

# First Palo Alto United Methodist Church Restoration

PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

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cracks, repairing the failed membrane under the roof tiles, coating the façade, and installing urethane deck coating at the podium.

Some of the repair work had to be performed during the winter months due to the duration of the job so special care had to be taken to leave the building watertight prior to any pending storms. In addition, the building was constantly occupied with youth and other church activities. Open and clear communication with the owner's representative facilitated a smooth continuation to the daily activities. To free up valuable parking spaces on the property, the contractor and owner's representative agreed to cover the courtyard with a heavy duty protective canopy which also provided an area for material storage.

The structure was not only unique, the client was very committed to doing the job right and was understanding when challenges arose. They wanted to understand the situation at hand but always kept the focus on restoring the building with the highest quality in mind.

**F**irst Palo Alto United Method Church is located in Palo Alto, California, a city in the San Francisco Bay Area. With a 1,050-person capacity, the church has a rich history and is active in the local and international community, serving and assisting many social issues. The congregation building includes a hipped roof and a corner steeple. Inside, the 73 ft high concrete roof panels contain 1,500 small stained-glass inserts, which create a unique blend of light and color, creating a beautiful environment for worship. In recent years, the building started experiencing water leaks in more than 50 different window locations. A repair and restoration project was initiated to repair the building to mitigate further damage. This work included replacing the wet seal of all the windows, replacing the cracked colored glass, repairing the spalled concrete, sealing the façade



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