



## Sustain our Sacred Places

Philadelphia  
Regional Fund

# A Catalyst for Building Community

## WHAT THE FUND DOES

- The Fund provides matching grants of \$25,000 to \$100,000 which will leverage significant support from the greater community.
- The Fund provides awards to a targeted group of endangered sacred places that have: 1) historical significance; 2) a major role in neighborhood stabilization; 3) strong and committed leadership; and, 4) a comprehensive plan to address urgent repair needs.
- The Fund provides congregations with Partners' successful training and technical assistance program, which prepares them for community-wide partnership building and fundraising, and equips them to manage capital projects.

## NEED FOR THE FUND

- More than 90 percent of Philadelphia's congregations are de facto community centers, hosting social service and cultural programs that primarily serve non-congregational members.
- Many sacred places face severe repair problems and without an infusion of new funds over the next few years may be forced to close their doors.
- Philadelphia's sacred places represent a major cultural legacy and a human and cultural service infrastructure valued at more than \$100 million annually.

## WHO SUPPORTS THE FUND

- \$2.2 million has been raised for capital grants, training, and technical assistance from the public, private and philanthropic sectors.
- An Advisory Committee of design/ preservation, business, government, philanthropic, religious and nonprofit leaders has guided the Fund's development.

You can help by providing financial support, telling other leaders in the public and private sectors about the Fund, and by connecting congregations to Partners for Sacred Places. Please contact us for more information.