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Lara Kritzer  
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April 30, 2022

**Re: Grace Church Bell Tower Restoration, Project Status Report No. 6**

Dear Lara,

As a representative for Grace Episcopal Church Newton, I want to provide you this Project Status Report. This report covers April 2022.

Thank you for the timely processing of our Application for Reimbursement No. 2 last month.

In April, Aniceto Restorations took advantage of the milder weather to begin repair of the upper portions of the spire exterior. Repair involves not only deep repointing but also repositioning and resetting of loose stones. Preparations for the installation of internal steel reinforcement continued. At the lower level, the exterior facing of the three buttresses (flanking the entries) was removed in order to allow inspection of the rubble back-up. The back-up is rough and includes a lot of voids but is essentially stable and Aniceto is confident with the repair. The team is discussing the added cost (within the contingency) of new stone for exterior facing as many of the existing dressed stone (sandstone) is cracked. Final pointing samples were approved for color and texture.

Structures North Engineers participated in weekly meetings and made two on-site inspections in April.

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,

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