

The First Church of Christ

Lancaster, Massachusetts

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Dear First Parish Church,

I am writing to you to highly recommend Murray Brothers Construction for your upcoming project. I am the project manager for the preservation work being done on the First Church Unitarian of Lancaster, MA. I also sit on the Standing Committee, which is our governing board. I hardly know where to begin in telling you what a stellar organization, Murray Brothers is. We were initially pleased to have a local firm working with us on our preservation project. Now having worked with them for a year "pleased" just doesn't measure up. We are **thrilled** and not to get too religious (we are Unitarians after all) we actually feel blessed that our contract was awarded to Murray Brothers Construction. Initially, we joined forces to complete the work under a Mass. Historical Commission grant, and I know that the folks at MHC were also very happy with our choice as they had worked with Murray Brothers previously.

It would be hard for me to tell you which quality of this company is the most impressive. The skill and expertise that they bring to the project is nothing short of amazing. We have run into several "bumps" in the road in this project – like discovering that the supporting timbers in the cupola are rotted. This was not a happy day as Murray Brothers had intended to use that main timber to support our Revere bell (1,600 lbs+) while they worked on the bell cradle. Murray Brothers quickly, calmly, and assuredly came up with a new method and got the new bell cradle built and installed and replaced the timber in the cupola. We were able to meet our very aggressive schedule and deadline for the MHC. Another quality is their passion for what they do and a respect and conscientiousness that I thought rarely existed any more – and certainly not in a construction firm! But it simply permeates the whole company – the manager, the construction supervisor, the accountant – everyone! This makes Murray Brothers very easy to work with. I think it is in the results of their work that you see the passion as well – yes they "fixed" the bell cradle that is now strong and will last for another 100 years but the craftsmanship that went into its making has also given us something of innate beauty – it really is a piece of art. We decided not to paint the bell cradle but to finish it with a clear linseed oil so that future generations can see how beautifully crafted this joinery is. I could provide you with many more like example and please feel free to contact me (info@thebulfinchfund.org).

I think you would be in very good, capable hands if you decide to choose Murray Brothers for your project.

Regards,

Martha Moore