



**CONSERVATION PROJECT  
ST. JAMES' CHURCH, DELHI**

## AN APPEAL

St. James' Church is a beautiful historical monument. It was built by the legendary Colonel James Skinner and was consecrated in the year 1836. It is also a live monument with about 200 members and worship takes place here every Sunday.

The monument is part of the history of Delhi for nearly two centuries now and utmost care and precaution needs to be taken to protect it. St. James' Church has been notified as **GRADE I Heritage Structure**, (serial number 22), as per the Gazette notification number 7(367)/227/2002/UD/841 issued by Urban Development department, Government of NCT of Delhi on 25th February 2010.

Presently the church is facing severe conservation issues which pose a serious threat to its structural durability and which need to be immediately attended to through scientific process within the parameters of conservation principles. The church belongs not only to the past but also to the future as well, and the present generation has the responsibility of ensuring this. Keeping this vision before them the Management and the members of St. James' Church have embarked on a holistic conservation project for the church and appointed INTACH Delhi Chapter as the consultant for the project.

INTACH Delhi Chapter submitted a **Detailed Project Report (DPR)** in April this year giving the conditional assessment, recommendations and the cost estimates for the project. A synopsis of this report – **Conservation Proposal for St. James' Church** - is also available from the Church. This abridged report gives the main points of the DPR.

The DPR calls for several steps that need to be taken towards the conservation of the church. These measures are divided in two phases. Phase I will cover the stabilisation of the foundation of the structure for long term durability and Phase II will be covering the works towards structural conservation and chemical conservation of the arts and antiquities in the church. The project period is estimated to be 20-24 months and we plan to start the works from September 2016.

The total project cost is about Rs 3.5 crores (Rs 35 million i.e. about USD 525000). This amount is beyond the financial means of the members of the church. We therefore appeal to all individuals, corporates, government organisations, NGOS, donor agencies, institutions in India and overseas to contribute generously towards this project and help us save this historical monument of Delhi.

St. James' Church is part of Delhi's history and we hope and pray that it will also be a part of Delhi's tomorrow. Please help us to do so.

With Best Regards and Wishes

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*Please mention the details of your contribution in the Form enclosed in this booklet.*

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# Contribution Form

I/We contribute Rs ..... (Rupees .....  
.....) by way of cash/cheque/RTGS/NEFT  
towards the Conservation Project of St. James' Church, Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

Cheque no. ....

RTGS/NEFT txn no. ....

Individual/Organisation Name: .....

Address: .....

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*Our Banking details:*

**ST. JAMES CHURCH FUND**

A/c No: 90322010094733

Syndicate Bank

1529-1530, Kashmere Gate, Delhi – 110006

For NEFT/RTGS transfers:

IFSC No: SYNB0009032

Bank: Syndicate Bank

Branch: Kashmere Gate

For foreign contributions (non-Indian) please send the funds to the below mentioned account:

**ST. JAMES CHURCH**

A/C No: 90322010013778

(Details of the bank are the same as above).

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*Please send this form to the church office address given below or email the same.*

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