BROEREKERK

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The 'Broerekerk' (church) in Bolsward (the Netherlands) is the oldest building of this city. It is built in the 13th century and it was owned by a monastic order. In May 1980 the building has burnt down. After a design competition (won by architect Jelle de Jong) it was renovated in 2006 and a glass roof was added to the old structure.

Because the new glass roof of the church follows the original shape of the barrel vaults, the original experience of the interior space has delicately been restored. The roof is suspended from filigree steel trusses in the outer contour of the old roof line. With the restoration of this important building, it returns into the cityscape as a renewed monument.