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Lara Kritzer  
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June 30, 2022

**Re: Grace Church Bell Tower Restoration, Project Status Report No. 8**

Dear Lara,

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

In June, Aniceto Restorations completed repair of the upper portions of the spire exterior. Repair involved not only deep repointing but also repositioning and resetting of loose stones. In addition, installation of internal steel reinforcements (post tensioned rings at three elevations) allowed Aniceto to move onto the reconstruction of the most damaged part of the structure – the cornice at the base of the spire, just above the bell loft. This reconstruction will rely upon anchorage to the internal steel reinforcement rings but also much repositioning of loose and misplaced stones and the addition of new stone for the cornice and other decorative elements.

John Wathne of Structures North and I participated in weekly meetings and made two on-site inspections in June.

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

Sincerely yours,

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Tower Restoration Project Manager-Preservation Consultant-Junior Warden  
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CC: John Wathne, Structures North Consulting Engineers  
Paul Wong, Grace Episcopal Church  
Paul Holtz, Massachusetts Historical Commission