



sheffield family life center

Client: Sheffield Family Life Center

Location: Kansas City, MO

Project Type: New Construction

Seat Count: 2,750

Opening: June 2001

Construction Cost: \$18 million

Architect: Mantel & Teter

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AD Scope: Acoustics | Audio | Video | Theatrical Lighting | Auditorium Design

When Sheffield Family Life Center began plans for its new sanctuary, there was no discussion about moving to the suburbs. The Assembly of God church knew they were going to stay put and build right where they were—in the heart of downtown Kansas City. The new sanctuary is not typical to an urban area, but then, neither is the 6,000-member multiracial church. Church volunteers feed the homeless on the streets and conduct other outreach ministries, including those to singles, gays, street prostitutes, prisoners and gang members.

The 70,000-square-foot worship center seats 2,750 and was designed specifically to meet the program priorities of its unique congregation. A skywalk attaches the worship center to a 60,000 square foot education building, which consists of a 400-seat chapel, classrooms and offices.