

TRANSITIONS



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Church leaders are invited to learn from consultants about how best to preserve buildings that have fulfilled ministries in their surrounding communities.

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Sacred Places Transitions Seminar

Partners for Sacred Places 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. Partners helps congregations and others with a stake in older religious properties make the most of them as civic assets in ways that benefit people of all faiths. Partners was founded in 1989 on the premise that:

- Older sacred places are vibrant and productive centers of congregational life and outreach that benefit the public at large; and
- They are often at risk when congregations experience declining memberships and resources.

Partners' Transition Services are designed to empower faith communities to faithfully and creatively deal with a challenging period of transition, and adopt a community-minded approach that sustains their sacred places as uses and/or ownership changes.

The term **Transition** encompasses a breadth of possibilities involving a change or transformation of a congregation and its relationship to its property. Partners' guide, *Transitioning Older and Historic Sacred Places* organizes options for Transition into the following categories:

1. Remaining in place with new uses and/or sale of nonessential assets. This set of possibilities allows a congregation to retain a sustainable presence by sharing space and maximizing the potential of the property to support a range of uses and organizational partners.
2. Retaining a presence while changing ownership. A number of creative solutions such as selling to a new owner who allows the congregation to remain, or working with the congregation's judicatory to retain a building until a new ministry or programmatic purpose emerges, can retain the presence of a faith community even when ownership must change.
3. Using financial and development incentives to stay. There are a number of development tools that can provide resources and new circumstances that can permit congregations to remain in place and provide for the care of their buildings.
4. Shepherding/encouraging new uses. This category focuses on the ultimate transition, where the congregation yields its ownership of the property to make way for new owners and new uses.



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