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Dear Members and Friends:

You can see the community impact and positive results of our **Historic Religious Properties (HRP) program** when you drive through the city and county. The matching grants we award each year for critical exterior repairs not only help the individual building but they **help the whole community** since each building—always an architectural landmark—is a place of worship *and* a center for social services and community programs. **Our HRP program connects us to people who care about historic buildings and are committed to serving their communities.**



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Jesus' Dwelling Place in North Braddock, a 2012 HRP grant recipient, prepares for a Wednesday evening community worship service.

We encourage you to **visit the 15 historic religious properties (listed on the reverse) who are receiving financial or technical assistance from PHLF in 2012**, thanks to the generous donations of our members and friends. You'll be amazed by the beauty of each building and by the activity within—and you'll be pleasantly surprised to find some of the historic religious properties commanding hilltops, while others are discreetly nestled in residential districts or boldly sited along main streets.

If you believe in the value of this program as much as we do, **please give generously again**

this year. Our goal in the next few months is **to raise \$75,000 in support of PHLF's HRP program** so we can offer another round of matching grants in 2013. We are also working to identify **\$2.5 million in bequests and other estate-related gifts to fund this worthy program well into the future.** (If you prefer to designate your annual gift to support another PHLF program, such as historic building restoration, neighborhood revitalization or education, then we encourage you to do so.)

PHLF is the only place most historic religious properties in Allegheny County can turn to for help in restoring (roof, walls, windows and doors) these places of worship. Congregations have told us repeatedly how truly grateful they are for our matching grants and technical assistance. **By encouraging careful, informed, and economical stewardship, we help ensure that these architecturally significant places of worship will be preserved for future generations.**

Please **help make this a successful fundraising drive by making your tax-deductible contribution today.** Help us get the word out about the importance of PHLF's Historic Religious Properties program. We're counting on you to help make this our *most* successful fundraising drive.

Thanks for contributing in the past. **Thanks for keeping the momentum going!**

Sincerely,

Mark Stephen Bibro
Chairman, Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation

George C. Dorman
Chairman, Historic Religious Properties Committee

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Birmingham United Church of Christ in Carrick will be repairing its roof and gutters, thanks to a matching grant from PHLF's HRP program.

March 7, 2012

Dear Mr. Ziegler,

Thank you for the generous grant that Birmingham Church received. This money will help tremendously in keeping our building open and in good repair. It is my hope that by keeping the church property in good repair that we can be an anchor in this neighborhood so that others, too, might keep their property looking beautiful.

Your leadership and vision have been an inspiration to many. Thank you for your personal efforts in revitalizing and keeping vibrant the many unique neighborhoods in Pittsburgh. I especially want to thank you for the dedication the Foundation has for religious properties.

Thank you again for your generosity and foresight.

Sincerely,

Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly





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YOUR GIFT HELPS HISTORIC RELIGIOUS PROPERTIES UNDERTAKE CRITICAL RESTORATION WORK

Thanks to 124 generous donors in 2011, PHLF awarded a total of \$77,180 in matching grants to the following eleven congregations on March 1, 2012. (Each number in parentheses is keyed to a photo detail from each church.)

- All Saints Roman Catholic Church, Etna: \$9,000 for stained glass window restoration (8)
- Birmingham United Church of Christ, Carrick: \$6,000 for gutter and roof work (1)
- Community House Presbyterian Church, Central Northside: \$9,000 for roof replacement (10)
- First United Methodist Church of McKeesport: \$9,000 for masonry work (3)
- First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood: \$4,180 for exterior painting (12)
- Jesus' Dwelling Place, North Braddock: \$4,000 for repointing masonry walls and waterproofing (2)
- Pacific Sanctuary, Bloomfield: \$4,000 for window installation (7)
- Riverview Presbyterian Church, Observatory Hill (Perry North): \$7,000 for stained glass window restoration (15)
- Sacred Heart Parish, Shadyside: \$8,000 for stained glass window restoration (4)
- St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, South Side: \$9,000 for roof and chimney work (5)
- Sewickley United Methodist Church: \$8,000 for chimney and bell tower repair work (11)

In addition, technical assistance awards went to:

- Homestead United Presbyterian Church (9)
- Iglesia Cristiana Tabernaculo de Oracion, Beechview (14)
- Zion Christian Church, Carrick (6)
- Zion Hill Baptist Church, Hill District (13)

We improve the quality of life for people as we help renew the institutions they value.

Our matching grants help restore key historic religious properties in Allegheny County and, in the process, create community pride and encourage renewal.

—George Dorman
Chair, Historic Religious Properties Committee

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