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The National Center for the Preservation of Democracy is housed in the former Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. In the fall of 2005, the National Center opened in the renovated historic building with a the Democracy Forum added onto the north end. Total project cost for the historic renovation and expansion covering 36,500sf, was \$10.5M. This Forum includes a 200-seat auditorium which serves as the centerpiece to the Center's commitment to democratic goals of discourse, dialogue and meaningful community engagement. It is fully equipped with communication technology for live television, radio, and internet broadcasts, beautifully integrated into the architecture. Although glazed, the Forum is acoustically isolated from the outside and designed so that the audience can easily hear and engage back and forth with whomever is on stage. Both the Forum's acoustics and its unique wedge-shaped seating plan enable the audience to see and interact with each other, not simply to passively listen. MCH provided full scope acoustical and audiovisual programming, planning and design services through full user acceptance testing and training to meet the user's program requirements for a truly state-of-the-art facility.



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