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Dear Sir,

In March of last year, it came to our attention that the roof of our sanctuary was beginning to suffer from major structural failures, which upon investigation required temporary jacking up of the entire slate roof, removing and replacing the failed structural beams with new re-engineered beams and steel reinforcements. The present structure is ninety six years old and is an historic site. Due to our desire to maintain this historic integrity, our building committee set up a Restoration Task Force for this project. We selected Tektonika Studio Architects to do the required studies and renovation construction documents for the repairs. We had excellent working relations and communications with TSA and through them with the other parties involved. The undertaking of the repairs was carried out with care and knowledge of the diverse and unique historic elements involved. TSA worked successfully with it's consultants, DeWolfe Engineering, Pearson and Associates and Steve Pitkin providing cost estimating.

The respect shown for the church and its environment by all parties during the renovation work was superb. Upon project completion, all of our project goals and desires were met on schedule and under budget. We are now embarking upon Phase II of the renovation work; identifying and solving building code and accessibility issues, fire safety code issues, and lastly enhancing our capability of serving our congregation and the community. We have contracted with TSA for the second phase of renovations, and we strongly recommend them for your upcoming renovation project.

Sincerely,

Paul Beattie
Chair of Restoration task Force