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# Clayborn Temple stained glass could capture historic events

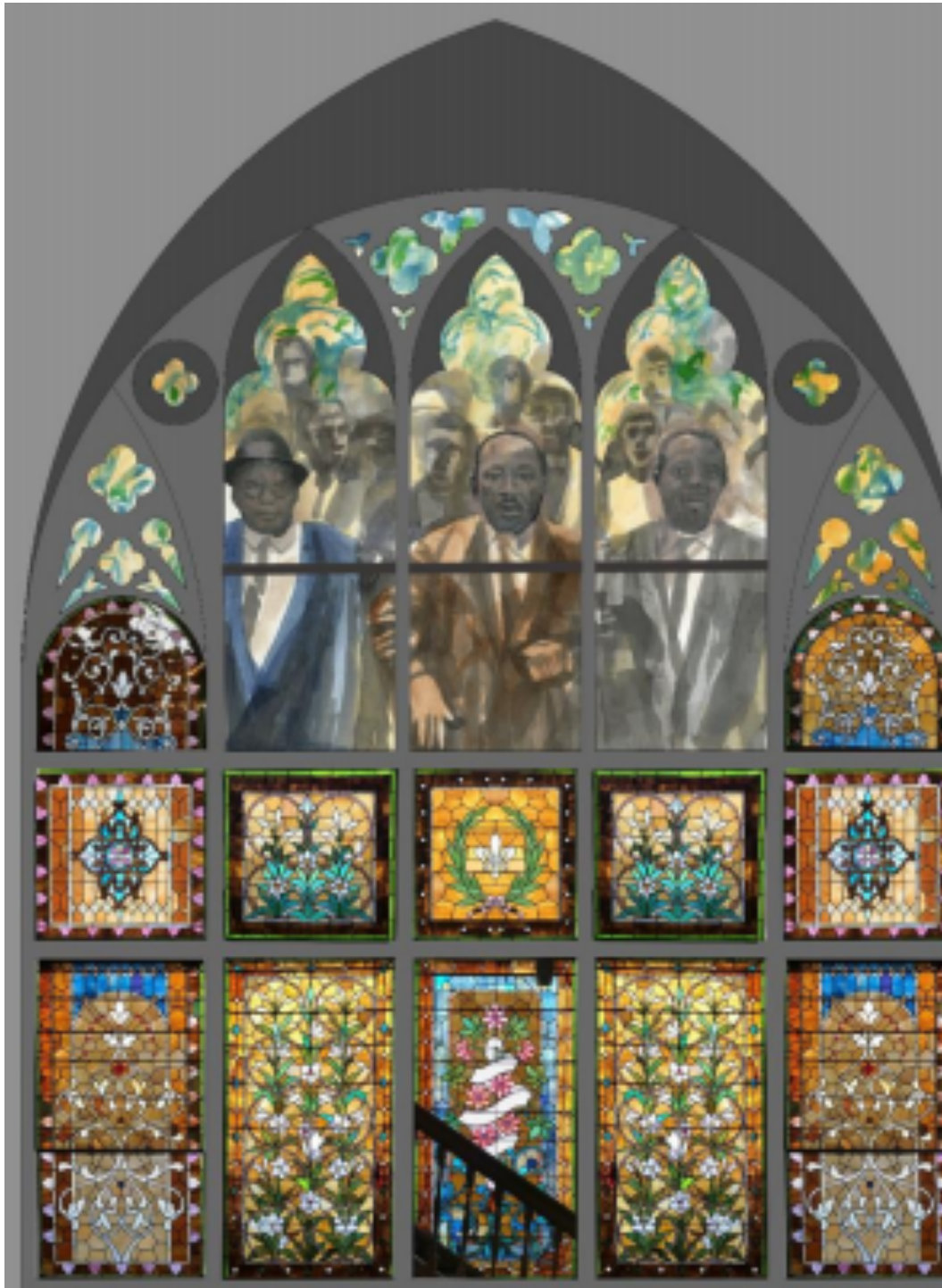
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Iconic images from the 1968 Sanitation Workers strike may be reflected in the restored Historic Clayborn Temple.

The nonprofit organization leading the restoration at 294 Hernando St. has submitted images in its application for a \$50,000 grant from the Center City Development Corp. (CCDC).

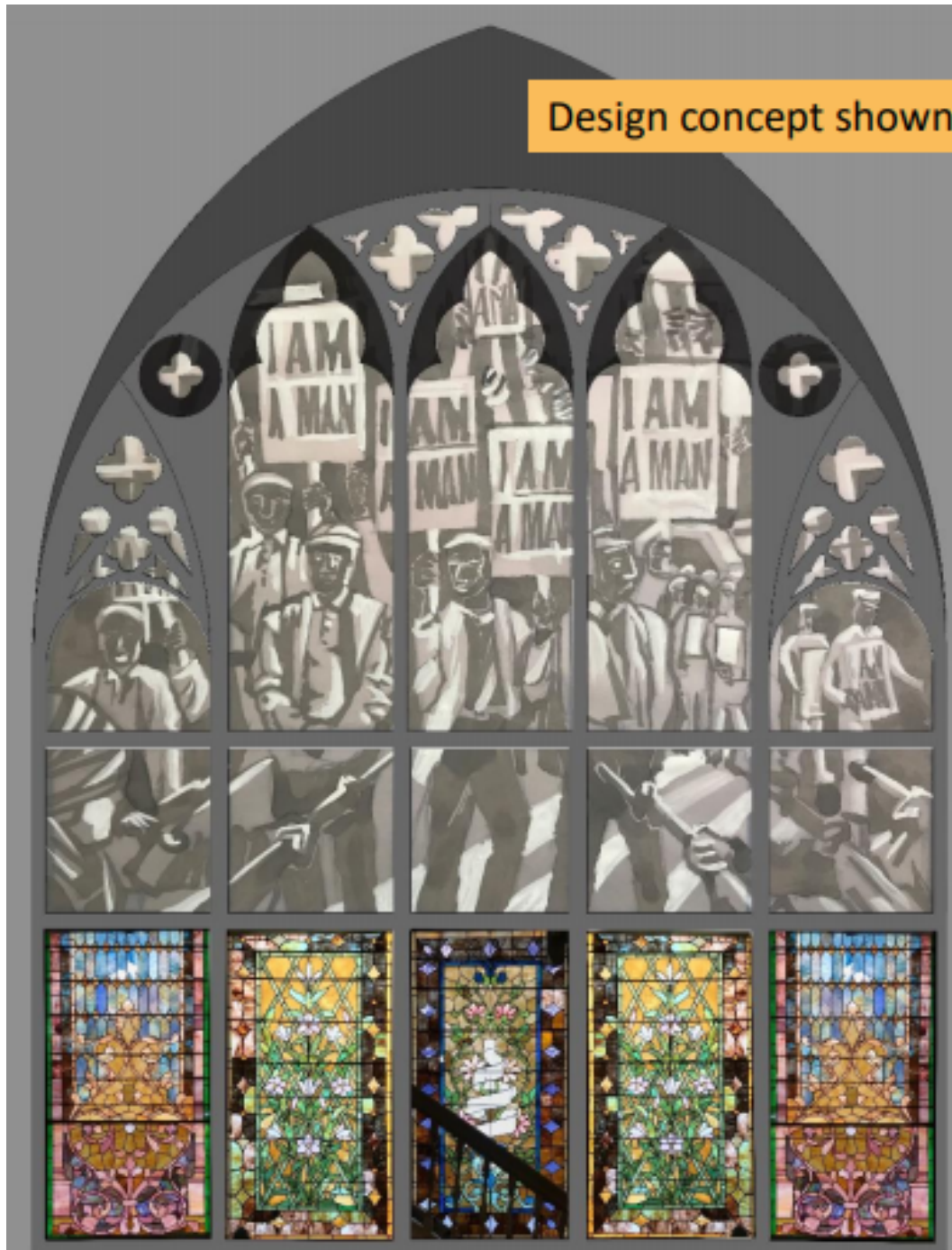
The South City Good Neighbor Grant would pay that portion of the \$478,346 cost to restore or create new stained glass for the 129-year-old church building that played a role in the civil rights and labor movements in the 1960s.



**Concept for new stained-glass windows.** (Courtesy Pearl River Glass Studio)

The stained glass proposal would take inspiration from photographs of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. leading a march and of striking sanitation workers holding “I Am A Man” signs.

The Center City Development Corp. will consider the request in an online meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17.



**Concept for new stained glass.** (Courtesy Pearl River Glass Studio)

The stained-glass work is part of the second phase of a five-phase project to restore the historic building.

The stained-glass project focuses on the north, south and west facades, the CCDC staff report states.

Pearl River Glass Studio, based in Jackson, Mississippi, is leading the window

project.

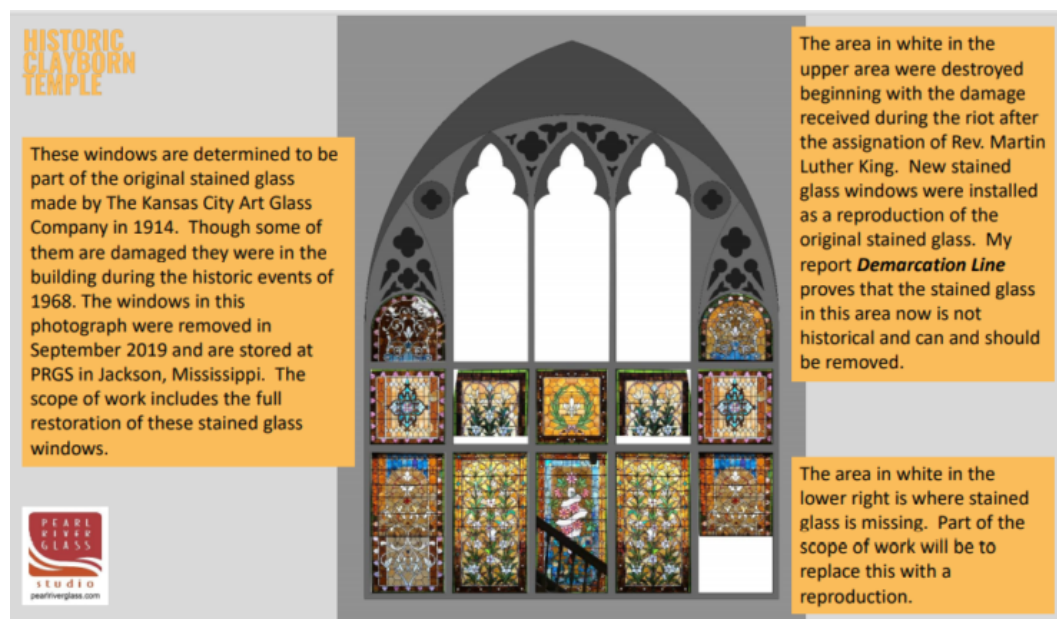
The proposed windows still must be approved by the National Park Service, State Historic Preservation Office of Tennessee and a selection panel for the nonprofit organization, the CCDC staff report states.

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### \$1.5M building permit filed for Clayborn Temple exterior work

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Even though images for the stained glass already have been identified, other artists will be chosen to collaborate to “digitally translate the final design,” the report states.



**Concept for new stained glass.** (Courtesy Pearl River Design Studio)

The church was built by Second Presbyterian Church, but sold in 1949 to an African American congregation and renamed in honor of an African American Episcopal bishop.

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A nonprofit organization operates the building and plans new programs there in the pursuit of art-making, economic justice, social innovation and community transformation, the report states.



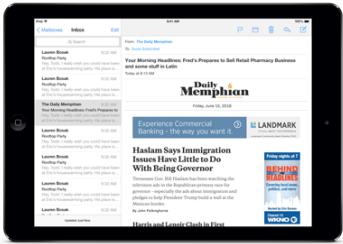
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