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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Steeple Gets Repaired at the Campton Congregational Church**

#### **Fundraising Efforts Still Going On**

**Campton:** Many people in the community, who regularly travel back and forth along Route 175 north of Blair Road intersection, can picture the Campton Congregational Church's steeple rising high above the trees at the bend in the road. Over the last six months, passersby likely noticed the mechanical lift that has been sitting in the church's parking lot.

Members of the church, over a year ago, were alarmed to hear about the amount of rot discovered in the steeple's inside chamber. Many years ago, more wood was added on to the original boards to strengthen the structure. It was when one of those boards fell off that it revealed how much work was needed to save the steeple. Scott Pulsifer, the warden of the Church's building and maintenance committee said, "One of the supporting beams, was so rotten a finger could poke a hole right through it."

Upon learning that repair work was needed quickly, the members of the Campton Congregational Church, pictured here, began raising money to repair the steeple. Dean Rodgers of ABC Construction of Campton was hired to replace the rotten wood, rebuild the inside structure, seal it from the weather and give the outside a new coat of white paint. The contractor said, "had the church members not found the extent of the rot, the steeple may have toppled over within three years!"

“We are glad the work is now completed and the steeple is here to stay! We want to thank everyone in the community that contributed to the steeple repair fund by making a donation, attending an event or purchasing items at our yard sales. Unfortunately, the amount raised to date, only covers 15% of the expense”, said Sandra Jones of Holderness, a member of the fundraising committee. “We welcome additional donations from members of our community to help us replenish the church’s repair fund.”

The Campton Congregational Church was built in 1825 and originally resided in the area where the White Mountain National Forest Headquarters is currently located. It was moved to its present location at 495 Rte. 175 in Campton in 1858. To help church members maintain the historic church and cover the cost of the steeple repair, a donation can be mailed to the Campton Congregational Church, PO Box 328 Campton, NH 03223. Please note on your check “Steeple Fund” in the memo line. To learn more about the worship services and activities of the Campton Congregational Church visit: [www.camptoncongregationalchurch.org](http://www.camptoncongregationalchurch.org)

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