

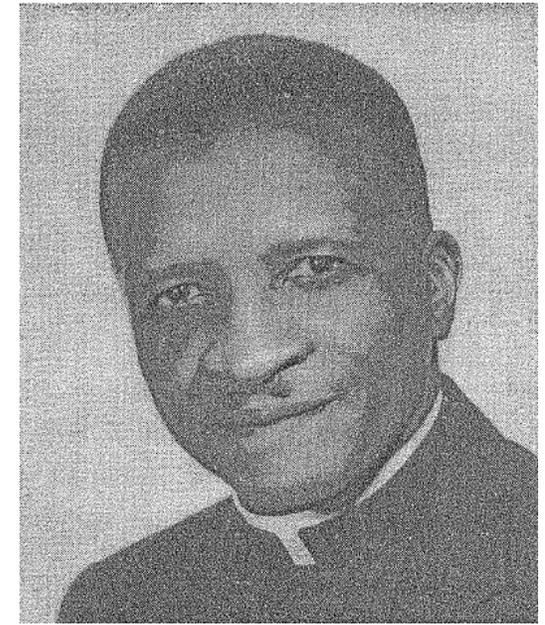
# Cleveland Landmark Nomination

Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church

15309 Harvard Avenue



# Rev. Allen G. Youngblood



- Ordained Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary - 1945
- Organized Annunciation Lutheran Church in Philadelphia (1945-1952)
- Organized Ascension Lutheran Church in Toledo (1952-1960)
- Came to Cleveland to organize a Lutheran Church on the east side of Cleveland (1960)
- Services begun at the Masonic Temple of York Masons, 13512 Kinsman Road on November 27, 1960 with 9 members

# Lutheran Church Recent History

- 1960 – American Lutheran Church (ALC)
- 1962 – Lutheran Church in America (LCA)
  - Merger of four organizations
    - United Lutheran Church in America
    - Augustana Lutheran Church
    - American Evangelical Lutheran Church
    - Suomi Synod
- 1976 – Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (AELC)
- The Lutheran Church in America merged with the American Lutheran Church and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in 1988 to form the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA)

# Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church



- Moved to current location, a former carry-out liquor store in 1962
- Purchased by the Home Mission Board of the Ohio Synod
- First service in this building was on April 1, 1962
- Church officially organized on June 10, 1962

## Interracial Church Is Organized

An interracial congregation — Advent Lutheran Church — was formally organized yesterday in what was formerly a carry-out store at 15309 Harvard Avenue S.E.

Dr. Herbert H. Veler, president of the Synod of Ohio of the United Lutheran Church in America, officiated at the rite, assisted by Dr. Albert H. Buhl, director of Home Missions of the synod. Both are of Columbus.

The organizing pastor, the

Rev. Allen G. Youngblood, conducted confirmation for the 60 adult charter members. While the group is predominantly Negro, two members are white—one a teacher in the Shaker Heights public school system.

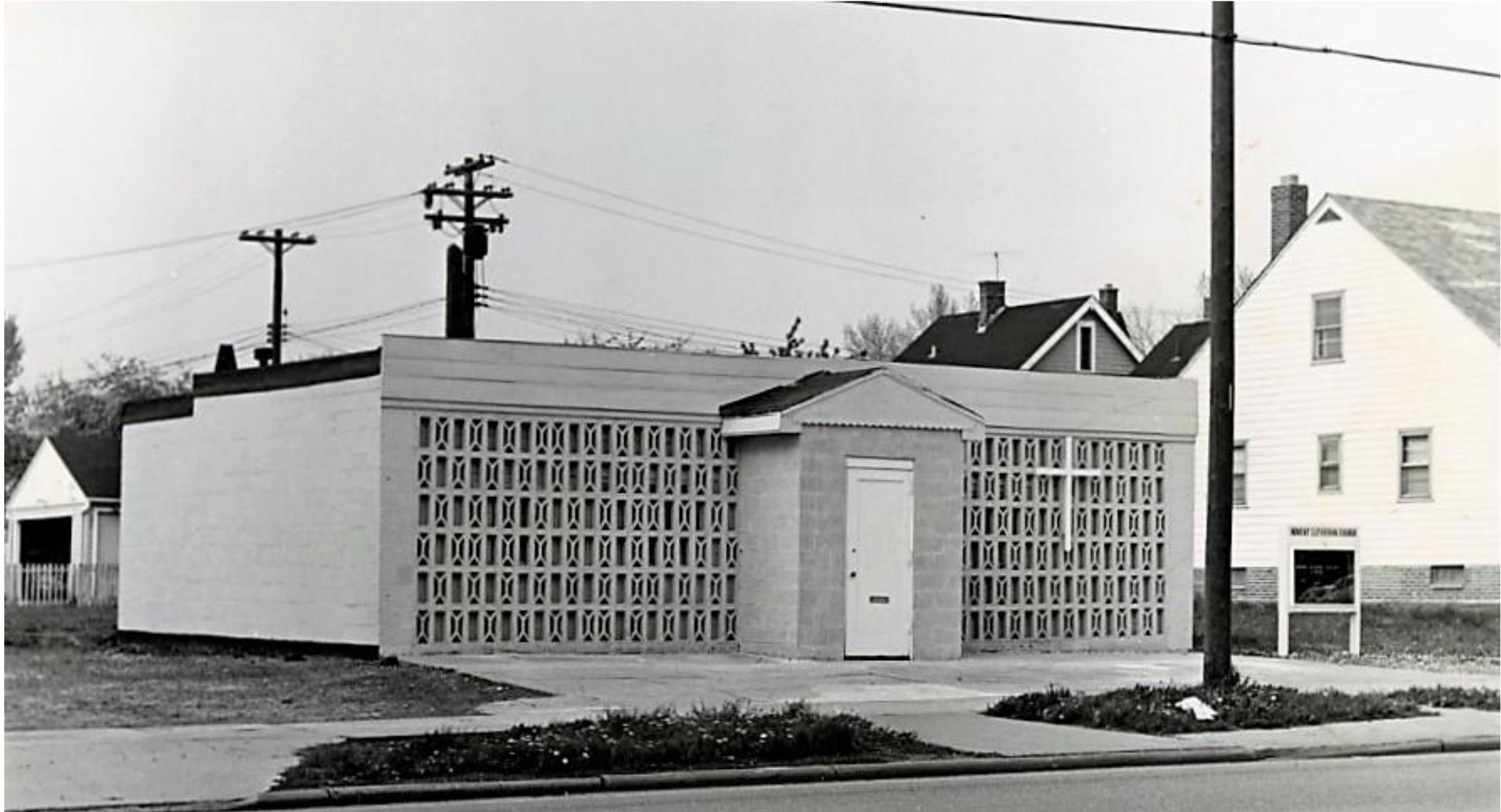
THE CHURCH anticipates beginning construction within a year for a new edifice at its present site, the pastor said.

Services, begun in December, 1960, in Masonic Temple

of York Masons, were moved this spring to the former carry-out store. Church members converted the structure to give it an attractive appearance.

The Rev. Mr. Youngblood said duplicate morning services are planned to accommodate the growing congregation.

He previously has organized Annunciation Lutheran Church in Toledo.



# Ohio Synod (LCA)

- Formed in September 1962
- Comprised of 337 congregations and 390 ministers
- Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church was the first to be received into the new synod sponsored by the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church on September 14, 1962



# A New Church

- “Mid-century design, influenced by Usonian architecture, is unusual in that it employs the screen sub-style of modern – a style more often reserved for office rather than ecclesiastical buildings.” – *The Making of Cleveland’s Black Suburb in the City: Lee-Seville & Lee – Harvard*
- Cost of \$145,000
- Architects Whitley & Whitley, Inc.



## WHITLEY/WHITLEY ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS, LLC.

**Whitley/Whitley, LLC.** is a firm of architects and planners established in 1963 whose work is focused on urban areas. The firm, consequently, has extensive experience in addressing in planning and design terms the problems associated with redeveloping, building and rehabilitating urban communities and public facilities.

**Whitley/Whitley LLC.,** has been responsible for designing a wide range of type and scale of public facilities including offices, schools, jails, vehicle maintenance and storage facilities, museums, libraries, post offices and mass transit facilities and has provided design services for buildings representing a range of construction costs.



# Family of Architects and Planners



## William and James Whitley

- First African American twin brothers registered as architects in the State of Ohio
- One of the oldest African American Architectural firms still in practice in the State of Ohio with over 60 years of design excellence.
- Firm established in 1963 by James Whitley



## R. Joyce Whitley

- Possibly the first African-American woman City Planner & Urban Designer in the United States (Chicago, 1963)
- Roosevelt Island Housing Community
- Chief Planning Advisor for the Model Cities Administration
- Cleveland Planning Commission (1975 - 1976)



## Scott Whitley

- Second Generation Architect
- President of Whitley/Whitley Architects 2009 - Present



## Significance of Advent Lutheran Church

- Given an opportunity from the church (Advent Lutheran Church) in their community
- The first Whitley/Whitley project
- Allowed them to take a leap of faith and start a business
- Helped catapult Whitley/Whitley to its future success



## Selected Architectural Projects:

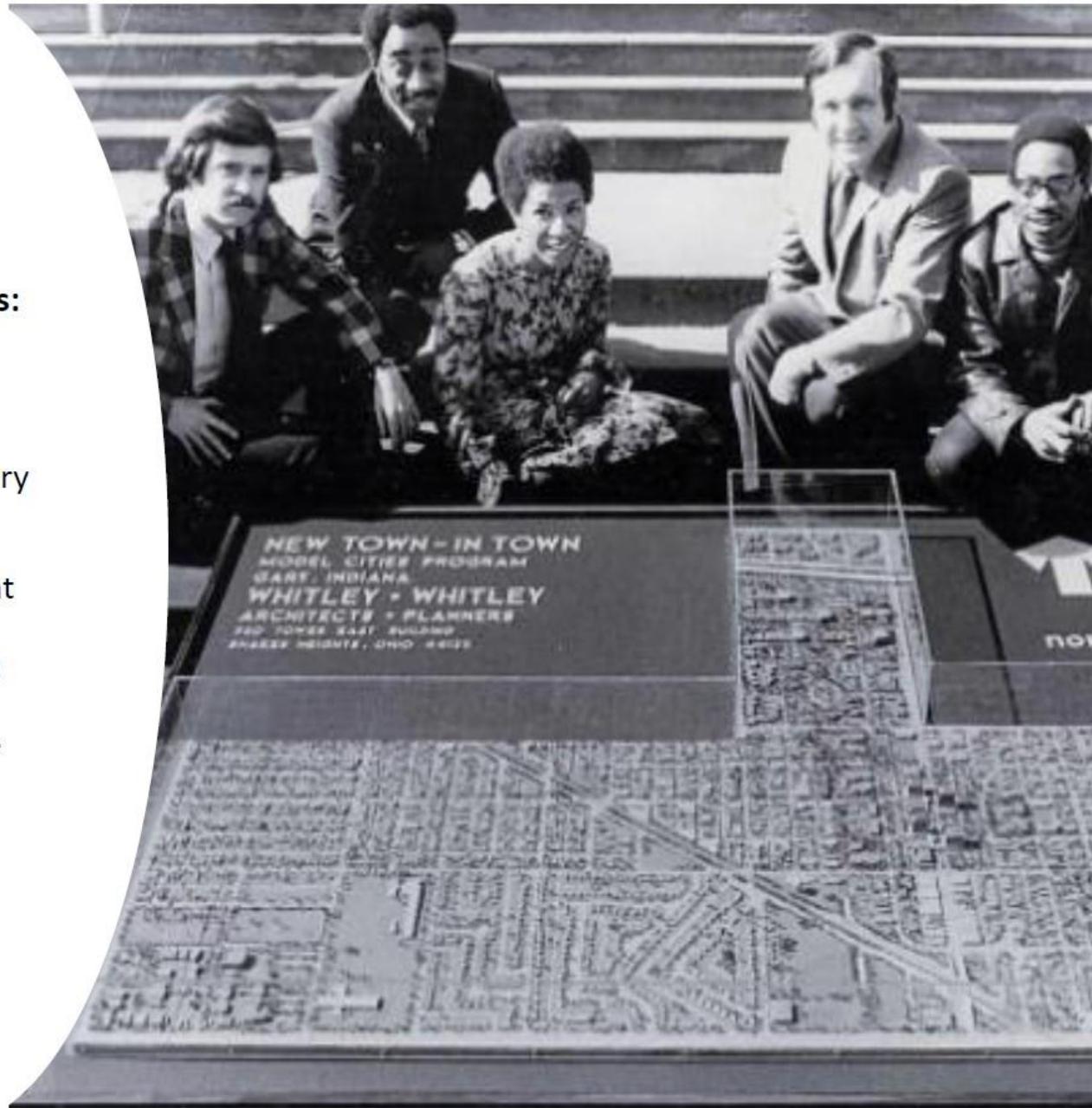
- Tower City "The Avenue", Cleveland, Ohio
- Gateway "Progressive Field", Cleveland Guardians Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio
- Cleveland State University Clock Tower, Cleveland, Ohio
- Cleveland State University Wolstein Center, Cleveland, Ohio
- Jackson Park Terrace Highrise Towers, Chicago, Illinois
- Kent State University Fashion Museum, Kent, Ohio
- Cleveland Public Library - Lee Harvard Branch, Cleveland, Ohio
- John F. Kennedy High School Recreation Center, Cleveland, Ohio
- Cleveland Clinic Guesthouse Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio





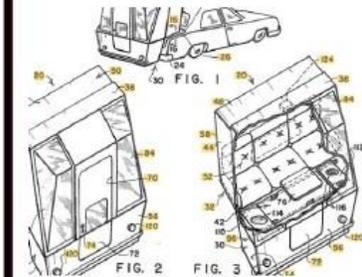
### Selected Planning Projects:

- **Roosevelt Island Housing Community**, New York, New York
- **New Town – In Town**, Gary Indiana
- **Master Plan Northside Preservation Group**, Saint Louis
- **Master Plan for the Civic Center**, Atlanta, Ga.
- **Master Facilities Plan for NASA Lewis Research**, Cleveland, Ohio
- **Master Plan Carver Estates**, Cleveland, Ohio
- **Six Year Housing Plan & Program**, Gary, Indiana

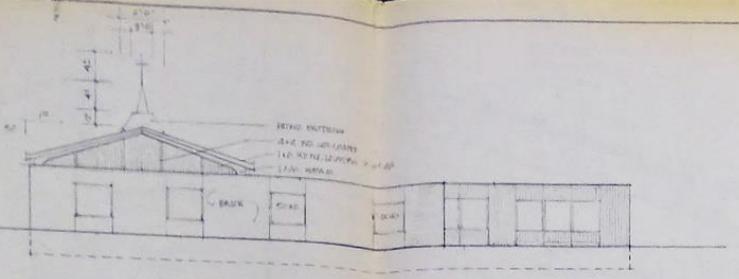


# Some Notable Achievements

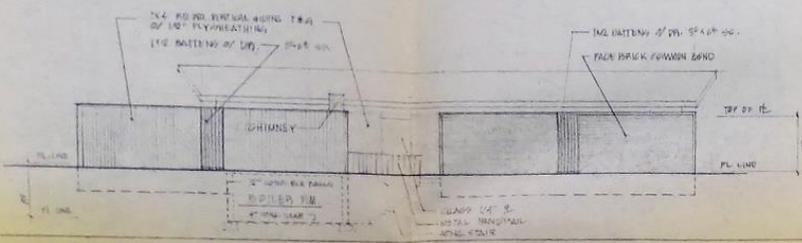
- **Recognized for Architectural Design Excellence**
  - Two (2) time winner of the International Progressive Architecture Design Competition Award
  - Winner of the Architects Society of Ohio Honor Award (Multiple Awards)
  - Winner of the Excellence in Masonry Design Award (Multiple Awards)
  - Winner of the Design for a New Decade Award
  - OAMAE Design Award
- **William Whitley** – Headed the Cleveland Housing Division of Operation PUSH during the housing crisis of the mid-1970's
- **James Whitley** – Served as President of the Urban League of Greater Cleveland (1970's)
- **The Whitley Family** was named, "1972 Family of the Year" by the Urban League of Greater Cleveland
- **William and James Whitley** – Inventors who hold eight (8) U.S. Patents
- **R. Joyce Whitley** – Playwright of the theatrical play, "Dreams of Callahan" performed at Karamu House (1990)
- **R. Joyce Whitley** – Chief Planner for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (1967 – 1968)
- **William Whitley** – Father of Actress/Comedian Kym Whitley, winner of 2022 NAACP Image Award



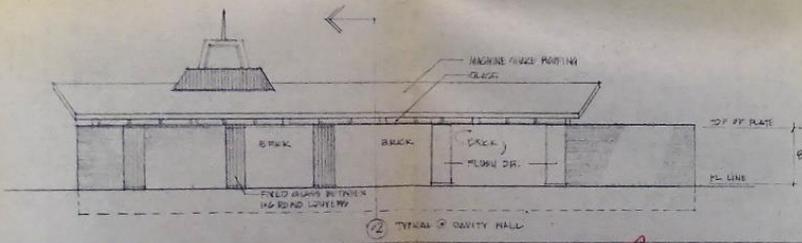




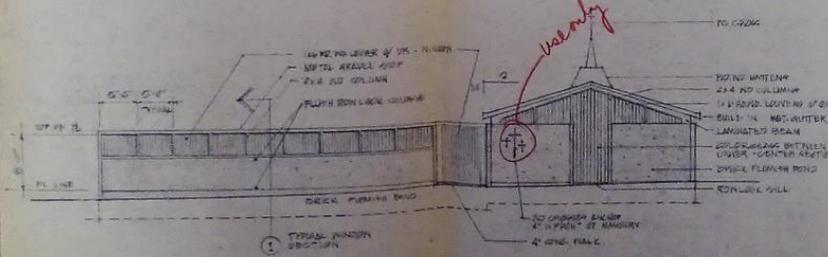
REAR ELEVATION



LEFT ELEVATION 1/8" = 1'-0"



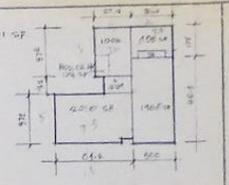
RIGHT ELEVATION



FRONT ELEVATION 1/8" = 1'-0"

1. VINYL MORTAR TILE TYPICAL 4" AND 8" WIDE
2. ALL INTERIOR PARTITIONS - STUD 2x4 BRICK WALL BOTH SIDES
3. BRICK GLAZED THRU SUT - EXCEPT 3' BOILER RM.
4. AVAILABLE STORAGE SH. ARE ON ROLLERS
5. FLOOR 3x6 PL. CERAMIC TILE
6. FLOOR 2x4 ROLLER - FLOORING CERAMIC TILE OR HIGH
7. METAL TOILET PARTITIONS
8. METALNETE - REFRIGERATOR COMPACT KITCHEN

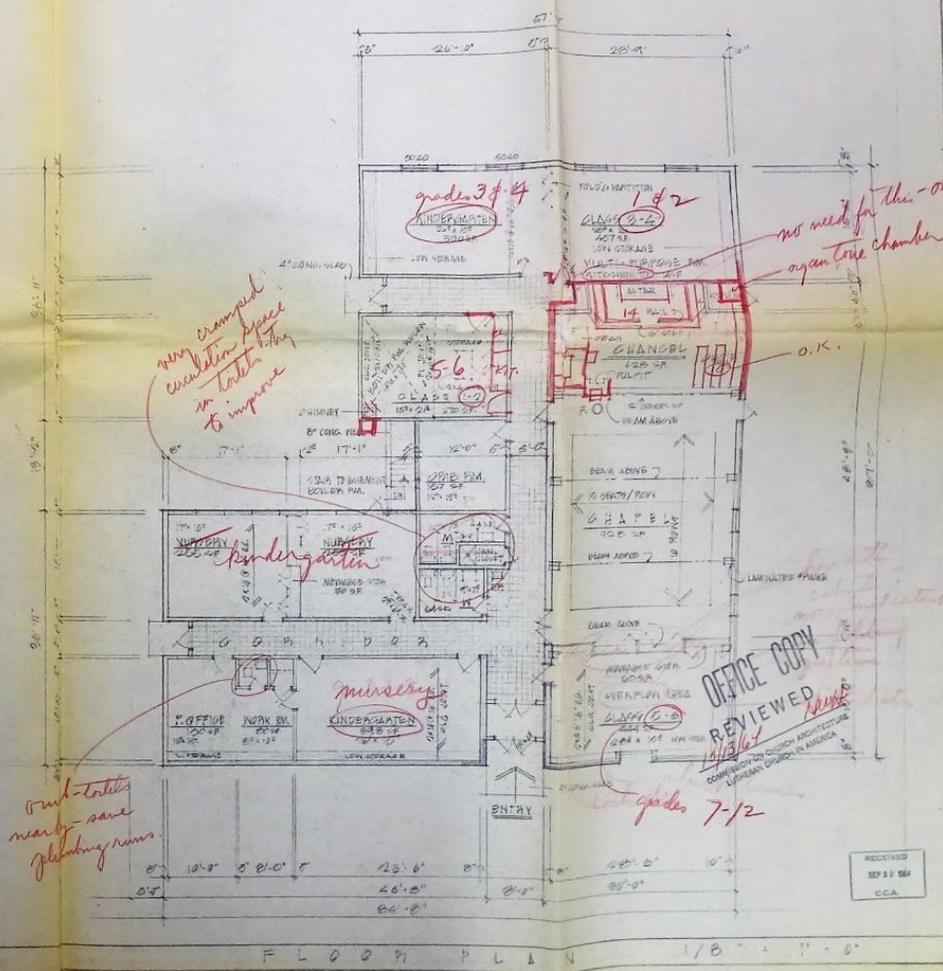
1000 SF. OF  
36" H. OF X  
175 SF. OF  
1000 SF. OF  
1000 SF. OF  
TOTAL CURB  
60,182 SF.



WALTER G. WATKINS ARCHITECTS  
 1678 C. THORNTON AVE. CLEVELAND, OH.  
 APYBENT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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NOTES

SPACE CALCULATION

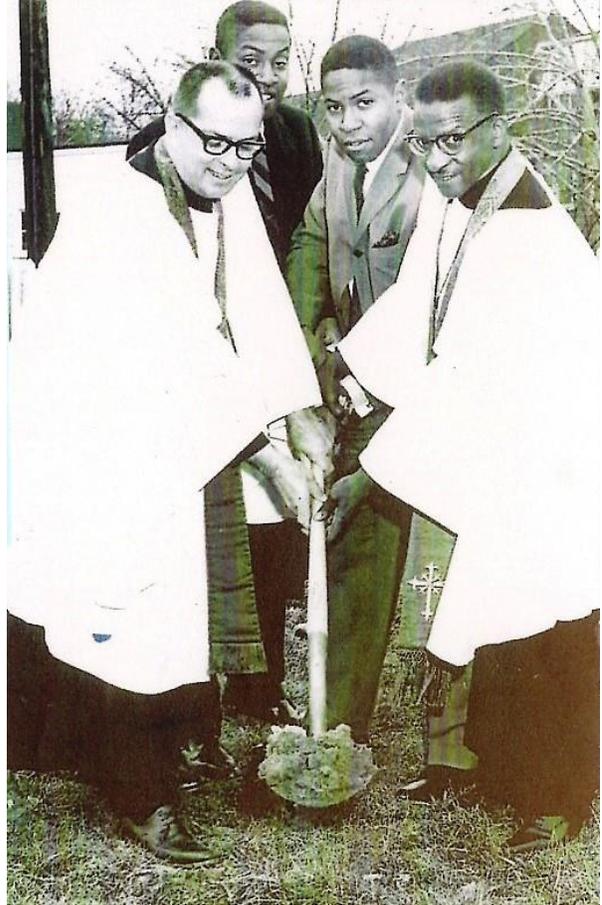


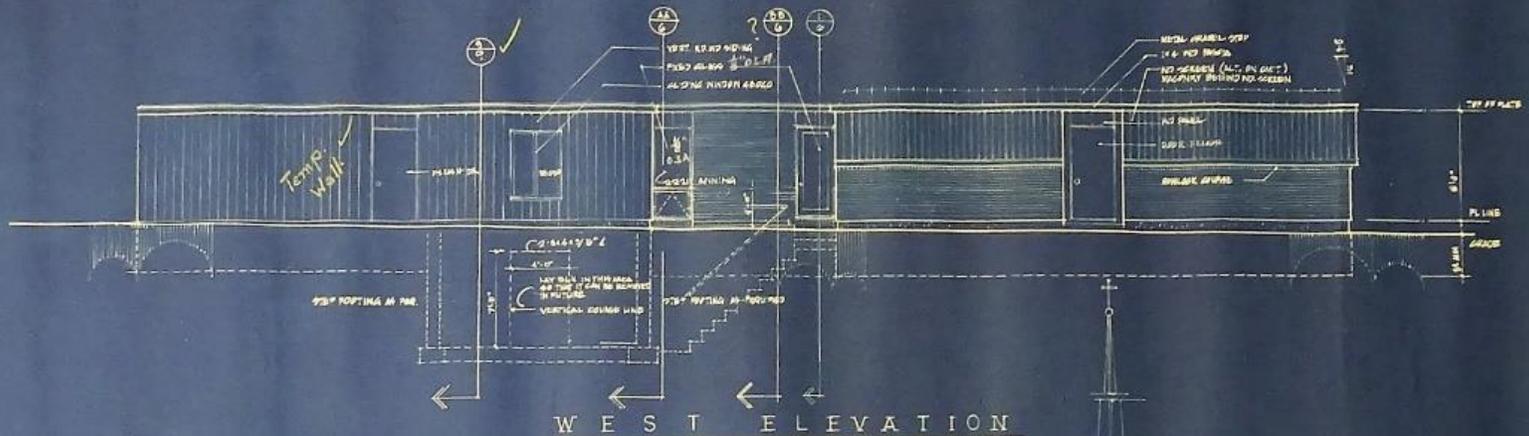
FLOOR PLAN 1/8" = 1'-0"



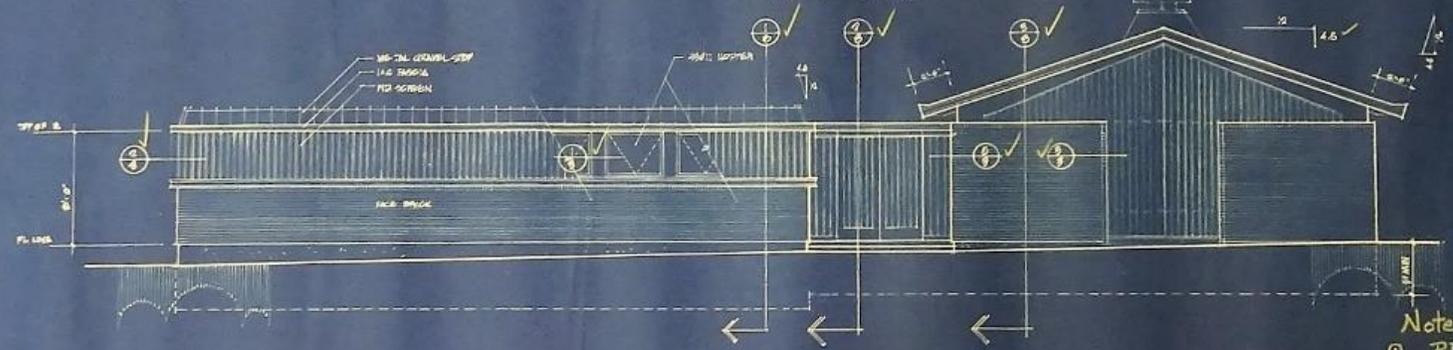
# Groundbreaking: July 7, 1965







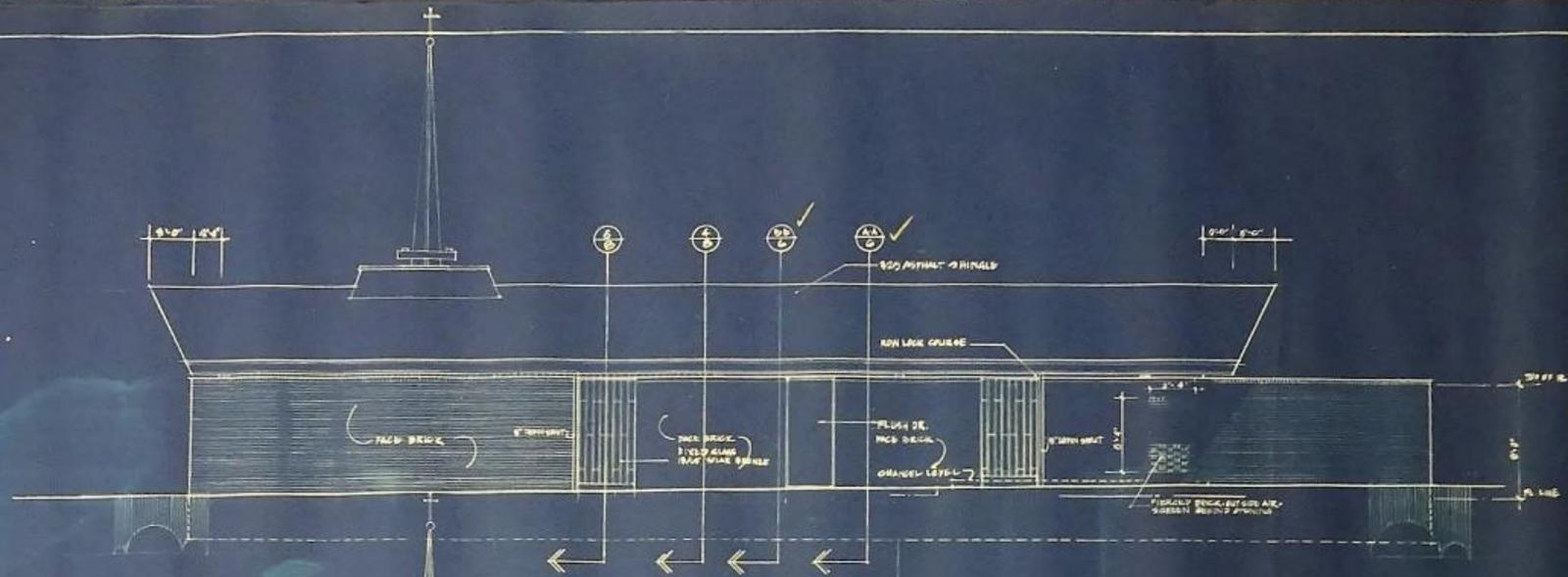
WEST ELEVATION



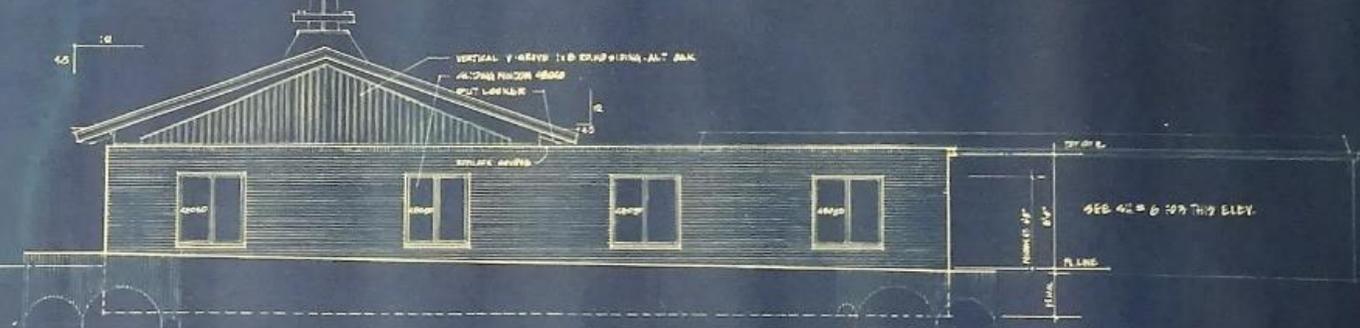
SOUTH ELEVATION

NOTE:  
 SEPARATE TRICE (LARGE HANDS) —  
 OF ROOMS MENTIONED ON LEFT HAND SIDE  
 OF SOUTH ELEVATION WITH FIRST CLASS —  
 SHALL DETERMINE IF THEY ARE NOT  
 BID AND RECEIVED  
 ALTERNATE ON 2NDY ROSE - RUN BRICK  
 TO FINISH.  
 ALTERNATE ON ALL ROWLOCK COURSE - 2NDY

- Note: Bldg. Code req.
- ① Plywood paneling to have 1/2" dry wall backing
  - ② Exposed interior wood to be treated with fire resistant paint.
  - ③ Plans to be revised further as per agreement of 6/25/65
  - ④ All part 1/2" dry wall 2 sides

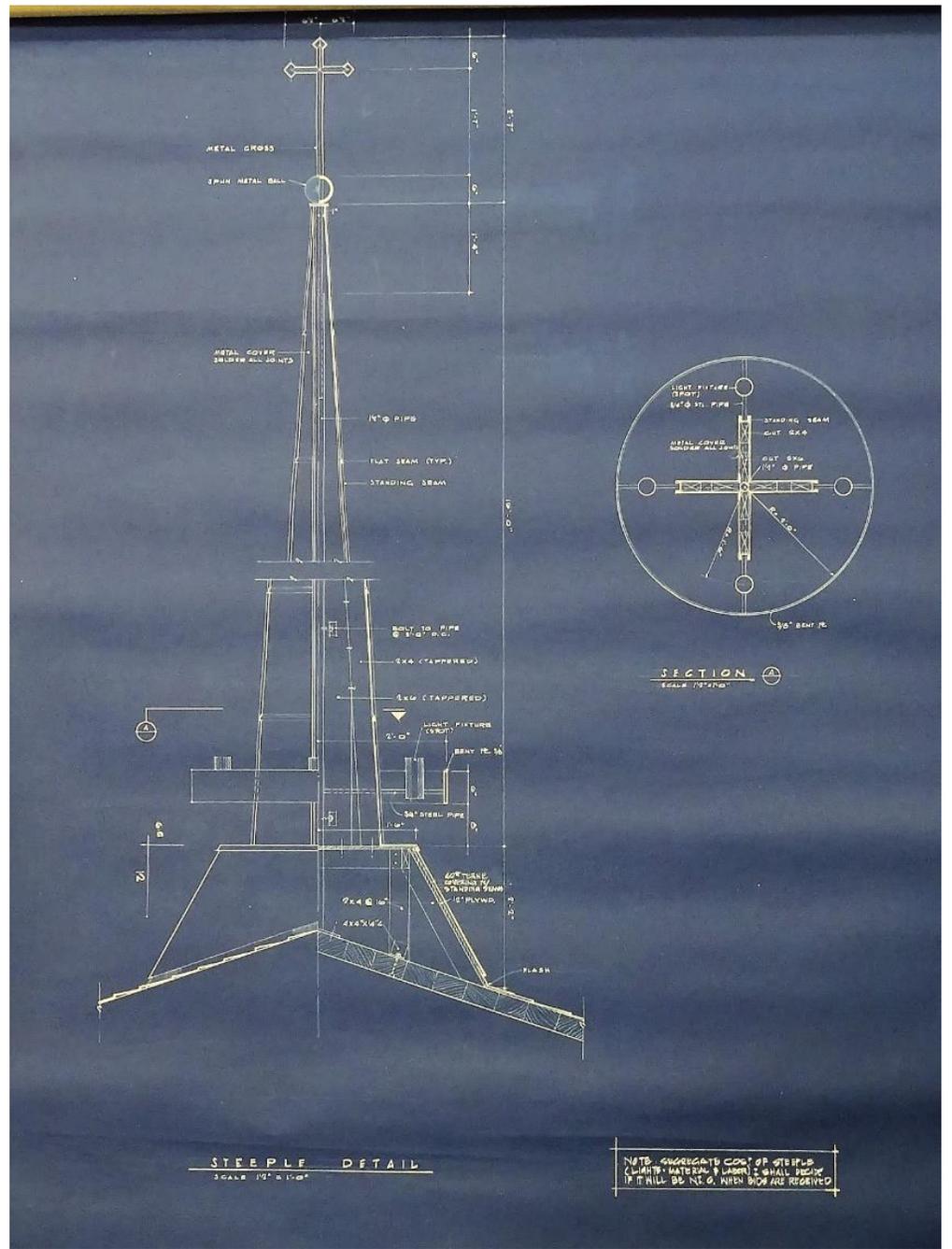
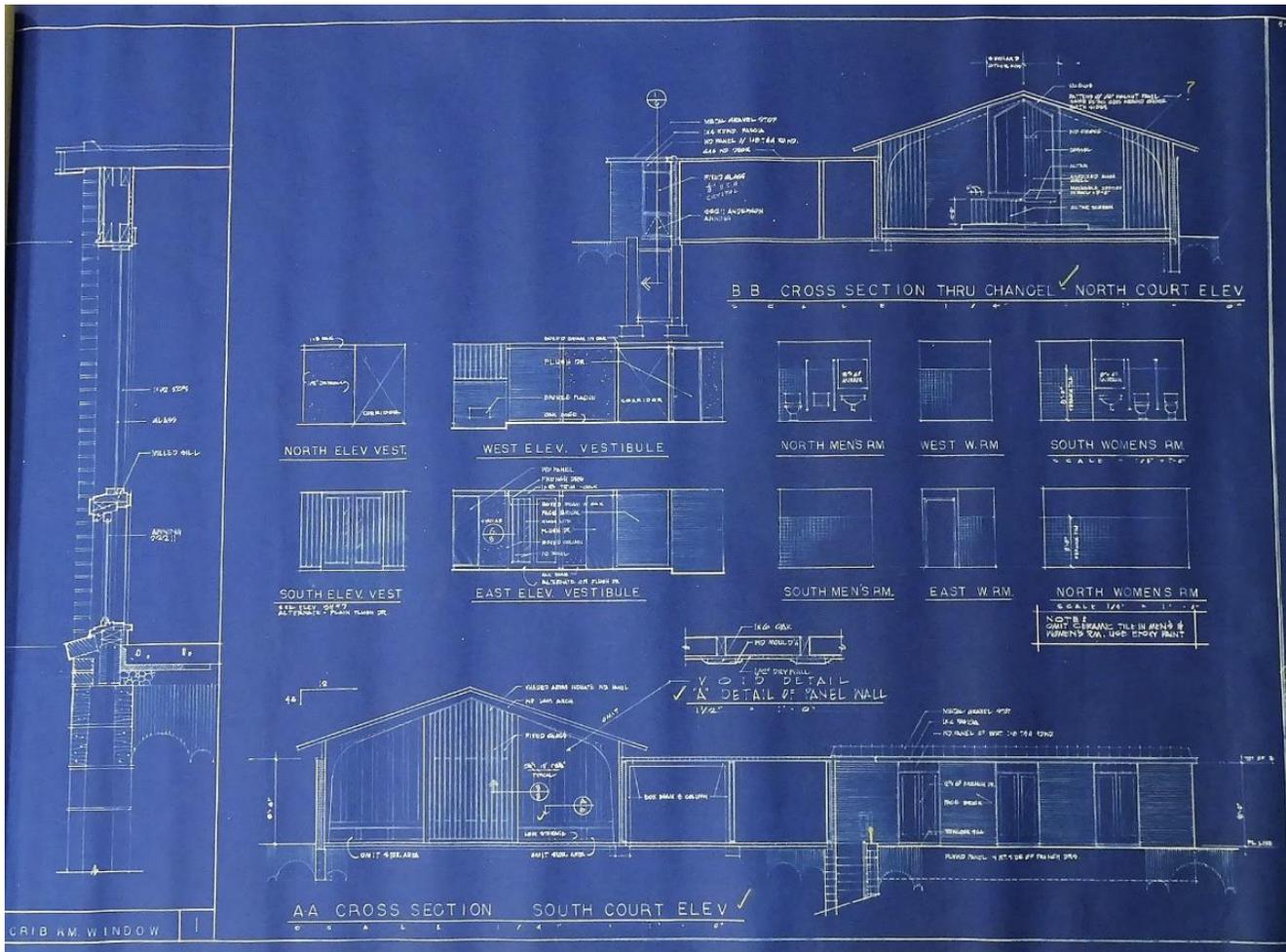


EAST ELEVATION  
 SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"



NOTE:  
 ALTERNATE IN ALL REVERSE DIRECTIONS

NORTH ELEVATION  
 1/4" = 1'-0"



# First Service: December 12, 1965

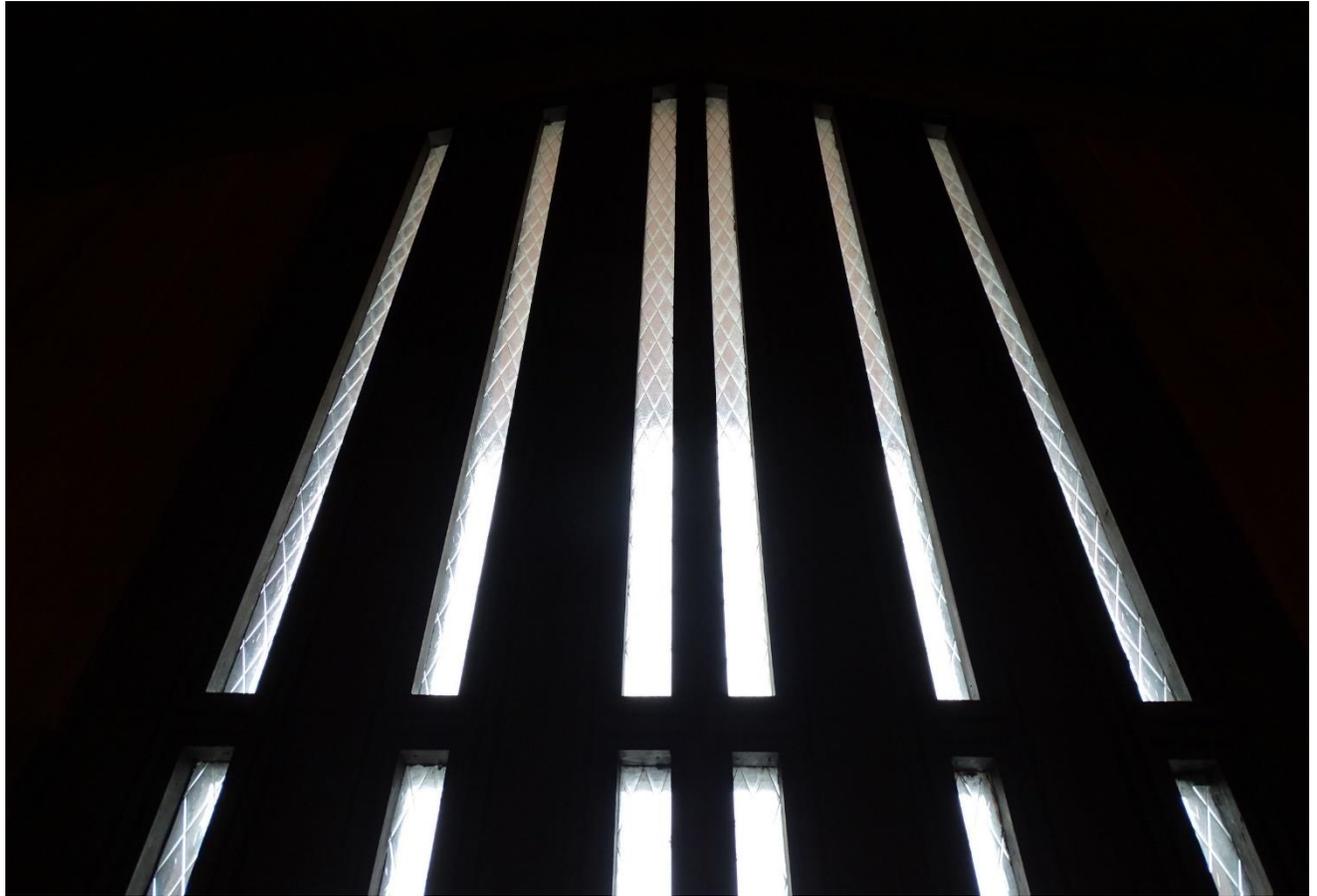






















# Significance

- Its character, interest or value is part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, State or the United States.
- Its identification is with a person who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the City.
- The historic property exemplifies the cultural, economic, social or historic heritage of the City.
- The historic property is identified with the work of a master builder, designer, architect, engineer or landscape architect whose work has influenced the development of the area, community, state or nation.
- The historic property embodies elements of architectural design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship which represent a significant architectural innovation.
- The historic property relates to other distinctive areas which are eligible for preservation activities, based on a historic, cultural, or architectural motif.
- The historic property's location or its singular physical characteristics represent the establishment or are a familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or City.

Thank you

