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## Protestant Reformed Church Gets Heavenly Help From The Hamstra Group

**A**t The Hamstra Group, helping churches build new homes has become an important facet of the company's services. With expertise gleaned through years of working with congregations in the Midwest, the company is able to expeditiously design and build attractive and efficient facilities.

Finishing touches are now complete for just such a client—the Protestant Reformed Church (PRC)—with whom The Hamstra Group has worked on several projects. The new church, located in Crete, Ill., opened this summer. Hamstra project manager Curt Albertson and site

superintendent Dan Doege have worked on more than two dozen church building programs in the last decade. Working closely with the team is PRC Building Committee chairman Gil Van Baren.

According to Van Baren, working with The Hamstra Group is “heavenly” (pun intended).

“These are very good people,” Van Baren says. “They put our needs first, they know what they’re doing, and they make what can be an

arduous process extremely smooth and enjoyable.”

The feeling is mutual. Doege, who has worked with this congregation on several other projects, says the PRC committee is results-oriented.

“Many of the committee members are construction workers themselves,” notes Doege. “When issues come up, they are quickly resolved with a team effort. They have great senses of humor and are a lot of fun to work

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with, which makes the construction phase very enjoyable.”

The new church boasts a modern, clean design, with an exterior featuring red brick and beige stone accents. The 26,000-square-foot building includes a large sanctuary, roomy main entry hall and gathering space, pastor’s offices, Sunday school classrooms and storage space, kitchen facilities, and a parking lot to accommodate the congregation’s growing membership. A trio of specially designed stained glass windows complements the sanctuary.



The PRC has a long history in the region. Established in 1926 with just seven families, the church was located in Lansing, Ill., for many years. The original church

had no basement, no plumbing, and was heated by a coal burner. The PRC recently sold facilities in South Holland to finance the building of its new, larger Crete location.

“We’ve worked with the Protestant Reformed Church on many

projects and it’s always a satisfying experience,” says Albertson. “We’re proud of the track record we’ve built together.”

In addition to this latest church, The Hamstra Group has built religious structures, school, and associated facilities for numerous clients.

Its recent church construction work includes Fairhaven Baptist Church in Chesterton, Ind.; Chicagoland Christian Village in Crown Point, Ind.; Galveston United Methodist Church in Galveston, Ind.; Lafayette United Methodist Church in Lafayette, Ind.; Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Ill.; and Cornerstone Church in St. John, Ind. Information and photos of these projects can be viewed at the firm’s website, [www.hamstragroup.com](http://www.hamstragroup.com).



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