

# **Reuse of religious heritage in the Netherlands**

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# Church for sale



# The Dutch are changing





# Dom Utrecht from the air



# Matthias Withoos, View on Amersfoort, 1627



# Museum in monastery, Ter Apel



# The threat of demolition







# Religious buildings

- $\geq 1200$  – 19.000 churches built
- $\geq 2007/8$  – 4.240 churches are left, of which:
  - 1.740 catholic
  - 2.320 protestant

Total listed monuments:	60.000
Listed churches:	2.607
Listed monasteries:	<u>266</u>
	5%



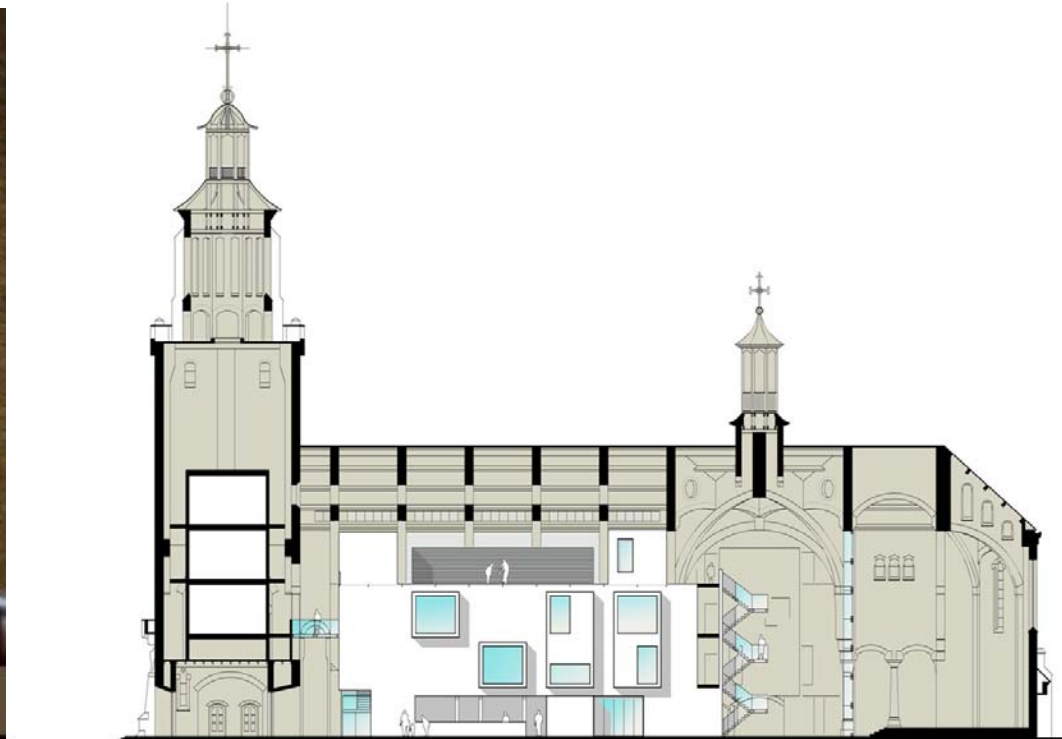
# Clocktower postwar Marturia church, Assen, demolition 2006



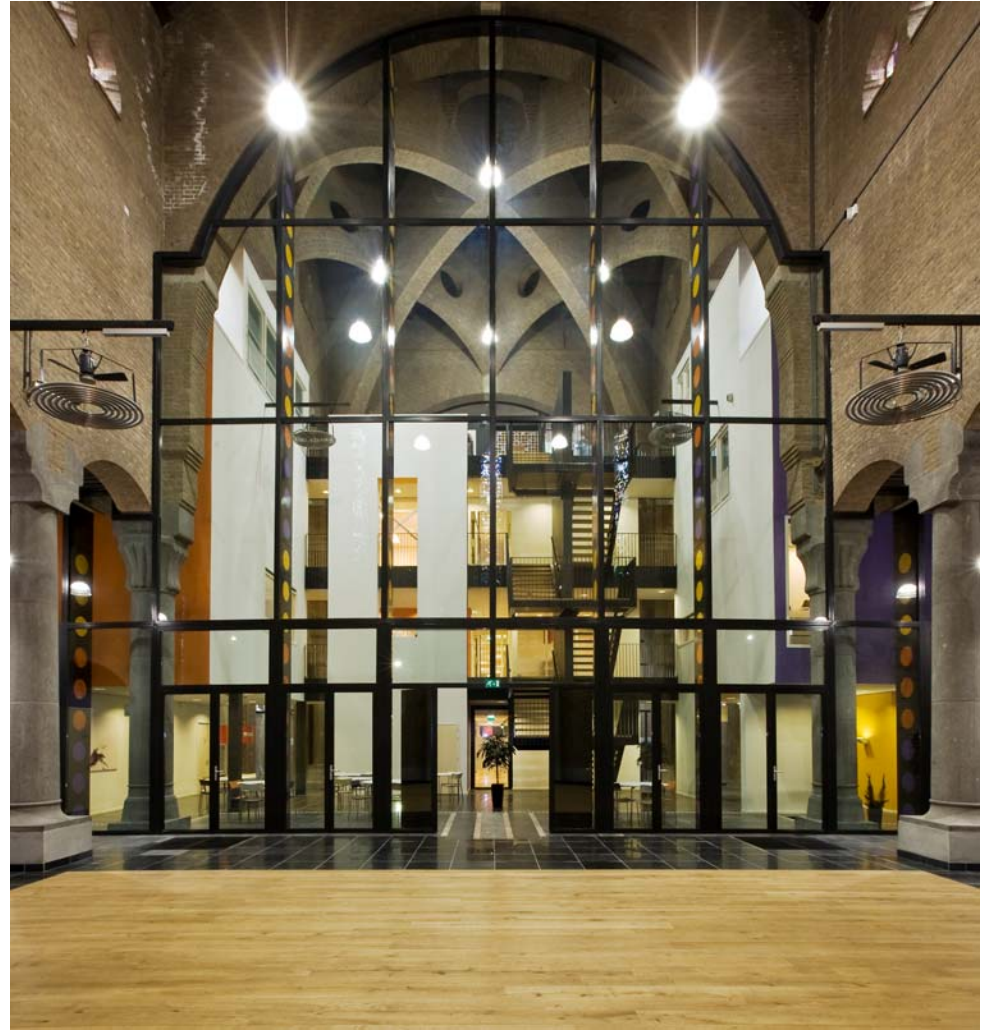
# **A few conditions on redevelopment**

- Respect for the cultural values
- Interior space must kept open
- Built-in should be reversible

# Leonardus church, Helmond



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# Anna church, theatre, Helmond



# Multifunctional spaces for markets, cultural manifestations like theatre, plus rental for offices



# Another good example? Parking under Elba church, Haarlem



# Another good example?



# Bernadette church, Helmond



# Holy water supply?





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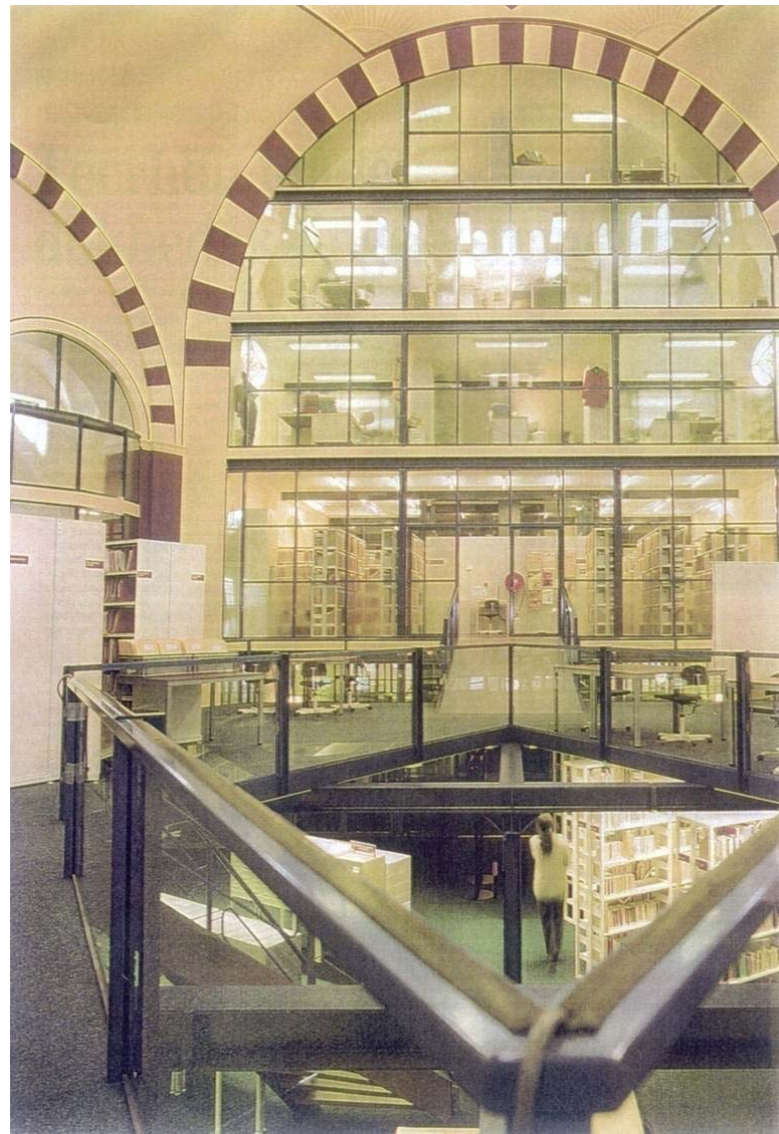
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# Lawyer's office in a church





# Majella church, Amsterdam, 1925 architect Stuyt, 1993



**Posthoorn church, Amsterdam,  
architect P. H. Cuypers 1861, saved from  
demolition 1986**





# Bookshop in Dominican church, Maastricht





# Building a chapel of ice, Year of Religious Heritage 2008, Utrecht



# **Religious heritage has to belief in the future**

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