



PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND ACTION HOUSING PROVIDING NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE EAST END

In an effort to help address the affordable housing needs in the city, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is engaging ACTION-Housing Inc. of Pittsburgh in the sale of three apartment buildings for conversion into affordable units.

This revitalization project on N. Highland Ave. between Stanton and St. Marie in East Liberty includes updates of kitchens and bathrooms, new windows, a community room, a number of ADA accessible apartments, and landscaping of the grounds around the buildings.



“We believe we should

be good neighbors, as Jesus made clear throughout his teachings. Working with ACTION on providing affordable housing allows us to continue the Seminary's commitment to generous hospitality and helps to ensure that Pittsburgh remains a place for all people.”

JIM GOCKLEY, BOARD CHAIR, PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

ACTION-Housing's work focuses on a vision of the city where at-risk populations can be assured affordable places to live, with access to health care, supportive services, transit, and employment centers, and where all neighborhoods welcome and plan for the inclusion of those with lower incomes or with disabilities. ACTION and the Seminary are missionally aligned in serving all people.

Upon completion of the renovations, the buildings will provide housing for low-income and moderate-income households, including a focus on individuals with disabilities and single parents, and will continue to offer housing to Seminary students. The majority of the units for the general public will be affordable to households earning between 20 percent and 80 percent Area Median Income. The site offers immediate access to good public transportation, schools, parks, and fresh-food options while being conveniently located to the primary employment centers in the city.

“This project allows the Seminary to be good stewards of our resources while providing modern, affordable, proximate, and safe housing to our students and at the same time serving a neighborhood need.”

DAVID ESTERLINE, PRESIDENT AND PROFESSOR OF CROSS-CULTURAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION, PTS

Larry Swanson, executive director of ACTION-Housing, commented, “It is not often that an opportunity like this comes along. The leadership of the Seminary has demonstrated that we all have a chance to help address the issues faced by those with fewer resources and greater challenges to thriving in our city. ACTION-Housing is excited to be able to work alongside the Seminary to create new affordable housing in the East End.”

Rooted in the Reformed tradition and in relationship with Christ-followers from other traditions, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary forms and equips people for ministries familiar and yet to unfold and communities present and yet to be gathered.

Established in 1957 and with a long history serving the local area, ACTION-Housing is a non-profit working to empower people to build more secure and self-sufficient lives through the provision of decent, affordable housing, essential supportive services, asset building programs, and educational and employee opportunities.

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