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Lois Presson, Clerk  
Third Church of Christ, Scientist  
900 16th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ms. Presson,

We have received your letter of 10 September, apparently sent to our general membership, expressing concern over the pursuit of landmark designation for the Third Church and Christian Science Monitor Building. In meetings held with representatives of both the Third Church and the First Church, Boston -- Mark Mathiesen, Ted Gutelius and attorneys George Keys and Melvin Garbow -- we have sought to learn as much as possible about the concrete issues pertaining to this matter. We thus welcome further communication and hope that the process will continue. We have also stated explicitly that it is not our intention to save physical things if so doing means the loss of the activities that give them life.

We believe that a solution that will both protect what many people consider to be a distinguished work of architecture and enable both the Third and First churches to satisfy their pressing needs is attainable. Toward this end, we have secured a delay in the landmark application hearing and have taken the initiative to pursue some viable alternatives to the current situation. I have informed messrs. Garbow and Keys that as soon as we progress to the point of having specific options to discuss, we will welcome a frank, constructive dialogue among all concerned parties.

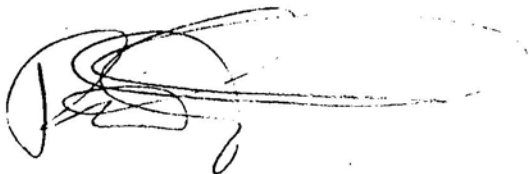
In the meantime, we stand by our offer of some months ago to meet at any time you request. This indeed seems a good opportunity to present our perspective and to share some of our very positive experiences with the preservation process with members of your congregation. We welcome the chance to discuss these matters with all members of the congregation who might wish to attend, and consider such an exchange a positive step in advancing the process to a mutually desirable end.

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202 994-6098 (o) or 202 328-3965 (h). I shall look forward to hearing from you in any event concerning when such a meeting could be scheduled.

Yours very sincerely,



Richard Longstreth, Chairman  
Preservation Subcommittee

cc: Dorn McGrath  
Stephen Raiche