

WORSHIP CENTER

WHEATON BIBLE CHURCH

To better support the Church's multi-ethnic congregation and expand its mission in creating an environment in which international guests feel at home, Wheaton Bible needed a larger church building. As plans ensued for a new building, the Church aspired to have the new space convey a sense of worship. To accommodate budgeting and logistics, the project was broken into two phases.

AD provided a detailed acoustical analysis and input on wall and ceiling shaping for the main Sanctuary (West Worship Center). Supporting both contemporary and traditional worship services, AD addressed challenges associated with these diverse acoustic needs. Contemporary services feature a small band with brass and an amplified vocal team or praise ensemble. Traditional services utilize a small orchestra with pipe organ, piano and choir. AD incorporated motorized adjustable acoustic devices hidden from view to not distract for the Sanctuary's visual aesthetic. With a simple push of a button, Church personnel can adjust acoustical environment appropriate for the given service type.

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Wheaton Bible Church

LOCATION West Chicago, IL

PROJECT TYPE
New Construction

COMPLETE 2008

> COST \$29 M

SEAT COUNT 2.400

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> **SCOPE** Acoustics