm bids and select contractor.</p> <p>Construction phase begins.</p>