

SUMMARY

40 pews, 14 ft average, 560 linear feet. Solid red oak, molded ends, built c. 1962. Original finish (nitrocellulose lacquer) recoated over hand oil sometime in the 1980s; now dull, sticky at the cap rails, crazed on south-side ends. Seats and backs upholstered once, c. 1995, on 1.5 lb foam that has collapsed to roughly half height. Structure sound: two loose end joints, one split seat board, four spinning floor anchors, kneeler hardware worn throughout.

Recommendation: Tier 2 — reupholster seats and backs on 2.8 lb HR foam, on-site wood refresh, structural repairs listed. Not a candidate for replacement. Not a candidate for full strip (finish is failing, wood is not).

GRADING SCALE

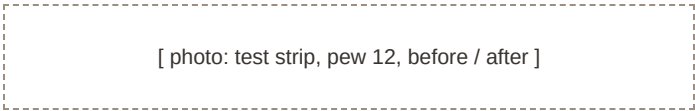
GRADE	WOOD	UPHOLSTERY
A	Finish intact, no structural notes	Foam full height, fabric sound
B	Finish dull or worn; refresh candidate	Foam softening; fabric worn at edges
C	Finish failed (sticky, crazed, peeling); refinish candidate	Foam collapsed; fabric stained or torn
D	Structural fault: loose joint, split, failed anchor	Deck cracked or padding missing

ROOM TALLY

GRADE	WOOD	UPHOLSTERY
A	0	0
B	31	6
C	7	34
D	2	0

TEST SECTION

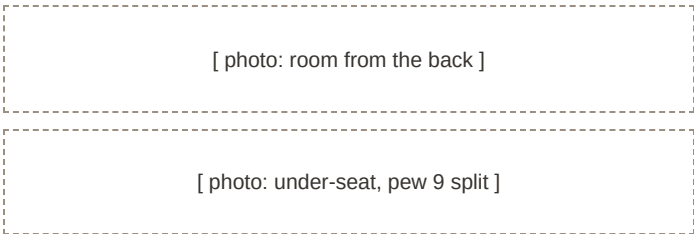
Pew 12, north end, 18-inch strip: degreased, hand scuffed, toned to match, one coat waterborne conversion varnish. Photographed before and after; left in place for the committee to see at service time.



PER-PEW FINDINGS (EXCERPT — FULL TABLE IN APPENDIX)

PEW	WOOD	UPH.	NOTES
1	B	C	Cap rail dull; foam collapsed
2	B	C	—
3	C	C	South end crazed, UV
4	D	C	Loose end joint, east; re-wedge
5	B	C	Anchor spinning, aisle end
6	B	B	—
7	C	C	Sticky rail; hand oil under lacquer
8	B	C	Kneeler hinge worn
9	D	C	Split seat board, 14 in.; glue and clamp
10	B	C	Anchor spinning
... pews 11–40 in appendix, with photographs			

PHOTOGRAPHS



Three-tier budget

Sample Sanctuary · 560 linear feet
Prices from bethelfinishworks.com/cost

TIER	WHAT IS DONE	RANGE
1 • Stop the bleeding	Structural repairs only: 2 loose joints re-wedged, 1 split board glued, 4 anchors reset, kneeler hardware replaced. Nothing cosmetic.	\$1,800–3,200
2 • Recommended	Tier 1, plus seats and backs reupholstered on 2.8 lb HR foam in a pew-grade contract fabric, plus on-site wood refresh (degrease, scuff, tone, two coats). Half the room at a time; two weeks on site.	\$42,000–62,000
3 • Full	Tier 2, but the seven grade-C pews fully refinished (strip, stain, seal, topcoat) rather than refreshed, kneelers recovered, cap rails on all 40 pews refinished. Three to four weeks on site.	\$58,000–80,000

Ranges use published per-foot prices. The final number moves with what is found once the padding is off; anything outside this range is photographed and priced before it is touched.

WHAT WE WOULD SPECIFY

- **Foam:** 2.8 lb HR; seat 35–40 ILD, back 24–28, kneeler 45–50; Dacron wrap.
- **Fabric:** pew-grade contract olefin, 100,000+ double rubs, mill-applied treatment, CAL 117-2013 / NFPA 260 certificate on file. Three samples left on pew 12 for a week.
- **Finish:** waterborne conversion varnish, ~250 g/L VOC, satin. Product and data sheet named in the contract.
- **Repairs:** hide glue, wedged tenons, dowel-plugged anchors. Reversible.

SCHEDULE

- Fabric lead time: 2–3 weeks (stock color).
- Week 1: north half. Week 2: south half.
- Service-ready by 6 a.m. each Sunday; carve-outs as written in the contract.

WHAT YOU KEEP

This report, the per-pew table with photographs, the test strip on pew 12, and the three ranges — whether or not you hire us. Bring it to any other bidder and ask them to price the same tiers.

NEXT STEP

Choose a tier, or ask us to write one you would rather have. A written quote follows within two business days of the committee's answer. Quotes hold for 90 days.

SIGN-OFF

Prepared by: _____ Date: _____

Received for the church: _____ Date: _____