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Constructed in 1960, the Chapel at Wisdom House is a place where people come to invoke and experience the presence of the Divine.

The first sounds heard here were the voices of more than 100 Catholic nuns, the Daughters of Wisdom. They prayed in Latin, French, and English and sang in their search of Divine Wisdom. Now, almost 50 years later, Wisdom is still sought, but new faces and new voices fill this sacred space. People of all faith traditions come. Prayers, in all languages, are raised.

Having endured the unpredictability of our New England weather all these years, the original non-descript chapel windows steadily have been cracking and the window frames are deteriorating. New chapel

windows will revive the integrity of this sacred space and enhance the spiritual growth of all our guests.

Artist Hugh O'Donnell has created a series of nine windows inspired by the Wisdom Scriptures which speak of God as Wisdom, Sophia, the artisan of all creation. The title of the window series is *"In Sophia's Garden."*

Please help us in this venture and help us make this vision a reality by your generous donation to our windows campaign. Our goal is \$170,000. You will help us honor the Biblical Wisdom tradition and give new life and new hope to all who come here to seek God in this "garden of light."

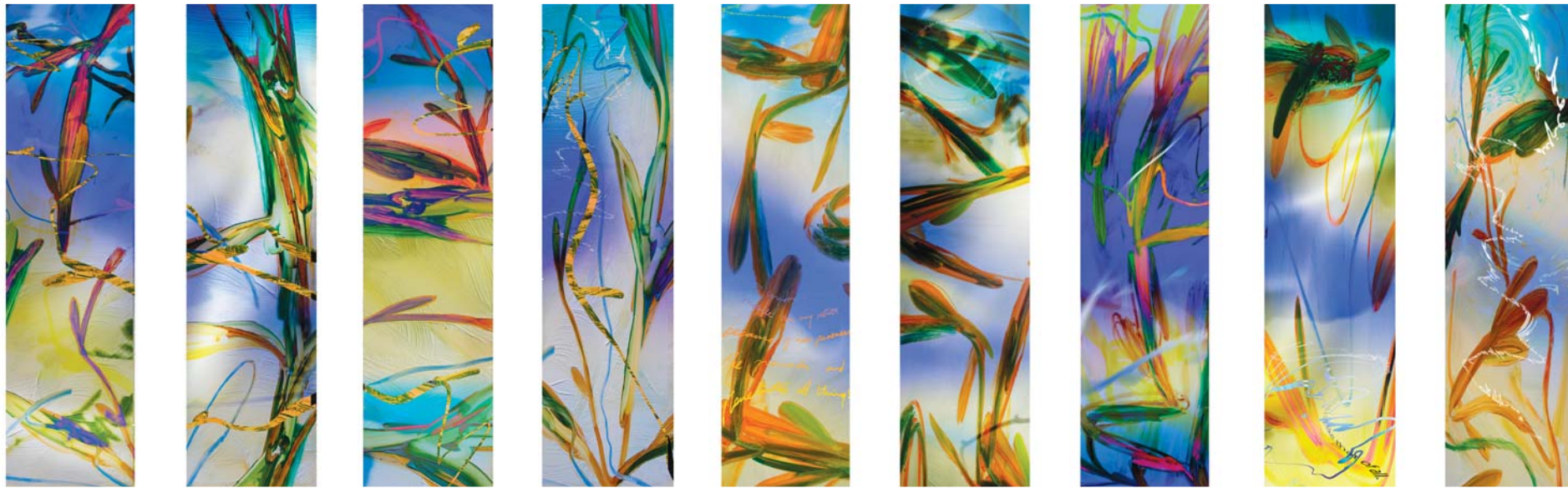
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1960 chapel window.


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"In Sophia's Garden", nine 15'x4' windows for the Wisdom House chapel.

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\$50 \$100 \$500 \$1,000 \$2,500

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ARTIST'S STATEMENT

Creating a series of images for a whole room dedicated to meditation and contemplation is one of the best tasks a visual artist can undertake. The task was made even more exciting when it was clear that the inspiration of spiritual wisdom understood by the Daughters of Wisdom was at the heart of the commission.

Very few examples of fine art deploy imagery in this way. The innovation opens the way for new uses of imagery beyond traditional stained glass.

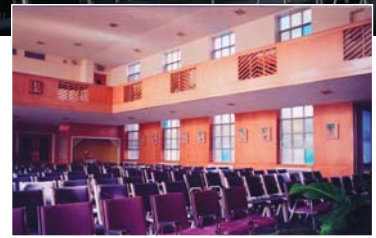
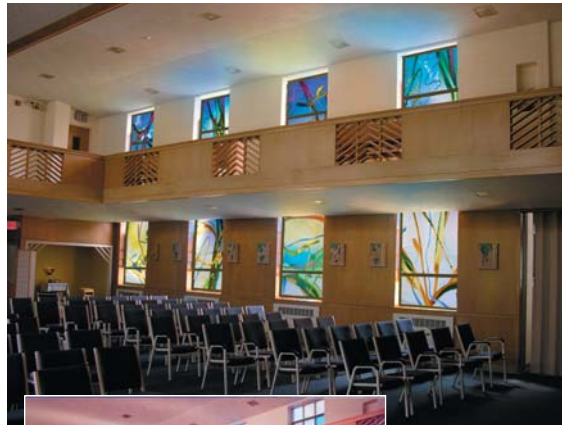
Over the past 15 years, my painting has come to center on the struggle for light and space happening on every level of life. The struggle for light and space is necessary for growth. Protecting life and creating the conditions for life are central to all belief in God.

The *Book of Wisdom* has taken me beyond the idea of a contest between light and dark to something that transcends this. I particularly like the quote that refers to Sophia as ...*"She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light, she is found superior, but, against wisdom, evil does not prevail."* (Wisdom 7:29-30)

HUGH O'DONNELL The designs provide a context in which to reflect on nature as constant and pervading all things. The medium of the work is a combination of traditional painting in oil on canvas, digital manipulation and laminated glass technology.

HUGH O'DONNELL is an internationally recognized artist. He is a professor of painting at Boston University College of Fine Arts. His work is held in private and public collections including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Museum of Modern Art, New York; Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York; National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; Yokohama Museum of Art, Japan; The Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Arts, Connecticut, Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

Hugh has most recently published, *"Body Echo,"* which chronicles a drawing project he developed to evolve a new practice of drawing from nature.



Rendering of the west wall of "In Sophia's Garden" windows.

1960 windows being replaced.



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