

CHICAGO LANDMARKS

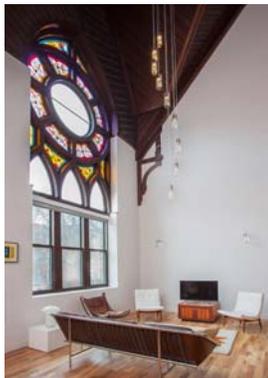


2015 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

1338 North Damen Wicker Park District Rehabilitation and Adaptive Reuse

Recipient: JAB Real Estate Inc.

The Wicker Park District consists of a core of elaborate homes that is surrounded by more modest homes and other cultural institutions, such as this prominent church building at the northwest corner of Evergreen and Damen. The church was used by the former Chicago Missionary Society and was purchased in 2013 by the current owner. At that time, some of the building's original windows had been concealed and the structure was infested with birds. This rehabilitation project has returned the exterior to its former glory and converted the historic structure into 11 dwelling units. The work included repairing the decorative window mullions and stained glass windows along installing new windows to match. The non-historic doors were replaced with new doors consistent with the church's architectural character. The roofing and decorative metalwork were repaired with new copper coping and details and the brick was repaired and tuckpointed. The interior wood-truss ceiling was refurbished and is left exposed to create one-of-a-kind residential units. The project also included restoring the former clergy house at the back of the church. The Wicker Park District was designated a Chicago Landmark on April 12, 1991.



before



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