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The Public Value of Sacred Places

Presented by Historic Seattle and co-sponsored by the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation

When: September 12 (Saturday) 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Where: Seattle Church of Christ (former 7th Church of Christ, Scientist)
2555 8th Avenue W. Queen Anne Hill

Registration: Price includes lunch and handouts
\$30 Historic Seattle and Washington Trust members; \$35 General Public; \$20 students
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Building on the recent efforts in Washington State to save endangered church buildings and the reality that we have not seen the end of threats to these significant contributors to city life, this half-day workshop is most timely. It opens with a keynote presentation by A. Robert Jaeger, Executive Director of Partners for Sacred Places, that touches on architecture, cultural value, and how our historic churches house social services and strengthen neighborhoods.

Partners is the only national, non-sectarian, non-profit organization devoted to helping congregations and their communities sustain and actively use older and historic sacred places. It was founded in 1989 by a national task force of religious, historic preservation and philanthropic leaders. Since then, Partners has served several thousand congregations and other local organizations and represents the needs and concerns of over 100,000 older, community-serving sacred places in every town and city across America.

Executive Director A. Robert Jaeger holds a Master's degree in preservation planning from Cornell University and an MBA from the University of Michigan. Prior to co-founding Partners for Sacred Places in 1989, Jaeger worked with the Philadelphia Historic Preservation Corporation as Senior Vice President for the Historic Religious Properties Program. He is the co-author of *Sacred Places at Risk* (1998) and *Strategies for Stewardship and Active Use of Older and Historic Religious Properties* (1996), author of *Sacred Places in Transition* (1994), and editor (from 1985 to 1989) of *Inspired*, a bi-monthly magazine with news and technical articles on religious property preservation.

His presentation will be followed by a slide presentation on the area's historic churches by Michael Houser, well-respected architectural historian at the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, and a moderated question and answer session with a distinguished group of professionals from the architecture, preservation, business, and ecclesiastical community.