



CLIENT PROFILE

The Eliot Church of Newton is a Reformed-Puritan (Congregational) church following the tradition of the United Church of Christ. It is located in Newton, MA.

The church was first established in 1845 and was named for its puritan minister, John Eliot, who began his work as an "Apostle to the Indians" nearby.

THE CHALLENGE

Under a tight timeframe, Stuart Dean began work on the project in early August 2013 and needed to complete the project before the church's first full Sunday service was to resume on September 8.

The project included removal and storage of the church's pews, removal of asbestos-laden floor tile and mastic, restoration of hardwood flooring in choir area, restoration of blue stone floor in the church vestibule, and refinishing of the cast bronze door hardware on the church's wood doors.

When all work was completed, Stuart Dean technicians were charged with returning the pews to their exact position within the sanctuary.

THE SOLUTION

Before restoration began, Stuart Dean moved the sanctuary pews so that the floor tiles could be removed and replaced. The pews were stored in the narthex and parlor but had to be placed such that church members could still enter the house of worship. Stuart Dean carefully measured locations of all of the pews in the sanctuary, along with mounting bracket drill hole locations.

Stuart Dean oversaw the removal of asbestos-laden tile and the installation of new tile throughout. The safety of church employees and preschoolers nearby were of the utmost importance throughout and after the removal process. For this reason, Stuart Dean subcontracted with a safety consultant engineer for asbestos testing and air clearance/monitoring.

The hardwood floor finish was restored in the organ/choir area, and pews were returned to their original location in the sanctuary.

The entrance vestibule bluestone floor had unsightly white paint droplets on the pavers. The church had multiple contractors attempt to clean the stone but could not achieve desirable results. The appearance remained lifeless, and the droplets remained. A Stuart Dean technician removed the paint droplets and applied APP Surface Guard Protection, which will enable the church to easily clean the pavers with its existing janitorial company. Restoration will not be necessary for several years. The impeccably cleaned surface now has a micro-thin, clear sub-surface protection system that is unobtrusive yet effective in surface protection in repelling oil, grease and surface salts.

In addition, Stuart Dean provided a solution to the senior pastor, who was looking for more space at the rear of the sanctuary. Stuart Dean removed and stored two rows of pews, which offered an additional 10 feet of open space for a variety of purposes.

Additionally, when the church's facility commission was looking to make important paint color, tile selection and other design decisions, Stuart Dean connected them with a local architect and design professional to ensure prudent and responsible choices in terms of floor tiles, paint colors and quality manufacturers.

Stuart Dean set up, coordinated scheduling and managed the various subcontractors, which included the safety consultant engineer, tile and asbestos removal company, new tile installation company and the hardwood floor refinishing company.

**Evaluate.
Restore.
Protect.**

Location

Eliot Church of Newton
Newton, MA

Material

Stone, Tile,
Wood, Bronze

Area

Sanctuary tiled floor (2,900 sq. ft.), wood floor (500 sq. ft.), Narthex tiled floor (600 sq. ft.) and entrance vestibule (200 sq. ft.)

Timeline

1 month

Restoration

Refurbishment and refinishing

Protection

APP Surface Guard Protection, Zero VOC Surface Protection System

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THE BENEFITS

Stuart Dean's full-service approach to this job was invaluable to the church. Because the company took ownership of all of the moving parts, the church did not have to hire a general contractor.

Members of the church's facilities commission raved about a job well done and how Stuart Dean successfully managed this project.

The church had peace of mind knowing Stuart Dean would complete the job in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

The sanctuary and narthex's new look will help the church potentially secure new members, who will see a bright and beautifully restored house of worship.

"Stuart Dean handled the tight timeframe of the job seamlessly. They efficiently coordinated with all of the subcontractors, including the team charged with refinishing the hardwood floors, a task that was added to the job once work had already started. The asbestos removal was handled quickly, professionally and with the utmost attention to the safety of church employees and the preschool downstairs. Stuart Dean did everything they could to allay concerns and answer questions about the asbestos removal process. Stuart Dean's professionalism and superior customer service was apparent from start to finish. Church members raved about the new look. There was a definite 'wow' factor once Stuart Dean's work was completed. We wholeheartedly recommend Stuart Dean and commend them on a job well done!"

— Ava Chan, church administrator

PROJECT PHOTOS



During



After

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