

New uses for old buildings applauded

For those of us involved with preserving Baltimore's distinctive architecture for future generations, it was highly gratifying to read Matt Palmer's cover story, "Old Buildings, New Missions" (CR, Oct. 14). Converting vacant parish buildings to new uses preserves some architectural gems. It also preserves more ordinary buildings that have had spiritual meaning to their communities.

Re-use avoids the enormous energy consumption that comes with demolition and new construction. Moreover, remodeling older buildings creates far more local jobs than does building new ones. Congratulations to Nolan McCoy and David Owens on their work; we wish them continued success.

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