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Director

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REQUEST: Designate as a Baltimore City Landmark

ADDRESS: 3000-3004 Huntingdon Ave., Greater Faith Baptist Church

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Lauren Schiszik

PETITIONER: Greater Faith Baptist Church

SITE/HISTORIC DISTRICT

General Area: Greater Faith Baptist Church is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Huntingdon Ave. and W. 30th St. in Remington. It is located directly south of Wyman Park, which surrounds the property. Across the street to both the south and east are residential blocks of two story rowhouses. To the west is a school.

Site Conditions/Architectural Description:

The property consists of a three-bay wide, deep two-story Gothic Revival church and its adjacent two story brick rectory. Constructed of brick, the church today is clad with stucco and concrete. The façade faces Huntingdon Ave. and features a steep side gabled roof and a bell tower and entrance on its south bay, a large arched stained-glass window above a band of three smaller stained glass windows, and a smaller tower and entrance on the north bay. The side elevation, facing 30th Street, features four bays of arched stained glass windows on the second floor, with paired windows and a door below. There is a rear one-story addition. The roof is clad with slate. Located immediately adjacent to the church at 3004 Huntingdon Ave. is the two story brick porch-front rowhouse that served as the rectory.

BACKGROUND

- CHAP has no previous actions regarding this property.

PROPOSAL & APPLICATION OF GUIDELINES

The proposal is to designate the Greater Faith Baptist Church as a Baltimore City Landmark. This designation was requested by Greater Faith Baptist Church.

Conformity to Guidelines: The proposed designation meets Guideline 5.1 *Criteria for Designating Districts and Landmarks* as the structure meets Criteria 1 for its association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of Baltimore history; and Criteria 3 for its embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

- The church today known as Greater Faith Baptist Church was constructed for Keen Memorial Methodist Protestant Church, one of the oldest churches in the Remington community, which served the community for 107 years. The church began in 1887, and served the Remington community through its ministry, but also through outreach to railroad workers, establishment of the neighborhood's YMCA, and other community events. The church was also active in the greater Methodist Church and its social activism, such as temperance in the early-20th century, and ending racial discrimination in the mid-20th century. Today the church is home to the Greater Faith Baptist Church, and is the only historic church in Remington that is still extant and serving its original purpose today.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENTS

N/A

ANALYSIS

CHAP staff finds that this landmark designation meets CHAP designation requirements.

CHAP staff recommends approval.



Eric Holcomb
Director