

# CHICAGO LANDMARKS



## 2009 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### Quinn Chapel 2401 South Wabash Roof Rehabilitation and New ADA Ramp

*Recipient: Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church*

Quinn Chapel houses Chicago's oldest African-American congregation, tracing its origins to 1844 when seven individuals formed a nondenominational prayer group that met in the house of one of its members. The congregation purchased the present site in 1890 and built the church in 1892; the building now stands as a reminder of what was the late-19th-century residential character of the area. Over the course of the last several years, the congregation has undertaken significant rehabilitation work to the property, including a new roof, restoration of the roof dormers, and construction of a ramp for accessibility. More than \$600,000 has been invested in the building by the congregation to date. The church was also the recipient of a \$100,000 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2007 for interior improvements and upgrades. Quinn Chapel was designated a Chicago Landmark on August 13, 1977.

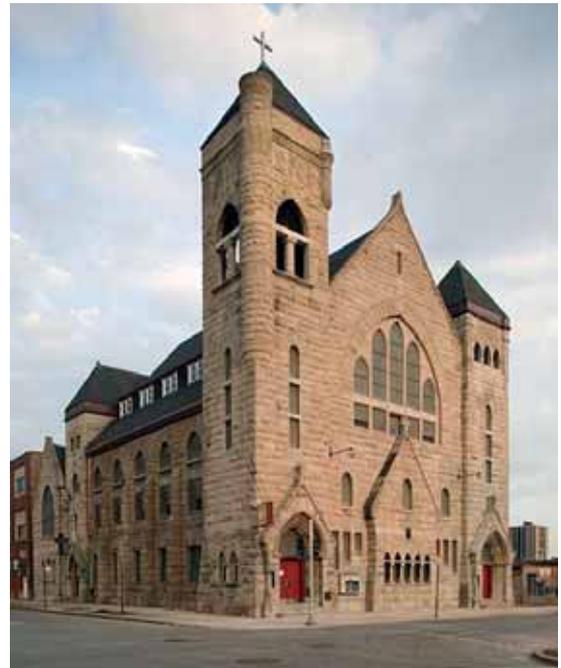


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