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Rev. Alex Thomas Nicotra
Good Faith Ministries

Re: 421-423 North Rock Street, Shamokin, PA 17872

Dear Rev. Nicotra,

As per your request I looked at the fire-damaged structure located at 421-423 North Rock Street, Shamokin, PA 17872. From my observations I have drawn the following conclusions.

The existing foundation seems to be structurally sound along with most of the first floor framing. I was not able to get in the basement however, by jumping on the floor it seemed reasonably solid. The second floor wood joists in the front portion of the structure also seem to be fairly sound. Most of the second floor wood framing on the front portion of the structure is not charred or sustained only minor damage that could be repaired. The third floor framing is charred extensively with many of the joist being burnt beyond repair. The roof is burned beyond repair and has collapsed in the middle in many areas.

The rear of the structure is heavily damaged and is not worth saving beyond the first floor framing. There is not visible damage from the exterior however; the interior framing is heavily damaged unlike the front, which has visible exterior damage with less damage to the interior.

I believe from my observation of the structure that it would be cost effective to maintain some of the original structure, make necessary repairs and rebuild the rest as required to meet your needs.

I would suggest saving what you can and rebuild as a two-story facility that should provide adequate space for your needs.

Sincerely,

J. A. LeFevre

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