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TRINITY UMC BEGINS RESTORATION OF HISTORIC STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA—Trinity United Methodist Church is pleased to announce that they are one of fifteen projects that will be awarded an Historic Preservation Fund grant to strengthen and preserve Indiana's history.

The grants total more than \$575,000 in federal funds allotted by the Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in Indiana. The funds will be matched by local and private funds, for a total investment of \$1.8 million. The funds come from the National Park Service, a part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which distributes federal funds to the states through the Historic Preservation Fund Program.

Trinity United Methodist Church is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, which allowed it to be considered for the grant. Trinity will receive \$50,000 in matching funds to rehabilitate the stained glass windows on the South elevation of the church. The South side includes over 13 of the 36 stained glass windows in the church. The windows exhibit cracks in many glass pieces, deflection of metal comes and supports, and deterioration of cement. The exterior protective glazing that was installed in the 1960s has created multiple issues and will be removed and replaced with a new glazing that better displays the intricate window designs and provides better protection. Some windows will be repaired in place, while others will be removed and disassembled to create a new framework. The windows at Trinity were the creation of a famous artist, Ms. Edna Browning Ruby, who was a long-time member of Trinity. She was at the time the only woman in the country to design, build, and install stained glass windows.

Trinity is a cornerstone of the Centennial neighborhood in downtown Lafayette, and a member of the faith community in Lafayette. We appreciate the community's support of this project through donations, contribution of time and also letters of support as well as the support of the DNR. For more information about the historic Trinity United Methodist Church, its stained glass windows, and to donate to this project, please visit trinitylafayette.org/preservation

About Trinity United Methodist Church:

Trinity United Methodist Church, the first church in Lafayette, Indiana, was established in 1824, before the city was founded. Trinity seeks to live out its vision of "Growing in love and service through relationships with God and community."

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For questions, more information, or to set-up additional interviews, please reach out to Monica McDougal via phone (765-742-1288) or email (monica@trinitylafayette.org).

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