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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Begins Expansion on Its Centenary

Denver, July 10, 2008 – St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, located at 2015 Glenarm Place in Denver, is celebrating its centenary by breaking ground on a project that will expand its space by nearly one-third and make the church fully accessible. The groundbreaking ceremony will take place at 5:30 pm on Thursday, July 31.

St. Andrew's history in its current home began in 1908, when the church, designed by the eminent architect Ralph Adams Cram of Boston, was erected on the site of the former cathedral, St. John's in the Wilderness, after it had burned to the ground. The architect also designed St. John the Divine in New York City, among many other commissions, but St. Andrew's is Cram's only building in Colorado.

Ethan Anthony, principal of HDB/Cram of Boston designed the expansion. Himmelman Construction, Inc., of Lakewood is the general contractor for the \$1.7 million project.

“This is an important step in the life of our church,” said Roger Kilgore, project director for St. Andrew's. “We've experienced a lot of growth in the last several years and we need to increase our physical space in order to support our congregation and our ministries.” Kilgore said the project will expand the worship space to seat approximately 200, install an elevator to provide accessibility to each level of the building, and provide multipurpose space for meetings, programs, and rehearsals.

In 1999, fire ravaged the basement of the church and damaged much of the sanctuary, but over the course of the next year, the interior was fully restored. Subsequently, with assistance from Historic Denver's Sacred Landmarks Preservation program and grants from the State Historic Fund, the congregation was able to raise funds to replace the building's roof and restore its windows and masonry.

“St. Andrew's location on the fringe of downtown Denver has been key to the church's history of service to the disenfranchised in and around this urban neighborhood,” Kilgore remarked. And, as the church's Parish Profile states, “A vital part of St. Andrew's vision for the next decade and beyond is to reach out to the diverse and growing population around us: to establish a living presence that builds on our historic stature in the neighborhood.”

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