

Historic Structure Assessment United Methodist Church Hygiene, Colorado



Services:

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Client:

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The United Methodist Church building in Hygiene is a key landmark within this small community and an important asset for the church membership. Because of the structure's historic significance the congregation sought to preserve it while also maintaining it as a functioning facility for its mission.

In recent years some deterioration appeared in the building that raised questions about proper methods for stabilization and repairs, and about the sequence in which this should happen. The existing conditions were documented and the causes of the deterioration were identified. A plan was created in which appropriate procedures were described, potential costs estimated, and a time line for action established.

This information was assembled in a Condition Assessment and Master Plan, which guided the congregation in its campaign for fund-raising and implementation. The assessment served as a catalyst for additional funding by the Colorado State Historical Fund. The church applied for a "bricks and mortar" grant and was awarded \$90,000 for the most pressing rehabilitation of the bell tower, roof and masonry. As of the summer of 2005, once again the bell tolls in the small agricultural community of Hygiene.

