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Lara Kritzer
Community Preservation Program Manager
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March 31, 2022

Re: Grace Church Bell Tower Restoration, Project Status Report No. 5

Dear Lara,

As a representative for Grace Episcopal Church Newton, I want to provide you this Project Status Report as a prerequisite to our pending April 2022 Reimbursement Application. This report covers March 2022.

We thank you for processing our first Application for Reimbursement, capturing all eligible project costs since May 1, 2021, which we issued in late December and which you helped the City to process in a timely matter. We issued our second application for payment to you on March 15th.

In March, Aniceto Restorations returned to the site to take advantage of the milder weather. On days when they were able to maintain a minimum of 45 deg, they completed the crack repair and repointing inside the tower. They have completed the deep cutting of joints in preparation for 100% repointing of the tower exterior. Steel for the internal reinforcements and masonry anchors have arrived on site. We anticipate installation will be complete by mid-June. Remaining shop drawings were reviewed, and final stone and mortar samples have been prepared.

The team has been in regular communication with John Wathne of Structures North Consulting Engineers. He has reviewed and approved all submittals and has worked with Aniceto to finalize the design of reinforcement anchors.

I look forward to providing you with project updates each month and look forward to you visiting the site again this Spring to see the progress firsthand.

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