



Partners for Sacred Places

2006 Grant Recipients from the Philadelphia Regional Fund



Chestnut Hill Baptist Church (Chestnut Hill), Philadelphia Grant Award: \$25,000

At the intersection of Germantown Avenue and Bethlehem Pike, this City of Philadelphia landmark supports a growing congregation and increasing cultural programming for the community. Years of deferred maintenance are threatening the future of the church. Major repairs to the windows and foundation are to be addressed with the grant.



Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester Grant Award: \$25,000

This distinctive serpentine stone church is positioned within the main business district of West Chester. The church provides outreach and emergency services for underserved members of the community and people in transition. A grant has been awarded to repair significant structural issues with the exterior masonry walls.



Emanuel Lutheran Church (Queen Village), Philadelphia Grant Award: \$75,000

Located in the rapidly changing Southwark/Queen Village neighborhood on Fourth Street and within the Philadelphia Housing Authority low-income housing project, Emanuel is an essential community center. The property requires a new roof along with other repairs. The grant will partially fund the roof project.



Episcopal Church of the Trinity, Coatesville

Grant Award: \$37,500

Located along Lincoln Highway in the center of Coatesville, the church is starting a youth theater group to supplement its after school programming and phonics reading program. From their restoration project, the congregation hopes to increase handicap accessible facilities for the community as well as address urgent roof repairs.



First African Baptist Church (Southwest Center City), Philadelphia

Grant Award Size: \$75,000

Located on 16th and Christian Street in the rapidly changing South of South Street neighborhood, FAB is known for starting the community's first credit union and the YMCA/YWCA facility. FAB continues to use effective strategies for increasing community improvement and opportunities for neighborhood residents. The church suffers from major structural issues with its exterior walls.



Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church (Northern Liberties), Philadelphia

Grant Award \$75,000

A significant early William Strickland building, Holy Trinity is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and hosts an active community meeting space for the local Romanian community, a Presbyterian congregation, and Philadelphia Fringe Festival events. Interior restoration is required after a structural analysis and paint study is completed.



Overbrook Presbyterian Church (Overbrook Farms), Philadelphia

Grant Award: \$50,000

Located in the Overbrook Farms neighborhood on Lancaster and City Line Avenues, this multi-ethnic congregation hosts a vibrant community-serving day care center and many community groups that reach out to the Overbrook neighborhood. The grant will be used for repairing the slate roof on the sanctuary.



Polite Temple Baptist Church (Germantown), Philadelphia

Grant Award: \$37,500

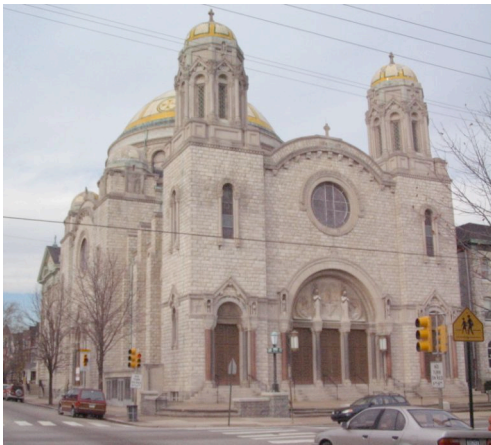
Located one block east of Germantown Avenue, the congregation has long partnered with local organizations to provide outreach for neighborhood residents. A rare Samuel Sloan church on the City of Philadelphia and National Register, a grant will partially fund exterior stucco and foundation repairs.



St. Andrew and St. Monica Episcopal (West Powelton Village), Philadelphia

Grant Award: \$100,000

Working from its partnerships with suburban churches and the Powelton Village neighborhood, St. Andrew and Monica is poised to expand its community programming after building renovations. The grant will be used for upgrading electrical and fire safety systems.



St. Francis de Sales Church (University City/Spruce Hill), Philadelphia

Grant Award: \$100,000

Features a polychromatic Guastavino tile dome and intricately carved stonework throughout the exterior. The parish holds regular music events that include both new compositions and traditional organ concerts. The parish manages one of Philadelphia's most respected parochial schools. An intricate repair project for the dome and ancillary roofs and structural study could cost upwards of four million dollars.



St. John's Episcopal Church, Norristown

Grant Award: \$50,000

Part of Norristown's "Gothic Row" and located adjacent to a prison designed by Napoleon LeBrun., the church contains windows by Herrick & Riedinger Calvert and an exquisite interior, intact from the original design. The congregation hosts a food program that serves over 500 meals a week and operates a transitional housing facility. Water infiltrating at the cornice and failing stucco are affecting the integrity of the building envelope



St. Mary's Episcopal, Hamilton Village (University City), Philadelphia

Grant Award: \$100,000

On University of Pennsylvania's Locust Walk, St. Mary's provides innovative programming for youth and children while also linking the at-risk population with important services. St. Mary's hosts a day care and provides space for the non-profit Neighborhood Bike Works. Restoration work is required on the bell tower and exterior masonry.