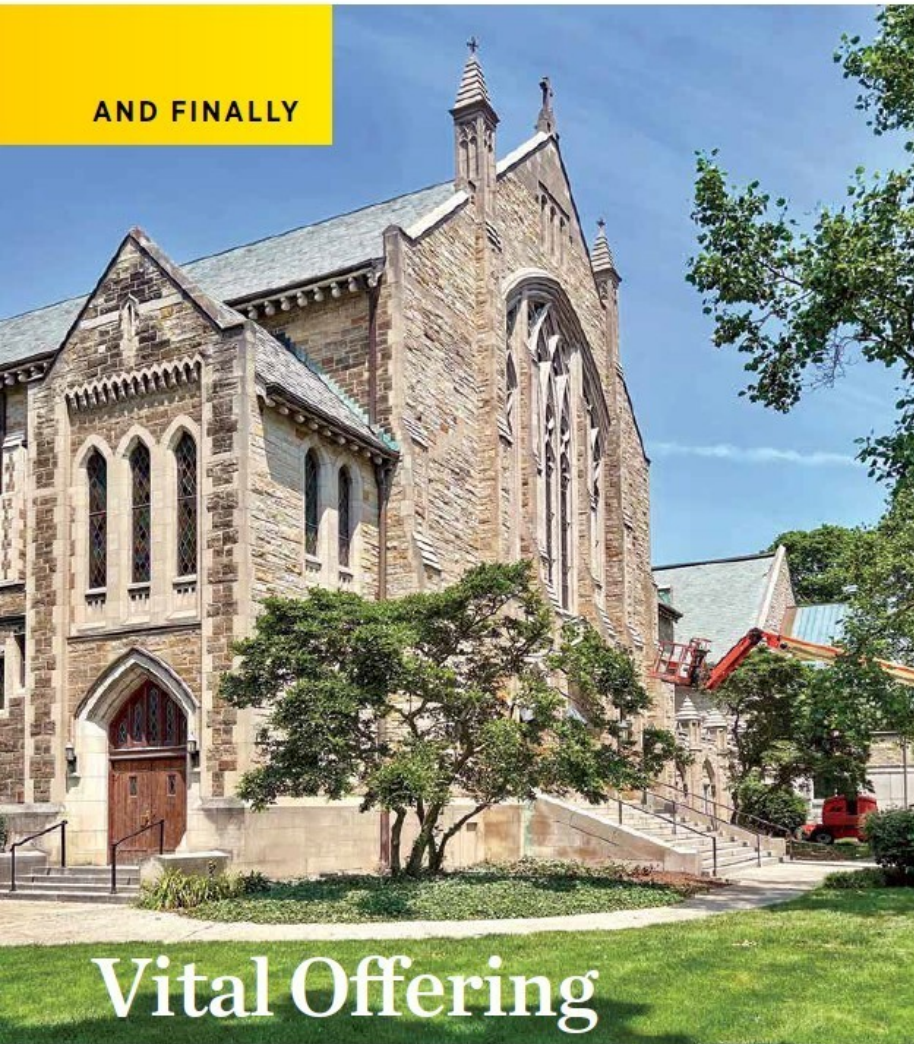




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increasing volume of calls for help from congregations in historic churches with restoration needs, in 2015 Indiana Landmarks created the Sacred Places Indiana Program with support from Lilly Endowment Inc. In December 2025, Lilly Endowment renewed its support for Sacred Places Indiana with

In December, Lilly Endowment gave a \$10 million grant to Sacred Places Indiana for its ongoing support to congregations in historic houses of worship through training and capital grants, including recent repairs at Indianapolis's North United Methodist Church (pictured).

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a \$10 million grant for ongoing programs to benefit historic houses of worship, including expert guidance, training, and financial assistance.

“Lilly Endowment’s ongoing commitment to Indiana Landmarks’ Sacred Places Indiana program is valuable beyond words,” says David Frederick, director of Sacred Places Indiana. “We’ve already seen the impact that the program is having, not only in terms of support to participating congregations and the historic buildings they steward, but to the communities they serve as well.”

The award will help boost the program’s Sacred Places Indiana Fund, which awards matching grants to congregations committed to good stewardship of their historic structures. In December, North United Methodist Church in Indianapolis—one of the fund’s inaugural recipients—completed masonry restoration work on several historic facades of the 1931 Gothic Revival-style building, aided by a \$250,000 capital grant and \$25,000 planning grant from the fund. The work will help ensure the building is watertight and able to continue accommodating the congregation’s crucial feeding ministry and social justice initiatives, and housing multiple community organizations and nonprofits.

Applications for the next round of grant funding are now open and will be accepted through June 15, 2026. Learn more: indianalandmarks.org/sacred-places-indiana.