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PRESERVATION INFORMATION RELATED TO PLACES OF WORSHIP

Below are links to *Preservation Briefs* published by the National Park Service and information from the National Trust, the New York Landmarks Conservancy, and Partners for Sacred Places. They were selected by Maine Preservation because they address issues commonly faced by congregations and communities seeking to preserve and restore historic places of worship. The articles and briefs are in four categories. The first category is general assessments; the second category is preservation topics; the third category includes specialized information relating to specific building materials, and the fourth addresses tools for community outreach, fundraising, and development. The articles may be directly downloaded or purchased using the links listed below.

GENERAL ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

[DIRECT DOWNLOADS (free)]

Preserving Historic Religious Properties A toolkit written by the National Trust for congregations and community leaders. Includes techniques and processes applicable to all historically and architecturally significant structures and a variety of case studies.
http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/historic-houses-of-worship/additional-resources/worship_preserving_toolkit.pdf

Understanding Old Buildings The Process of Architectural Investigation
<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief35.htm>

Architectural Character-Identifying the Visual Aspects of Historic Buildings as an Aid to Preserving Their Character
<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief06.htm>

Rehabilitating Interiors in Historic Buildings Identifying and Preserving Character-Defining Elements

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief18.htm>

Protecting Cultural Landscapes Planning, Treatment and Management of Historic Landscapes

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief36.htm>

[FOR PURCHASE]

Strategies for the Stewardship and Active Use of Older and Historic Religious Properties.

A guide to the preservation, restoration, and reuse of historic religious properties. (May be purchased from the National Trust through the following link:)

<http://www.preservationbooks.org/Bookstore.asp?Item=1077>

Inspecting and Maintaining Religious Properties. contains chapters on the building envelope, structural systems, mechanical systems, energy cost-saving measures, and cyclical maintenance. (May be purchased from the New York Landmarks Conservancy through the following link:)

http://tools.isovera.com/organizations.php3?orgid=79&typeID=650&action=printContentItem&itemID=5119&templateID=927&sortField=alpha&User_Session=1eae745c0ff805def2f3beca2a8e281e

Managing Repair & Restoration Projects: A Congregation's How-to Guide. The basics of project planning, management, and supervision to help laypeople and clergy undertake preservation and maintenance work. (May be purchased from the New York Landmarks Conservancy through the following link:)

http://tools.isovera.com/organizations.php3?orgid=79&typeID=650&action=printContentItem&itemID=5119&templateID=927&sortField=alpha&User_Session=1eae745c0ff805def2f3beca2a8e281e

Conservation of Urban Religious Properties. A look at the conservation of historic religious properties in metropolitan areas, using five Chicago churches as examples. (May be purchased from the National Trust through the following link:)

<http://www.preservationbooks.org/Bookstore.asp?Item=1078>

PRESERVATION & RESTORATION BRIEFS

[DIRECT DOWNLOADS (free)]

Conserving Energy in Historic Buildings

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief03.htm>

Roofing for Historic Buildings

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief04.htm>

Holding the Line: Controlling Unwanted Moisture in Historic Buildings

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief39.htm>

Repointing Mortar Joints in Historic Masonry Buildings

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief02.htm>

Assessing Cleaning and Water-Repellent Treatments for Historic Masonry Buildings

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief01.htm>

Dangers of Abrasive Cleaning to Historic Buildings

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief06.htm>

Making Historic Properties Accessible

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief32.htm>

Exterior Paint Problems on Historic Woodwork

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief10.htm>

Heating, Ventilating, and Cooling Historic Buildings Problems and Recommended Approaches

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief24.htm>

Repairing Historic Flat Plaster Walls and Ceilings

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief21.htm>

Preserving Historic Ornamental Plaster

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief23.htm>

Painting Historic Interiors

<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief28.htm>

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Operations, Maintenance, Preservation, and Energy (1991) By the Interfaith Coalition on Energy (ICE). A compilation of pertinent articles from ICE Melter newsletter on helping congregations to reduce energy consumption and keep facilities running in optimal condition. (May be purchased through the following link:)
<http://www.sacredplaces.org/publications.htm#17>

SPECIALIZED BRIEFS

[DIRECT DOWNLOADS (free)]

The Repair, Replacement & Maintenance of Historic Slate Roofs
<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief29.htm>

The Repair and Replacement of Historic Wooden Shingle Roofs
<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief19.htm>

Preservation of Historic Concrete
<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief15.htm>

The Preservation and Repair of Historic Stucco
<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief22.htm>

The Preservation of Historic Glazed Architectural Terra-Cotta
<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief07.htm>

The Maintenance and Repair of Architectural Cast Iron
<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief27.htm>

Applied Decoration for Historic Interiors Preserving Composition Ornament
<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief34.htm>

Preserving Historic Ceramic Tile Floors
<http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/briefs/brief40.htm>

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Preservation of Historic Burial Grounds A guide to the significance of historic burial grounds, identifying common threats and appropriate methods of conservation..

(may be purchased from the National Trust through the following link:)

<http://www.preservationbooks.org/Bookstore.asp?Item=1020>

Strategies for the Stewardship and Active Use of Older and Historic Religious Properties A 35-page booklet providing an overview of the nation's religious landscape, followed by practical assistance on a wide range of topics including sharing space, building repairs, raising funds, and reuse. (May be purchased through the following link:)

<http://www.preservationbooks.org/Bookstore.asp?Item=1077>

PARTNERS FOR SACRED PLACES PUBLICATIONS

Can be downloaded or purchased through the following link:)

<http://www.sacredplaces.org/bookstore.htm#2>

Why Should We Spend Money on Our Building When There Is So Much Need in the World? A 25-minute audio-CD of reflections on the question from five clergy persons' own faith traditions: Jewish, main-line and evangelical Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Episcopal.

Sacred Places at Risk A national study providing new evidence of how congregations with historic buildings use their properties for a wide array of community outreach programs. The study also documents the imperiled physical condition of the buildings -- and the consequent danger of losing the programs they house.

Your Sacred Place Is A Community Asset: A Tool Kit to Attract New Resources and New Partners A multi-format congregational resource for assessing and showcasing programs and properties as indispensable community assets; for publicizing and forecasting public value; for identifying and engaging new partners to help with capital needs and programs; and for telling a new story to raise money for building repair and renovations.

The Complete Guide to Capital Campaigns for Historic Churches and Synagogues A guide written specifically to aid congregations, offering step-by-step assistance for planning and executing a successful fund-raising campaign. Learn proven techniques to ask members for money and find support from outside the congregation.

Open the Doors, See All the People: A Guide to Serving Families in Sacred Places An introductory guide offering practical advice to congregational leaders on planning, funding, and managing programs for children and families. Numerous case studies provide examples adaptable to congregations' own needs and circumstances, and a resource section lists other helpful publications and organizations.

After Sunday A 25-minute video illustrating the roles of inner-city congregations in their neighborhoods and the challenges they and other congregations face in maintaining their aging properties. The video puts a human face on the findings from Sacred Places at Risk through the stories of three Philadelphia-area congregations.

Stewardship Series No. 1: A Fund-Raising Tool: Creating a Supporting Organization Frequently asked questions and answers for congregations about soliciting and acquiring support from the community at large for capital campaigns to repair and restore religious properties. Explores how to create a supporting organization, expand a fund-raising base through a supporting organization, and identify its advantages and risks.

Stewardship Series No. 2: A Collaborative Approach to Fund-Raising: The Rittenhouse Coalition for the Restoration of Sacred Places, Inc. A spotlight on three historic churches in downtown Philadelphia, First Baptist Church, First Unitarian Church, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and their successful partnership in fund-raising for restoration of their buildings.