**The Five Steps of Church Strategic Planning**

Sacred Structures has developed the PARTS Model, a method for taking a strategic approach to church wide planning.

The model provides a simple process and communication tool for helping churches construct a strategic ministry plan.

The model is fully scalable and applies to churches and ministries of all sizes.

There are five major steps in the PARTS Model. What follows is a brief overview of the five steps.

1. **P**lace: Where are we now? Who has God brought into our church?
2. **A**scertain: Where does God want us to be? Where is God working now?
3. **R**espond: How do we plan to get there? How do we join God where He is working?
4. **T**arget: What are our priorities? What has God been saying to our church that we must carefully obey?
5. **S**afeguards: How will we measure and monitor our progress? What adjustments are required to fulfill God's purposes?