

## **Construction Update for August 2021**

### **External Façade Restoration**

The external façade restoration project is moving well on the areas of work that can be done. Stone replacement and repair has been delayed because the Landmark Preservation Commission staff rejected the contractor's request to replace 50% of the stone with cast stone as opposed to natural brownstone. A new source of stone was recently identified and LPC has approved the samples of new natural stone on August 5, 2021. The contractor now has to confirm the order, provide the shop drawings and then have the stone carved for each position. There are over 300 stones to cut for what is called 'Dutchman' repairs, which is a repair of approx. 2" of the face of the stone. New stone is pinned to the old remaining stone.

The main work that has been undertaken over the past month or so has been pointing, completion of the inner courtyard slab and wall work, completion of the stain glass restoration in the inner courtyard and advancement of the replacement of the roof of the bell tower.

The new floor tiles for the two porch entry areas have arrived from the United Kingdom. They will be stored until the end of the project so that they are not damaged during heavy construction.

Anticipated project completion is likely to be early 2022 but it will largely depend on the severity of this winter and the supply of the new natural brownstone.

Upcoming work:

- Replacing the roof structure and installing a new slate roof to the belfry
- Stone replacement to commence to Clinton Ave and Vanderbilt facades
- Roof gutter and leader replacement
- Stone window sills to the Woolsey Building and the apse windows



Entry porch prior to concrete slab



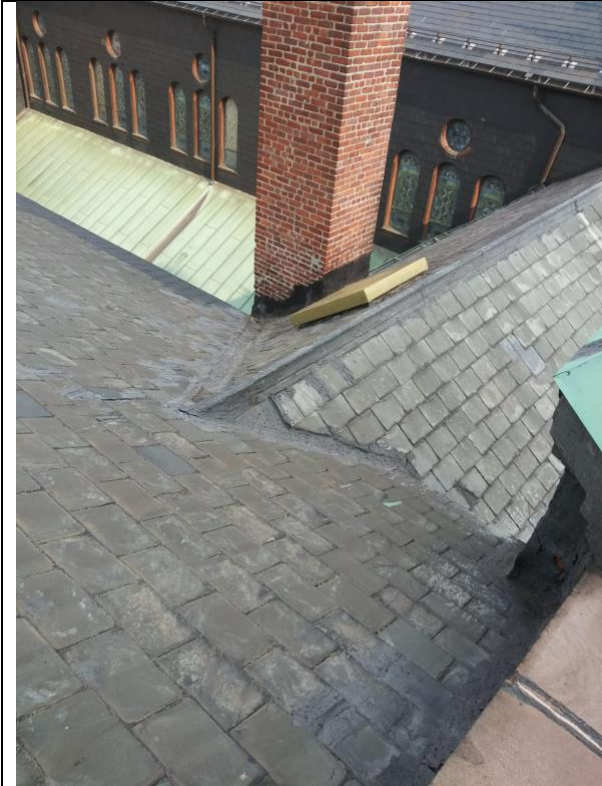
Preparing for new courtyard upper slab



New facing to courtyard wall before painting



Bell tower roof under repair



Restore boiler chimney and new hatch cover



New copper gutter



New copper gutter and slate at bell tower



Old cross from Parish hall. Being replaced with 8' stone cross to match church