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White Construction Group Announces Completion Of Historic Trinity United Methodist Church Restoration

White Construction Group, project partners complete massive restoration of exterior stonework

CASTLE ROCK, Colo., Dec. 1, 2004 -- White Construction Group, a Colorado-based construction firm specializing in commercial construction, design-build and historic restoration projects, announced today that it has completed the stonework restoration of the historic Trinity United Methodist Church, located in downtown Denver. The original scope of the project was completed significantly under budget, allowing the church to perform some badly needed additional work, including additional stone repair, new sidewalks and repair of the steeple cross.

The historic Trinity United Methodist Church features fine stonework and intricate architectural detailing. However, the original sandstone trim was failing due to Denver's extreme changes in temperature. Denver's frequent freeze-thaw cycle was literally breaking down the stone and its adherence to the rhyolite structure.

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The exterior renovation of the church involved replacing the original sandstone with a denser, less absorbent sandstone that will better withstand Colorado's rapidly changing weather. The new sandstone was quarried in Pennsylvania; trucked to Kansas -- where it was cut into more manageable slabs; shipped to Glenwood Springs for carving; and then returned to Denver for installation.

Masonry experts worked with massive, intricately dimensioned and carved stones, some weighing as much as 1,000 pounds each. The existing crumbling stone was removed, new sandstone was installed and secured with epoxy and stainless steel anchors, and then repointed. Finally, the entire building was cleaned, revealing the beautiful pink, buff and lavender stone. The work was particularly challenging because of the busy intersection at which the church is located. Pedestrian and vehicle traffic was intense. In addition, some of the stonework was as high as 189 feet above street level, requiring forklifts, elevators, and both conventional and mobile scaffolding. Now, however, Denver's Grande dame of historic churches is prepared to withstand the elements for years to come.

"We're honored to have been entrusted with the restoration of this impressive historic structure," said White Construction Group President Tim White. "We have a particular affinity for projects that allow us to preserve history, and this project provided the whole project team a challenge that made the work tremendously interesting," he said.

"We want to thank each member of the construction team," continued White. "We did not always know what we would find under the next stone, but everyone involved could always be counted on for their professionalism and dedication. We thank A.P. Eberlein Company, the masonry subcontractor; Pine's Stone Company, which handled the stone cutting and carving; the entire team at the Florin Group – now Bahr Vermeer & Haecker Architects; and the entire staff and congregation at Trinity United Methodist Church.

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Trinity United Methodist Church Project Details

- Client: Trinity United Methodist Church, Denver, Colo.
- Architect: The Florin Group, with Bahr, Vermeer Haecker Architects, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Completion Date: November 21, 2004
- Construction Cost: \$1.84 million

About White Construction Group

Founded in 1985 as T.L. White & Associates (subsequently renamed Ash & White Construction Co.), White Construction Group is a fast-growing, multi-million-dollar general contractor that specializes in commercial construction, design-build, historic restorations and tenant improvement projects. The company provides pre-construction, construction management, general construction and post-construction services for public and private clients along Front Range and northeastern Colorado. To date, the company has completed more than \$300 million in construction projects and has won several national awards for its job safety programs. White Construction Group can be reached at (303) 688-6924, or www.whitecg.com.

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