

**SECURING
THE PRESENT**

**LOOKING
TO THE FUTURE**

BUILDING REPAIR CAMPAIGN | 2019-2020



About Lima Rescue Mission

Since 1906, Lima Rescue Mission has been reaching out to poor and homeless men by providing physical and spiritual care in a time of crisis. We strive to provide a safe and secure environment that promotes positive life changes and where healing takes place.

The Mission also ministers to at risk youth through a summer day camp at our campgrounds, Camp Roberts.

Lima Rescue Mission is funded by donations from individuals, businesses, churches and other organizations who want to be involved in helping people in need in our community. We do not receive funding from any government or other agencies.

We invite you to visit our website at www.limamission.org to learn more and stay connected with our ministry.

About the need

An inspection of our building has shown some areas which must be repaired in order to maintain structural integrity. This includes replacing any broken bricks, repairing deteriorated mortar joints, cleaning or replacing steel lintels, and cleaning and sealing the entire exterior. This type of maintenance and repair work is expected for a 100-year-old building, and completing this project will ensure that the building remains safe to occupy.

Mission Building Facts



Original plans called for a two-story building (seen above). After construction had begun, it was decided to add a 3rd story.

Construction start date: 1916

Building occupied: 1920

Size: 3 stories plus basement

20,000 square feet total

Architect: Andrew DeCurtins

The building was designed specifically for Lima Rescue Mission.

Importance of the project

While our goal is to someday build a new, modern facility, we need to maintain a safe and structurally sound building to carry on our current ministry.

Our building is worth investing in. Over the years, we've made many changes—not just renovations, but a number of energy efficient upgrades. Within the past 10-15 years, all windows (120) and doors have been replaced. New, efficient boilers have been installed for heating and domestic hot water. Most recently, all lighting was retrofitted or changed to LED fixtures. Most of these projects were partially or wholly paid for by special grants to fund energy efficient upgrades.



Lima Rescue Mission has been located at the corner of Central and Wayne, Downtown Lima, since 1920

This building will likely be used even after a new facility is built. The number of rooms make it an ideal location to continue serving as transitional housing. And there are many areas that would continue to provide suitable meeting and office spaces. It's wise to keep the building in sound, usable condition—not only for present use, but future opportunities as well.

Lima Rescue Mission has been reaching out to the poor and homeless in our community for over 112 years, nearly 100 of which have been in our building at the corner of Central and Wayne. It is impossible to say how many lives have been impacted over the many years—sufficient to say that all who come are cared for, and given the opportunity for a new life through faith in Jesus Christ.

Looking to the future

Behind the scenes, we've already discussed possibilities for a future facility. Some options that we've considered have been taken away before even having an opportunity to pursue them. There may be something even better in store that we don't realize at this time. We continue to be in prayer for the future and trust that the right plan will come together at the right time.

Project details

The work completed as part of this project will help prevent moisture incursion and maintain structural integrity. There are some deficiencies, including broken bricks, deteriorated mortar joints, and corroded lintels. The project is expected to begin around fall of 2019. Additional repair information and costs are listed below.

Exterior Masonry Repairs — \$26,700

- Remove and repair deteriorated mortar joints
- Remove and replace broken or defective brick units
- Clean and paint exposed steel lintels which are in good condition

Lintel Replacement — \$24,300

Some lintels located on the top floor (approximately 25) are severely corroded and must be replaced. Other lintels have already been replaced in recent years. Remaining lintels will be cleaned and painted as part of the masonry repair cost.

Clean and Seal — \$13,000

After all repair work is completed, the building exterior will be cleaned and a flood coat of clear penetrating water repellent will be applied.

Total Project Cost — \$64,000

While this is an expensive project, it's important to complete it now to avoid the potential for small problems growing in to large areas of damage, which would create an even greater expense. Addressing these concerns now will keep our building in a safe and sound condition for many years to come.



Mortar joints in need of repair



Broken brick unit



Steel lintel to be replaced

A brief history

On November 1, 1906, Rev. Adam Welty, without any visible means of support, moved his family to their new home at 207 East North Street. This large rented house would serve as a residence for the family and also a haven for transient men needing food and lodging. It was not until later that Rev. Welty learned that their new home was in the heart of what was then the “red light district” of the city. As he observed later, “The second night we were there two drunken men asked for beds. One of them said to me, ‘Mr. Welty, you sure are game to come in to this neighborhood.’” Trusting God to protect his family, he was determined to continue the work God had called him to do.



Adam and Emma Welty

Within a few years that East North Street house proved inadequate to care for the number of men coming for help. Although there were no funds in the mission treasury for expansion, Rev. Welty decided that a larger building was necessary. He believed God would provide. In 1914, a site at the corner of Central Avenue and Wayne Street was selected and secured with a down payment of \$200.00 which Mrs. Welty had managed to save. Construction began in 1916, and was suspended for a time during World War I. The building was completed and ready for occupancy in 1920.

The fact that today the building still stands as a refuge for the poor and homeless is a testimony to the faith and vision of Adam Welty.

How to support this project

Thank you for considering a gift to help complete these vital repairs. We accept donations by check, credit card, or even gifts of stock. Please memo that your gift is for our building repair project. You can visit our website at www.limamission.org to make a secure donation, and also track the progress of this project and fundraising campaign.

Lima Rescue Mission is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and we do not receive any government support or subsidies, or any funding from other agencies. Generous gifts from individuals, churches, and businesses in our community allow us to continue reaching others in a time of need every day.

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