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NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Lara Kritzer  
Community Preservation Program Manager  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

November 1, 2021

**Re: Grace Church Bell Tower Restoration, Project Status Report No. 1**

Dear Lara,

As a representative for Grace Episcopal Church Newton, I want to provide you this Project Status Report as a prerequisite to our November 2021 Reimbursement Application.

In late August, we reported to you that we had accepted the bid submitted by Aniceto Historical Restorations, Inc. dated July 27, 2021. Paul Holtz of the Massachusetts Historical Commission agreed that Aniceto met the requirements set forth as a condition of our MPPF contract, including:

- demonstrated success with the restoration of historic structures of a similar scale and type;
- work which adheres to the *Secretary of Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*;
- company practices that align with the MHC Employee Benefits criteria; and
- submission of the lowest qualified bid.

Before Labor Day, Aniceto mobilized onto the site at 76 Eldredge Street based on our acceptance of their bid and a formal Notice to Proceed. Aniceto brought a highly skilled team straight from a successfully completed project for St. Mary's Church in Nashua, NH. Jack Aniceto, the president and owner of the company, has been a constant presence on site along with Ricky Silva, Aniceto's Project Manager. I met with them early to secure the construction boundary, limit their vehicle access points, and coordinate deliveries with the daily activities of the church and adjacent Underwood School.

In September, Aniceto's focus was to design and erect exterior and interior scaffolding to provide access to all future work areas. Scaffolding was 60% complete at the end of the month and these are the costs reflected in their September 2021 Requisition according to their attached Schedule of Values. In addition, the bell console and other interior elements were enclosed for their protection and a dust-proof barrier was erected between the tower and the adjacent church sanctuary. Subsequently, they have begun to take measures to stabilize the structure both internally and externally through the addition of temporary wood and steel dunnage as proscribed by the Structural Engineer. The team has been in regular communication with John Wathne of Structures North Consulting Engineers and we had our first on-site meeting with him on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

I look forward to providing you with project updates each month and hope that we can arrange a time for you to visit the site and meet the team.

Sincerely yours,

Scott B. Aquilina, AIA  
Tower Restoration Project Manager-Preservation Consultant-Junior Warden  
Grace Episcopal Church

CC: John Wathne, Structures North Consulting Engineers  
Paul Wong, Grace Episcopal Church  
Paul Holtz, Massachusetts Historical Commission