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Findorff Achieves LEED Gold Certification for Remodel and Addition to Frank Lloyd Wright Landmark

Madison - J.H. Findorff & Son has completed a 20,000 square foot addition to the First Unitarian Society Meeting House, an original Frank Lloyd Wright design and national Historic Landmark. The project has earned Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

LEED certification is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. The First Unitarian Society is the first Wisconsin Church to achieve this distinction, and one of very few across the country. "Working on this project was rewarding on many levels," said Findorff Project Manager Matt Premo. "But the LEED gold certification was very exciting. I hope this building really shows people how they can make their own homes, offices and buildings more environmentally friendly."

The project included demolishing part of the existing structure, renovating two wings and adding new spaces for classrooms, music rooms, offices, an auditorium and courtyard spaces, thus doubling the amount of worship space. The building was constructed with a number of sustainable building elements and "green" features including a green (sedum plant) roof, geothermal heating and cooling, rain gardens and dual-flush toilets. The demolition process was enhanced with major recycling efforts.

J.H. Findorff & Son is one of Wisconsin's leading builders, with offices in Madison and Milwaukee. Findorff currently employs an average of 600 construction professionals and tradespeople, and completes over \$300 million in construction annually.

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