



The
Church of
Bethesda-by-the-Sea

Love and Serve

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To Whom it May Concern,

Conkling & Lewis Construction has served as general contractor for The Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea through several major restoration and improvement projects, along with many smaller projects.

Most importantly, four years ago, we undertook a \$5 million restoration of the entire cast-stone façade of our building. This work necessitated searching for and retaining artisans with very specific skills in historic preservation of concrete structures and in “aging” the new work to blend with the rest of the building. Conkling & Lewis has recruited for this work the finest crew, negotiated optimal cost and scheduling plans, and kept everyone motivated and on-task over these several years.

Bethesda has long been recognized for our commitment to the sensitive and diligent preservation of our historic building. A large portion of the credit for that reputation goes to the vast knowledge, skill, and hard work of Greg and Kenny Lewis and their entire organization.

Having served churches with historic buildings over 30 years around the country, I can say with confidence that I have never worked with a general contractor as committed to the integrity of historic buildings and the success of their clients as Conkling & Lewis.

We at Bethesda would be happy to talk further with any organization considering a preservation project and to show the incredible work done by Conkling & Lewis here.

Sincerely,

James Harlan+