

SANCTUARY REPAINTING UPDATE. MARCH 20, 2021

The church received an email and official documents from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) stating that \$100K in matching funds has been approved for the plaster repair and repainting of the FCCW church sanctuary. The trustees and the treasurer will meet on March 25 to confirm the acceptance of the funds and to meet the requirements stipulated in the State contract. Examples of these requirements would be that the Phase One scope of work must be completed by 2023 and that a 15-year historic easement will be placed on the sanctuary by the State when we receive their funds. The State gives us those funds only after the Phase One work is completed and the work approved by the SHPO.

Because we need to pay the decorative arts company who will do the plaster repair and repainting for their work *before* the State will reimburse us, the need for financial donations from the congregation and the wider community will be immediate. The estimated cost for Phase One is \$220K - \$250K. Currently there is \$53,400 in the FCCW Sanctuary Fund. Thank you to those who have already contributed so generously.

The State have approved our hiring John Canning, Cheshire to undertake this restoration project. Once the required State paperwork is in order, the FCCW will meet with Canning to further define the details of the project and, eventually, to sign a contract with them. You are invited to attend Canning meetings if you are interested in this step of the project. Phase One of the work is expected to take about four months to complete.

Please contribute the Sanctuary Fund if you are able. Thank you.

B. Joyce Simpson, trustee