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Lara Kritzer
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December 1, 2021

Re: Grace Church Bell Tower Restoration, Project Status Report No. 2

Dear Lara,

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

In October, Aniceto erected exterior and interior scaffolding to provide access to all future work areas. Scaffolding was 100% complete at the end of the month and these are the costs reflected in their October 2021 Requisition according to their attached Schedule of Values. In addition, they took measures to stabilize the structure both internally and externally through the addition of temporary wood and steel dunnage as proscribed by the Structural Engineer and in linking temporary interior steel reinforcements to the scaffolding system. The bells and bell playing console were previously enclosed and protected.

The team has been in regular communication with John Wathne of Structures North Consulting Engineers, and we had our second on-site meeting with him on November 12th. Jack Aniceto, the president and owner of his company, is regularly on site and he has been engaged in an active conversation with us about the means and methods for pending masonry restoration. In certain critical areas, the methodology of repair is evolving with a stronger emphasis on rebuilding versus anchoring existing stone. I appreciate that collaboration and rethinking of the approach in key areas and feel that a more holistic and better looking result may well result.

I look forward to providing you with project updates each month and hope that we look forward to you visiting the site later this week to see the progress firsthand and meet the team.

Sincerely your,

Scott B. Aquilina, AIA
Tower Restoration Project Manager-Preservation Consultant-Junior Warden
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CC: John Wathne, Structures North Consulting Engineers
Paul Wong, Grace Episcopal Church
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