

All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Sanctuary Preservation and Readiness Project

Summary of Project Elements

In 2008, the All Saints-by-the-Sea Vestry undertook a comprehensive analysis of our entire campus to ensure we were proactively maintaining our church home. Conducted by a professional building inspector, the list of needs of our 10 buildings was exhaustive. We made hundreds of repairs and addressed all of our facility needs except those associated with the very foundation of our 116-year-old Sanctuary. Due to the numerous structural deficiencies and other needs identified within our Sanctuary it became clear that a holistic look at the needs of this historic building was in order.

Through engineering studies and parish surveys dating back to 2011, we know there is an urgent need to seismically strengthen our Sanctuary and remove barriers to worship. Our Sanctuary requires our full attention and care if it is to stand strong for another 100+ years and to be not just the physical space in which we worship but also the backdrop upon which we carry out God's call to serve those in need and build up members of the body of Christ. The project will preserve the magnificent look and feel of the Sanctuary while addressing several areas of critical need:

1. **Bell Tower and Foundation** – Due to serious structural vulnerabilities, we must rebuild the Bell Tower and seismically strengthen the foundations, floor, walls and roof of our Sanctuary.
2. **Accessibility Improvements** – To make all aspects of worship fully accessible to parishioners and visitors, the project will:
 - Move the Communion rail and kneelers from the altar level to the congregation level so worshippers who cannot or should not use the stairs can receive Communion with the full congregation
 - Make the altar and choir areas accessible to all
 - Improve the lighting and acoustics to ensure that the Liturgy reaches all within our pews
 - Add ADA-compliant restrooms
3. **Pipe Organ** – Our sacred music is an “outward and visible sign” of the worth which we give to God in public worship. Our pipe organ is an integral part of that ministry but is failing and must be replaced to ensure the music ministry can reach its fullest potential.
4. **Memorial Chapel** – The project calls for the creation of a lovely and serene Memorial Chapel to house niches for parishioners and their families who wish to have their cremated remains rest within the walls of the church. The Memorial Chapel will be located on the north side of the altar where organ pipes are now located and will no longer be needed.
5. **Sacred Space for Children, Youth and Family Ministries (aka “Seaside Chapel”)** – The working spaces of the Altar and Flower Guilds, and of the Sacristy will be updated, and 800± s.f. will be added to the footprint to accommodate the ADA compliant restrooms. For very little cost to the project the Vesting Room will be repurposed to create the Seaside Chapel. Currently an underutilized space adjacent to the Sanctuary, the Seaside Chapel is envisioned to be a center for life-long spiritual formation. It could be used to welcome young children and their families in

worship oriented especially to them. This space could be used during other services as a place where families could go if their child needs to move around or be nursed, but where mom or dad could still have visual and audio participation in the service thanks to a sliding wall. And during the week this sacred space could welcome the ever-deepening spiritual practices at All Saints: contemplative prayer, Christ-centered prayer, healing touch, Circles of Trust, and other such ministries that deeply tend the spiritual life.

6. **Landscaping and Campus Improvements** – This project will replace current landscaping with drought-tolerant plantings, as well as address drainage issues.
7. **Endowment/Invested Reserves** – These funds will generate income to help maintain the newly refurbished Sanctuary and grounds, and support All Saints' mission and ministries.