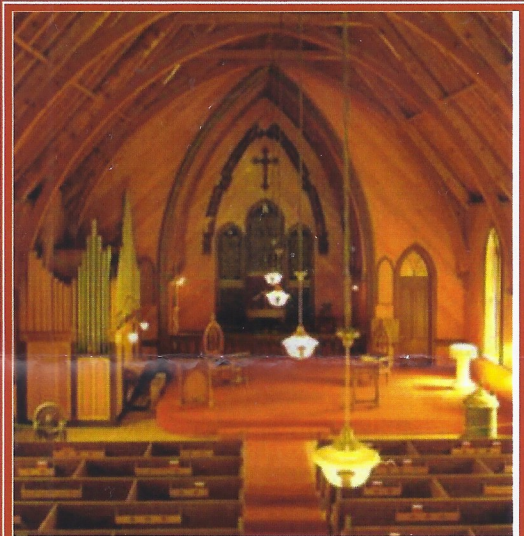


Western Missionary Museum

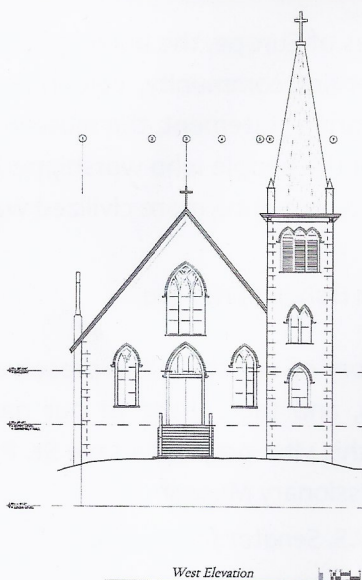
Virginia City, NV

Project to restore the church of St. Paul the Prospector and establish a museum dedicated to the brave men and women of faith who helped “civilize” the Wild Mountain West.

Virginia City, Nevada was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1961 and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1966. As a contributing property, the building of St. Paul the Prospector has been recognized as possessing historical significance and architectural qualities that are vital to the district’s national importance. Within these historic walls, the Western Missionary Museum will install a multi-cultural reconstruction of the contribution made by people of faith, who came west, braving the rugged terrains and extremes of weather, to make a new life for their families. We will demonstrate their role in making this godforsaken mining outpost into the bustling metropolis that it became. But after 140 years in the extreme weather of the Mountain West, this important building is at risk of being lost. To ensure the nation does not lose this jewel in the mountains, we will restore the building and ensure its preservation for future generations.



Interior of the church of St. Paul the Prospector, new home of the Western Missionary Museum



An experienced team of experts has devised a multi-phased plan to save this important property and to install a professionally curated and accredited museum. We will then create a tea shop and gift store, to generate an ongoing income stream which will maintain the building and museum well into the future.

Preconstruction Phase: Structural reports, architectural & engineering plans, construction drawings and sustainability planning.

Construction Phase 1: Replace roof and electrical systems, repair and re-glaze windows, stabilize and protect entire structure.

Construction Phase 2: Refurbish interior, insulate, replace heating/air conditioning, make ADA accessible, repair balcony and bell tower.

Sustainability Phase: Install museum exhibits & archives, build kitchen, tea-room and high-quality gift store. We anticipate that over 100,000 visitors per year will help maintain our home!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

RESTORING A HISTORIC BUILDING IS A LABOR OF LOVE AND FAITH, which requires a considerable sum of money if it is to be done properly. Our foundations are strong and secure, but the building itself needs extensive restoration. Wooden walls exposed to almost a century and a half of sun, snow and wind are dried out, rotted away, and warped. They can barely support the window sets, which are at risk of falling (and sometimes do in high winds!). Roof beams are unstable, putting walls at risk. Heat and electrical systems are archaic and might set the tinder-dry building aflame. We must act now, or lose this historic and beautiful building for ever.

The budget for this project is \$2.2 million. This sum will restore the entire building, install the museum, tea-room and gift shop, and establish a maintenance fund to avoid future deterioration.

In the spirit of diocesan unity and love for our mother church, we are asking every Episcopal congregation in the Diocese of Nevada to join us in supporting this important project to restore St. Paul's, the first parish in our state. Your financial contribution—whatever your parish can afford—will demonstrate that the entire diocese is united in support of preserving St. Paul's, for future generations, and will strengthen our requests to larger funders.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

WE HAVE MANY NAMING OPPORTUNITIES, at all levels of giving. Please contact us to discuss which opportunity will fit your budget and your needs.

SHORT PEWS: A gift of **\$500** will contribute to the all-important pre-construction phase of the project to save this important building. We have 15 short pews to be named in honor of this giving level.

LONG PEWS: A gift of **\$1,000** will also contribute to our crucial pre-construction phase. We have 15 long pews to be named in honor of this giving level.

WINDOWS: A gift of **\$5,000** will fund the restoration of one of the church windows. Or **\$2,500** will restore a window downstairs in the museum area. There are 12 windows upstairs and 12 downstairs, to be named in honor of these gifts.



Our building in history—late 19th century interior

CONTACT DETAILS

WE ARE WELL ON OUR WAY TO OUR GOAL FOR PHASE 1, WITH GOOD PROSPECTS FOR PHASES 2 AND 3,

but we cannot delay. One more winter might be too late for St. Paul's. Please

contact us **TODAY** using your preferred method:

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Or send your gift to:

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“In the tradition of the great churches of Europe, the building will be a historic and cultural asset to the entire community, celebrating all faiths and cultures. To support this daring statement, the museum will document and illustrate the stories of the people who worshipped and lived here – the men and women who brought a more civilized way of life to this wild land.”

The Right Reverend Dan Edwards, 10th Bishop of Nevada

“If you, like me, care about the history of our state, the preservation of historically noteworthy buildings, and the culture of our nation, I urge you to join me in supporting this vital project to save St. Paul's church and establish the Western Missionary Museum.”

Richard Bryan, Former Governor and U.S. Senator for Nevada