



Tzu-Chi Buddhist Compassion Relief, Cedar Grove, New Jersey

Joel Ives, AIA having been the architect of a major renovation to the existing two-story office building, was the perfect candidate to design a renovation for Tzu-Chi to convert the structure into a Buddhist Temple and a Sunday school. In transforming the office building entrances, additions were added on both main elevations to provide new appropriate design elements fitting for a Buddhist Temple. A new curved parapet contrasts with the skyline. A lotus pond and specialized details such as handrails reminiscent of architecture in China, are key elements in the design. Mr. Ives had the difficult task of taking the project through the Zoning Board in order to obtain approvals.



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