



Seminary Chapel Renewal

A project of \$1.8 million urgently needed to

- Begin timely conversion of costly, failing steam system to geothermal heating and cooling
- Make the chapel safer and more accessible for all
- Preserve integrity of all chapel instruments
- Refurbish walls, pews and flooring

Built in 1942, the Church of the Abiding Presence was a bold turn in the Seminary's consciousness, facing westward and its new mission frontiers.

The highest profile space of Gettysburg Seminary is this chapel, visible from miles away on Seminary Ridge. It serves as the Seminary's premier classroom and is its largest venue for public lectures and gathering spaces. It supports daily worship and the education of tomorrow's preachers.

It is frequently visited by members of Lower Susquehanna Synod congregations for worship, lectures, and as one of the most sought after performing arts spaces in the greater Gettysburg area, hosting the highly successful and appreciated *Music, Gettysburg!* concert series.

Preservation and Sustainability

Components of the century-old central steam system and the 70 year-old heating systems of the chapel are beyond the end of their expected life-cycles. The new system will operate at a much higher efficiency and reduce the dependency on increasingly expensive fossil fuels.

Moreover, a geothermal heating and cooling system will prevent deterioration of the organ, piano and harpsichord by stabilizing (for the first time) the humidity levels in the chapel.

Accessibility, Safety, and Comfort

Visitors know the challenge of entering the building and finding adequate restroom facilities. This renovation includes an elevator, with access to expanded and fully ADA compliant restrooms on the lower level. ADA compliant main entrances and lobby improvements will make it safer and easier to enter for any persons with physical challenges.

Better heating and cooling, coupled with safety of entry and movement within the building, plus adequate restrooms will set the stage for the final renewed finishing touches. The necessary painting and pew resurfacing will also feature an upgraded flooring surface to enhance the sound of the organ, piano and overall acoustical performance.

Gifts and pledges up to \$400,000 made by June 30, 2012 will be matched dollar for dollar by the bequest from a generous benefactor.

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