

# CELEBRATING A PLACE *of* FAITHFUL SERVICE TO HARTFORD

## THE CAMPAIGN *for* TRINITY CHURCH

### OUR GOAL

- The unique and historic buildings of Trinity Church serve many people – most of whom are not church members.
- These buildings require preventative care and code compliance upgrades so that they can continue to be safe and sturdy for the long term.
- We're asking members of the church and the community to donate generously to enable the needed tasks to be done right. Our goal is to raise \$750,000.

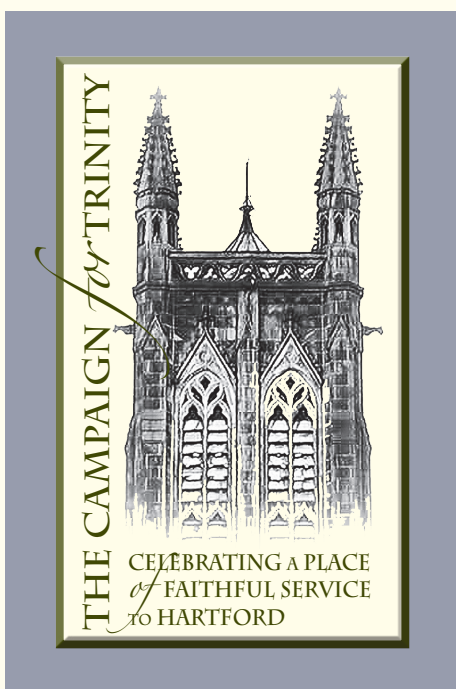


**THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE** use or visit the buildings of Trinity Church each year. They are young and old, rich and poor, and racially, ethnically and religiously diverse.

On a typical weekday, the halls of our buildings are bursting with activity and filled with the voices of students, staff, parents and volunteers of Trinity Academy, a tuition-free elementary school; and the Choir School of Hartford, an after-school program that nurtures life skills through the art and discipline of music. Hundreds of people gather on a weekly basis to gain support from the many scheduled weekly 12-step and similar programs, while others looking for inspiration and cultural exploration attend concerts and special events. On Sundays, people from the neighborhood and from across the region gather for worship in the Episcopal tradition for inspiration and fellowship.

The buildings of Trinity Church represent a vital resource for the neighborhood and the city. Beautiful and architecturally irreplaceable, they provide common ground for a wide range of people to come together through a host of activities that nurture body, mind and spirit.

These buildings are an important part of Hartford's "social infrastructure". They also provide financial value to the neighborhood and the city. Partners for Sacred Spaces, a national organization devoted to enhancing the life and ministry of historic urban sacred buildings, recently concluded a study that estimated the financial value to the city of Trinity Church and its allied programs to be \$3,075,212 million per year.



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## OUR NEEDS AT A GLANCE



### ENTIRE COMPLEX

**NEEDS:** Masonry repointing  
Roof gutters and flashing  
Fire & safety upgrades

### MEMORIAL GARDEN

**BUILT:** Last renovated 2000

**USES:** Summer services

Open to the public on summer weekdays

when volunteers are present for welcome & supervision

**NEEDS:** Steps and fountain repair

### MAIN CHURCH

**BUILT:** 1898 – Tower 1912

**USES:** Church services, weddings & funerals

The Choir School of Hartford rehearsals & events

Trinity Academy musicals

Graduations, convocations, and other community events

Concerts by local and touring groups

**NEEDS:** Repair plaster

Upgrade safety rail for choir loft

Accessibility ramp for chapel

### GOODWIN HALL/KITCHEN/LIBRARY

**BUILT:** 1892

**USES:** Social gatherings and meetings

Trinity Academy meals and meetings

Receptions and special events

**NEEDS:** New stove for kitchen

### PARISH HOUSE

**BUILT:** 1881

**USES:** Church offices

Apartment

**NEEDS:** Porch repairs

### EDUCATION WING

**BUILT:** 1962

**USES:** Church school classes

Trinity Academy classes and offices

Piano lessons for Choir School

Community service meetings

**NEEDS:** Replace poorly insulated windows

### PARKING LOT

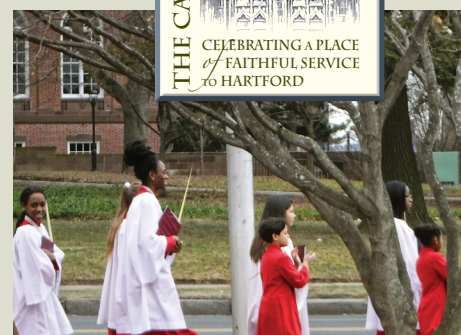
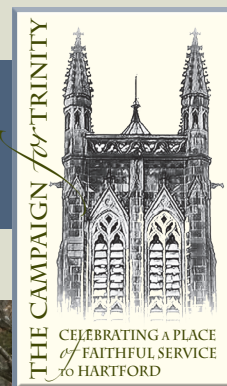
**BUILT:** Last paved in 1995

**USES:** Parking for church, school, choir school & all events

**NEEDS:** Repaving



# ONE PLACE, MANY USES



## THE CAMPUS OF TRINITY CHURCH

is made up of several interconnected and historically significant buildings and surrounding courtyards in the heart of Hartford's Asylum Hill neighborhood – fronting both Farmington Avenue and Sigourney Street. These buildings serve many people and organizations.

### SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL USES:

#### TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A diverse, Christian worshipping community in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition with a longstanding history of openness and service to the Hartford community.

#### TRINITY ACADEMY

An independent, tuition-free elementary school serving 1st through 4th grade students and their families in the Hartford area. The school features extended school days and a focus on educational excellence in a supportive environment.

#### THE CHOIR SCHOOL OF HARTFORD

A youth choir and music education program for elementary through high school students that uses the Royal School of Church Music curriculum to teach vocal performance and music theory. Students receive training, instrumental lessons and a stipend.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Meetings of 12-step recovery programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Al Anon and Narcotics Anonymous. Meal preparation for community outreach programs, such as Church by the Pond in Bushnell Park and Loaves and Fishes.

#### PERFORMING ARTS

Concerts by local and visiting orchestras, choirs, chamber ensembles and solo recitals, Choir festivals and Hartt School events.

## OUR GOAL

A STUDY of the Trinity Church campus, recently completed by Northeast Collaborative Architects, identified the following needs:

- ♦ Preventative care actions: roof and gutter repairs and masonry repointing, to prevent future damage, particularly water damage, to the buildings
- ♦ Safety upgrades, including updated fire and security alarms and railings, to ensure that the many people who use the buildings are safe and secure
- ♦ Replacement of damaged plaster and damaged wooden porch
- ♦ Energy upgrades, such as replacing single-pane windows in the education wing

The campaign goal of \$750,000 will address these items. If additional funds are raised, the scope of work will be expanded to include further functional and aesthetic improvements the architects have also recommended.

This goal is well beyond the scope of what can be funded out of the church annual operating budget. The Campaign for Trinity provides an opportunity to fund the renewal of the Trinity Church buildings so that they can continue to be safe, welcoming and beautiful. Your gift to the Campaign is an investment in the future and a celebration of a place of faithful service to Hartford.



# A TRADITION *of* SERVICE

## THE PARISH OF TRINITY CHURCH

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH made a bold decision in 1870 when it decided to reorganize itself as a Free Church. This meant the church would not be funded through rented pews, standard for churches at the time, but instead by an annual fundraising canvass of members. This decision reflected a belief that the church is not a club that exists to provide certain religious services for its subscribing members, but rather a community financially supported by its members that exists to minister to the wider community.

This commitment was reaffirmed when the current church sanctuary was designed and built in the 1890s without pews that could be owned or rented. Also, and not yet standard at the time, the church complex included extensive halls, offices and community meeting spaces. This was, and remains a visible expression of the church's intention to be

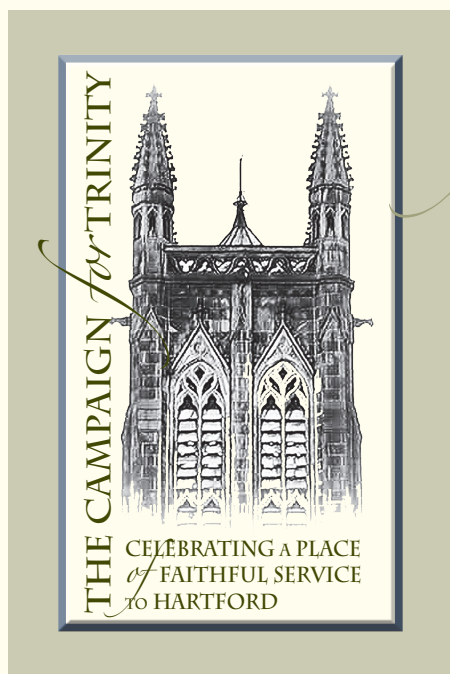
a place of learning and service as well as worship.

This commitment continues to unite diverse individuals from varied backgrounds into a community, united in faith and mission. Trinity has been a center for many programs that directly affect the neighborhood: tutoring at nearby West Middle school; assisting in the settlement of refugees from Bosnia, Cuba, Germany, Liberia, Myanmar, and Syria; offering the after-school program Light and Peace; supporting the Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen; and hosting the Salvation Army Senior Center are a few examples that showcase Trinity's commitment to its community.

Over the years, the specific programs sponsored and hosted by Trinity Church have changed as needs and opportunities change. What remains constant is the commitment of Trinity Church to use its buildings and resources for service to all of God's people. ■

HERE NO ONE IS TO BE HIGHER IN RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE THAN ANOTHER,  
THIS COMMON AND EQUAL RIGHT BEING BASED ON THE COMMON AND EQUAL  
NEED EACH OF US HAS OF DIVINE HELP. - Colonel Jacob Greene

AT THE LAYING OF THE TRINITY CHURCH CORNERSTONE, 1894



## THE CAMPAIGN *for* TRINITY

### STEERING COMMITTEE:

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Your Giving Will Make a Huge Difference, Now and For Future Generations

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