



***Park Street Church Accessibility Integration  
Boston, Massachusetts***

Park Street Church in Boston, constructed in 1809, is a significant historic structure in both locally and nationally designated historic districts. In celebration of its 200th anniversary in 2009, the church was made fully accessible for the disabled and a new ministry, called Enable Boston, was equipped to integrate people of all abilities into various aspects of church and community life.

Mills Whitaker Architects designed a new three-stop elevator, accessible entrance, welcome center and wheelchair seating in order to meet current regulations. The accessible features were woven into the historic fabric of the facility and included the removal of a dysfunctional, seven-stop combination of a remote elevator and cumbersome pair of wheelchair lifts. The renovation has brought a new sense of hospitality into this historic facility. The project received the 2009 Honor Award for accessibility in historic structures from the Boston Society of Architects and Massachusetts Architectural Access Board.