



Architectural Condition Assessments Various Historic Religious Properties

Philadelphia, PA

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Partners for Sacred Places

Over the last decade, the “community value” of sacred places has been well established. Partners for Sacred Places has conducted research which shows that more than 90 percent of Philadelphia’s congregations are de facto community centers, hosting social service and cultural programs that benefit a majority of non-congregational members. Many of these neighborhood-serving sacred places, however, face such severe repair problems that without an infusion of new funds over the next few years they may be forced to close. The result would be the loss of a major cultural legacy and a human and cultural service infrastructure valued at more than \$100 million annually.

KSK has conducted a number of condition assessments for historic religious properties through the Partners for Sacred Places New Dollars/New Partners program. KSK provided architecture and architectural conservation services, and coordinated a team of structural and mechanical/electrical/plumbing engineers to produce condition assessments and cost estimating services to historic religious properties in Philadelphia. These projects have involved a variety of building types and materials, and represented varying levels of need.

