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Gobin Church Launches “The Second Century Commitment”; New Study Estimates \$3 Million Annual Impact on Greencastle

GREENCASTLE, Ind. — Gobin Church has launched *The Second Century Commitment*, a capital campaign focused on preserving and renewing the church’s historic sanctuary and expanding its impact as a center for worship, education, hospitality, outreach, music, and community life in Greencastle.

The campaign follows Gobin Church being awarded a **\$500,000 matching grant** from the National Fund for Sacred Places, one of the nation’s leading preservation initiatives for historic houses of worship. The grant recognizes Gobin Church as one of a select number of congregations nationwide chosen for both architectural significance and demonstrated community impact.

In addition, Gobin Church received **\$260,000 in matching support** through Sacred Places Indiana, a program of Indiana Landmarks, funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc.

Together, the grants require Gobin Church to raise matching funds through *The Second Century Commitment*, helping secure the long-term future of the nearly century-old sanctuary and its ministries.

A newly released Economic Halo Effect study by Partners for Sacred Places estimates that Gobin Church generates **\$3,015,982 in annual economic and community value** for Greencastle. Developed in partnership with researchers at the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice, the nationally recognized methodology measures the impact congregations have through education, arts and cultural programming, volunteer service, hospitality, historic preservation, community partnerships, and support for local organizations.

“This study confirms what so many people in Greencastle already experience firsthand — Gobin Church is far more than a Sunday building,” said Rev. Bryan Langdoc of Gobin Church. “Every week this space serves students, recovery groups, community organizations, musicians, families, nonprofit partners, and neighbors seeking connection and care. *The Second Century Commitment* is about ensuring that work continues for generations to come.”

Restoration and improvement projects included in *The Second Century Commitment* are:

- Slate roof replacement
- Masonry and plaster repair
- Historic window restoration
- Sanctuary climate and ceiling system improvements
- Accessibility upgrades
- Improvements to gathering and hospitality spaces

For more information about the campaign or preservation project, visit www.gobinchurch.org

