

Sanctuary Restoration Update. July 2021

On June 30th, an agreement with decorative arts company, John Canning, Cheshire, Ct for Phase One of the sanctuary repair and repainting was signed by the Chairman of Trustees, Roger Calistro. In addition, a fully executed agreement from the State Historic Preservation Office to provide \$100K in support for the project was received in June.

Scaffolding will be erected in the sanctuary the week of August 23. The Phase One work (ceiling, cornices, upper north wall, and re-installation of the plaster medallion above the chandelier) will begin in September and should be completed by early December. The sanctuary can remain open and in use during this period.

Fundraising is going well. Donations have been boosted by two very generous 50/50 'matching' challenges that doubled \$35K in contributions to \$70K. Memorial gifts for Audrey Grey, Clement and Clare Clarke, Richard L. Wanner, and Ginny Calistro were significant and often came with heart-touching tributes to how much the FCCW had meant to those remembered.

Phase One costs are estimated at \$250K. The Sanctuary Fund currently stands at \$125K. SHPO funding is paid after the work is completed. A huge thank you to all at FCCW and in the wider community who have donated so generously. We encourage anyone else who would like to support the restoration of this beloved, historic, Woodbridge landmark to donate to the FCCW "Sanctuary Fund".

Thank You,

Sanctuary Committee

Quote of the month: "The kind of beauty that allows one to think."