

SANCTUARY REPAINTING UPDATE, February 17, 2021:

EXCITING NEWS!

This week, the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) approved a \$100,000.00 matching grant for the plaster repair and repainting of the sanctuary at the First Church of Christ, Woodbridge. The next steps will be for the church trustees to approve acceptance of the grant and to formally contract with the State of Connecticut.

Also this week, the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven approved a \$10,000.00 grant for the sanctuary project. This gift was made possible through the Sarah M. Ferguson and the Gilbert T. Kenna Funds.

We are most grateful to receive this generous support from the State of Connecticut and the Community Foundation.

Approximately \$250,000.00 will be needed to complete Phase One of the work - which will include the ceiling, cornices, north wall, and the possible re-installation of the plaster medallion above the chandelier. The *entire* cost of Phase One must be raised before the work can begin because the State do not pay up until that work is completed and inspected.

Several large, individual gifts to the Sanctuary Fund of \$10K, \$6K, and \$5K from both parishioners and persons in the community have already been received. Even though more large donations will be critical for success, gifts of *any size* will be most appreciated. We are all in this together. There will be approximately \$43,000.00 in the Sanctuary Fund by the end of this month so there is still a way to go. If you or someone you know has been considering a donation for the sanctuary project, NOW is the time to act.

In faith,

B. Joyce Simpson, trustee