

SANCTUARY UPDATE, May 19, 2021

A church member who wishes to remain anonymous will contribute \$15,000.00 in MATCHING FUNDS for any gifts to the Sanctuary Fund of \$500.00 or greater. Donations of \$1K, \$3K, or \$5K, for example, will be matched until the \$15,000.00 match is depleted. This will provide an additional \$30,000 for the Phase One work. The FCCW Sanctuary Fund currently stands at \$58K and we must raise \$100k to meet the State Grant matching requirements. This additional \$30K will bring us ever closer to our goal. Please donate at this time if you are able to do so. And a sincere thank you to those who have already contributed to this project.

This week, the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) plan to return to us a fully executed agreement for \$100K matching grant to the FCCW. It is signed by the FCCW, the DECD, and the CT Attorney General.

Canning have submitted to us a final agreement (good through July 1, 2021) for the Phase One plaster repair and repainting of the Sanctuary. The church Trustees will discuss later this month. The estimated cost remains at \$249,800, but Canning will allow us to postpone the final payment of \$49,800 until after the work is completed, we submit the completion report to SHPO, and receive the \$100k grant funds.

If we sign the agreement, the work will be scheduled as follows: Scaffolding installed at the end of August, work to begin in September and likely be finished by late November.

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