



*First Congregational Church / Bridgton, Maine*

This 19th-century wood-framed Gothic Revival church was plagued with a deteriorating foundation, basement water problems and an awkward connection to its mid-20th century education wing addition and lobby. Mills Whitaker Architects was retained to assess existing conditions and develop a master plan for repairs and renovations. Phase I, completed in 2006, consisted of a complete reconstruction of the church's basement and adjacent lobby area. The work involved a new foundation, commercial kitchen, meeting hall, clothing pantry, support spaces and accessibility improvements. The renovated areas have improved the usability of the building for both church and community functions.

