



Reflecting your image...

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Sanctuaries in our communities play a fundamental role in providing safe spaces and helping create and tell our stories: they define our local history, are an important source of artistic patrimony and provide vital space for many local social services, in addition to the spiritual impacts of connecting groups of similarly-minded individuals and families. In our municipally-defined culture, these sanctuaries are generally offered through our spiritually-based communities. Many of these historic sanctuaries in Detroit are increasingly vulnerable to deterioration and loss. The continuing shift of people and wealth to the suburbs, shortage of clergy, and decades of deferred maintenance of buildings are all factors that may adversely affect these urban and historic houses of worship.

For these properties that still remain open, pressures continue to be placed on strained budgets to address the maintenance and upkeep of the older, historic buildings. For those properties that must be closed, viable opportunities exist to reuse the historic church buildings in a manner that will promote economic development, provide housing and strengthen community ties.

To assist in preserving these important spaces, Stone Restoration Services is honored to collaborate with The Detroit Sanctuary Project and provide a stone restoration service to a selected congregation in need within the city of Detroit. This mission is essential in an effort to preserve the history of Detroit and bring awareness to the treasures that are hidden in this great city.

Stone Restoration Services is pleased to provide up to \$10,000 towards a restoration of any natural stone flooring which includes approximately 2500ft² of marble, terrazzo, travertine, granite, slate, or limestone as well as eighty hours of skilled labor to complete the task. To support the nature of community and give ownership to the project, Stone Restoration Services will be taking project proposals from interested congregations that will provide volunteer labor to prepare the surface for the restoration. Stone Restoration Services will provide training for the surface preparation.

Please submit your proposals no later than xxx for consideration. We will be in contact with all submitters.

Sincerely,

Gregg Laviolette
Owner