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Mid-Hudson New York Congregations Open Doors to the Community for New York Landmarks Conservancy 2023 Sacred Sites Open House - "Congregations and Communities: 50 Years of Sacred Sites" on May 20 & 21

## Poughkeepsie and Cragsmoor Sites to Participate in Statewide Event

The New York Landmarks Conservancy is proud to host its Annual Sacred Sites Open House, "Congregations and Communities: 50 Years of Sacred Sites," welcoming visitors to explore the extraordinary architecture, art and history of world-class houses of worship, on May 20 & 21. Participating congregations will showcase their buildings, histories, cultural and community programs through lectures, musical performances, and special guided tours. Sacred Sites Open House is a free, state-wide event giving visitors an opportunity to discover New York's remarkable and diverse religious institutions and view their artistic and historical treasures. This year's Open House event commemorates the Conservancy's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year-long celebration.

<u>To date, congregations participating from the Mid-Hudson NY region in Sacred Sites Open</u> <u>House on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21, 2023, include:</u>

#### Cragsmoor

• Cragsmoor Stone Church, 280 Henry Road, Open Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21, 8:00am to 10:00pm

#### Poughkeepsie

• St. Paul's Church, 161 Mansion Street, Open Sunday, May 21, 10:00am to 2:00pm

For more information about New York Landmarks Conservancy Sacred Sites Open House, please visit www.nylandmarks.org.

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#### **About The New York Landmarks Conservancy**

The New York Landmarks Conservancy, a private non-profit organization, has led the effort to preserve and protect New York City's architectural legacy for over 50 years. Since its founding, the Conservancy has loaned and granted more than \$60 million, which has leveraged more than \$900 million in more than 1,300 restoration projects throughout New York, revitalizing communities, providing economic stimulus and supporting local jobs. The Conservancy has also offered countless hours of pro bono technical advice to building owners, both nonprofit organizations and individuals. The Conservancy's work has saved more than a thousand buildings across the City and State, protecting New York's distinctive architectural heritage for residents and visitors alike today, and for future generations. For more information, please visit www.nylandmarks.org.