

CHURCH SURVEY  
NORTHWEST URBAN RENEWAL AREA

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## PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The church is a vital and integral part of any community. It can be one of the focal points of the family and neighborhood activity and aid in the prevention of social and physical deterioration that is taking place in blighted areas.

In order to provide for the existing and future physical needs of churches in the Northwest Urban Renewal Area, a joint study of churches was conducted by the Commission's staff and the Washington Federation of Churches. Also, the Catholic and other religious institutions were contacted.

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GENERAL SUMMARY

For purposes of this report, the churches are classified into two categories, namely, steeple churches and storefront churches. The steeple churches are those housed in structures originally designed as places of worship. The storefront churches are those housed in structures originally designed for commercial or residential use. The latter churches have undergone varying degrees of remodeling ranging from complete renovation to no significant physical alteration.

There are a total of 108 churches in the area, 45 are steeple churches and 63 are storefront. In addition, there are 17 steeple churches within a two-block fringe surrounding the renewal area.

The 45 steeple churches in the area vary in size from less than 100 members to over 7,000 members. Twenty-seven of these churches have 500 or more members and 17 have over 1,000. Due to the variation in the definition of church membership, the Sunday worship service attendance is probably a more accurate and consistent measure of the size. These figures varied from three churches with less than 100, to five with over 1500. The other attendance figures distributed themselves within this range.

The churches in general seemed to have stable and growing congregations. Two are constructing new church buildings, and two are having additions to their existing plants, one at an estimated cost of \$500,000. Eleven are now in the process of setting definite plans for additions or buying property for expansions. Several others are contemplating either expanding their existing facilities or moving to new and larger quarters. Two have bought and are moving to new locations outside the renewal area.

The physical plants vary greatly in the size, value and extent of the facilities. The assessed values of the church structures vary from under \$10,000 to over \$400,000. Many are old structures. Sixteen out of thirty buildings on which the age is known were built about 1900 or earlier and most of the others are at least 30 years old. Some are in need of general repair work and fix-up and a few are in need of more extensive work. In general, a majority are in good structural condition. They are all owned by the church congregation.

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The inadequacy of the existing facilities is common. The main sanctuaries in most cases are adequate to accommodate the attendance at the Sunday worship services, except for overflow crowds on special occasions. But other activities are handicapped by the lack of space and facilities. Sunday school classes are held in the main sanctuaries, church offices, and other makeshift arrangements. Many have separated to meet this problem by taking over residential structures on adjoining lots.

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Parking is a problem for the churches, as well as the area as a whole. Very few of the churches have parking facilities of their own. The latter can accommodate only a few cars and cannot accommodate all the cars during the services. Two have made arrangements with commercial lots for use of their facilities during Sunday services.

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One church expressed an interest in possibly selling their present site in conjunction with any plan for urban renewal and moving out of the area. But the others have generally expressed a preference to remain at their present location. If it becomes necessary to vacate their present location, a few have indicated that they would follow their migrating congregation out of the central area. But the large majority would prefer a location in this central area though not necessarily within the boundaries of the renewal area. For those whose congregation has moved out of the local area, the area is still centrally located in relation to the total membership. There is a preference for purchasing existing buildings instead of building anew.

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Some of the churches have very few members who live in the renewal area or the vicinity. The membership is scattered over the entire Washington metropolitan area with a few instances of concentration in either the Northwest or Northeast sections. The statistics on the proportion living in the renewal area are at best rough estimates, but data was obtained for 42 churches in the area and the two-block fringe. Of this total, 21 estimated that they had 15% or less members who lived in the renewal area. These churches have experienced, or are experiencing, a movement of their congregations into the environs. In spite of the outward migration, many members retain these central church ties.

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STORE FRONT / RESIDENTIAL

The 63 storefront churches are established either in residential or commercial structures. Examples of such use are illustrated in the photographs following this text. One is a former residential structure completely remodeled for church purposes. Another shows



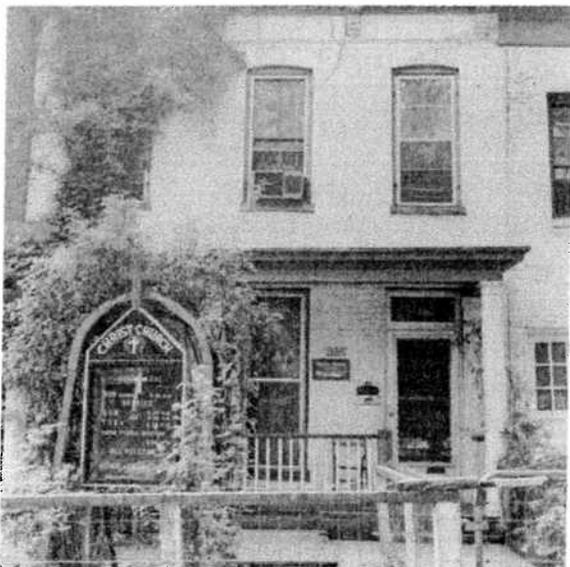
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IN THE NORTHWEST URBAN RENEWAL AREA



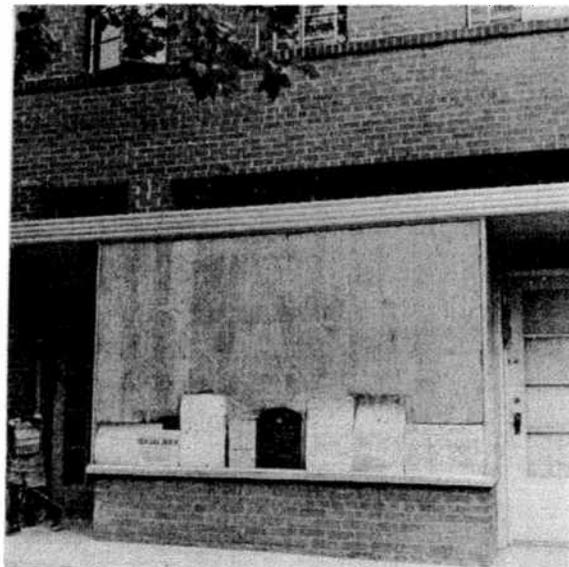
Steeple Church



Storefront Church in a  
Remodeled Residential Building



Storefront Church in a Struc-  
ture Designed for Residential Use



Storefront Church in a Struc-  
ture Designed for Commercial Use

Denomination

- Baptist
- Methodist
- Lutheran
- Presbyterian
- Protestant Ep
- Christian Sci
- Congregation
- Disciple of C
- Catholic
- Other
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Membership  
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- 40% or more
- 15% - 40%
- Less than 1
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Size of Cor

- Under 100
- 100-299
- 300 - 499
- 500-699
- 700-999
- 1000 - 149
- 1500 - 249
- 2500 - 39
- Over 4000
- Total R

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY ON STEEPLE CHURCHES

Denomination of Church	Number of Churches			Membership		
	Renewal Area	Fringe Area	Total	Renewal Area	Fringe Area	Total
Baptist	20	5	25	32,000	282	32,282
Methodist	6	3	9	12,536	4,500	17,036
Lutheran	2	-	2	2,400	-	2,400
Presbyterian	-	2	2	-	930	930
Protestant Episcopal	1	1	2	500	1,900	2,400
Christian Science	1	-	1	800	-	800
Congregational	1	-	1	725	-	725
Disciple of Christ	1	1	2	265	2,000	2,265
Catholic	3	3	6	5,300	3,800	9,100
Other	10	2	12	2,920	610	3,530
<b>Total</b>	<u>45</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>57,446</u>	<u>14,022</u>	<u>71,468</u>
Total Churches Reporting				36	13	49

### Membership Living in Northwest Renewal Area

40% or more	12	2	14
15% - 40%	6	1	7
Less than 15%	13	8	21
<b>Total Reporting</b>	<u>31</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>42</u>

### Size of Congregation

Under 100 persons	1	-	1
100-299 "	4	3	7
300 - 499 "	4	1	5
500-699 "	5	2	7
700-999 "	5	-	5
1000 - 1499 "	4	2	6
1500 - 2499 "	4	5	9
2500 - 3999 "	5	-	5
Over 4000	4	-	4
<b>Total Reporting</b>	<u>36</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>49</u>

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<u>Age of Existing Structure</u>	<u>Renewal Area</u>	<u>Fringe Area</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 10 Years	1	-	1
10 - 29 "	3	1	4
30 - 59 "	10	6	16
60 - 89 "	12	6	18
Over 90 "	4	-	4
Total Reporting	30	13	43

<u>Assessed Value of Structure</u>			
\$1,000 - \$4,999	2	-	2
\$5,000 - \$9,999	3	1	4
\$10,000 - \$19,999	8	2	10
\$20,000 - \$39,999	10	5	15
\$40,000 - \$69,999	9	3	12
\$70,000 - \$99,999	4	1	5
\$100,000 - \$199,999	3	2	5
\$200,000 - \$499,999	5	2	7
Over \$500,000	-	1	1
Total Reporting	44	17	61

<u>Seating Capacity of the Main Sanctuary</u>			
100 - 299 Seats	2	1	3
300 - 499 "	6	3	9
500 - 699 "	9	4	13
700 - 999 "	10	1	11
1,000 - 1499 seats	6	3	9
Over 1500 "	3	1	4
Total Reporting	36	13	49

### Building Program

#### New Building Under Construction

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Plans for Expansion

New Location Planning Outside

	<u>Renewal Area</u>	<u>Fringe Area</u>	<u>Total</u>
Northwest Urban Renewal Area	2	1	

Building Condition

Good	30	11	41
Fair	13	3	16
Poor	1	-	1
	<u>44</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>58</u>

Historical Data

Monument - No. sites  
Occupied

One site	9	6	15
Two sites	14	5	19
Three "	8	2	10
Four or more sites	3	-	3
Total Reporting	<u>34</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>47</u>

Year Established on  
Present Site

1957 - 1951	5	1	6
1950 - 1941	3	-	3
1940 - 1921	12	2	14
1920 - 1891	6	4	10
1890 - 1851	9	3	12
1950 and before	1	3	4
Total Reporting	<u>36</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>49</u>

Average Attendance

Under 100 Persons	3	2	5
100 - 299	6	2	8
300 - 499	10	2	12
500 - 699	3	3	6
700 - 999	5	1	6
1000 - 1499	5	3	8
1500 - 2499	5	-	5
Over 2500	-	-	-
Total Reporting	<u>37</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>50</u>

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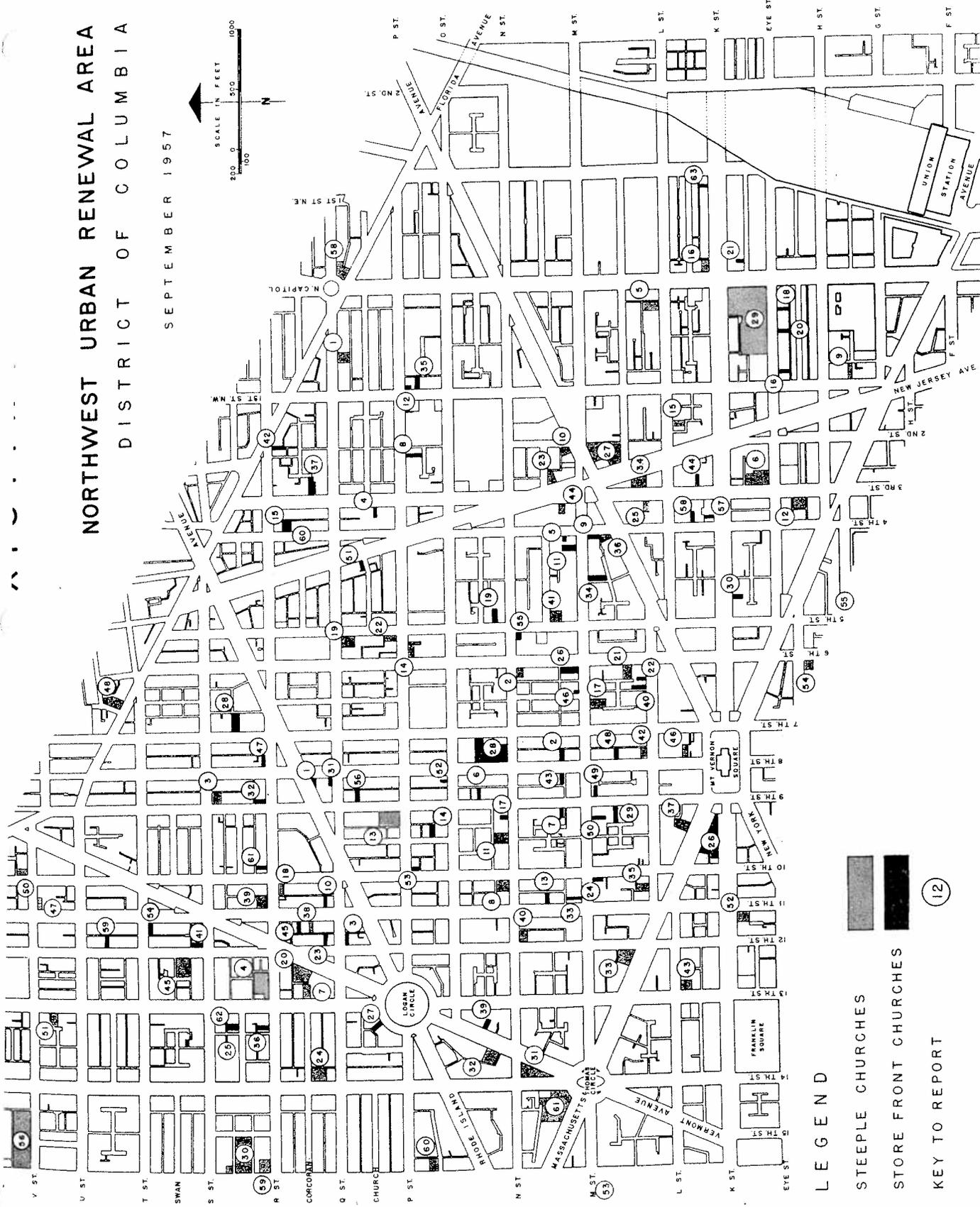
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SEPTEMBER 1957



## LEGEND

STEEPLE CHURCHES

STORE FRONT CHURCHES

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GREATER NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1739 - 9th Street, N. W.  
Square No. 395, Lot No. 806 & 807

Rev. David S. Foster  
812 S Street, N. W.

CHURCH PROPERTY

Owned

Lot area - 5859 sq. ft.  
Land value - \$12,602

Improvements

Total value - \$19,920

Church structure - on Lot No. 806

Value - \$18,000

Brick

Steeple church

Fair condition

Age - 106 years approximately

Constructed and used originally by the

Grace Methodist Church

Parish house - on Lot No. 807

Value - \$1,920

Brick

Residential structure connected to church building

STAFF

Minister - Full-time

Sexton - Part-time

Minister of Music - Part-time

Asst. Minister of Music "

Church Clerk - Full-time

Envelope Clerk - Part-time

Bulletin Board Clerk - "

Finance Secretary "

Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP

Total - 700 persons

Age Distribution

Under 18 - 20%

18 - 35 - 60%

35 - 55 - 15%

55 - and over 5%

Average Attendance

Worship service 350

Sunday School 90 - 100

Greater New Bethel Baptist Church (Continued)

Geographical Distribution

Urban renewal area - none ✓  
Rest of D. C. - 100% - no particular concentration  
Maryland and Virginia - None

Occupational Distribution

Professional - 5%  
White collar - 80% ✓  
Skilled manual - 8%  
Unskilled manual  
Business 2%  
Retired 5%

Ethnic Group Composition - Negro

FACILITIES

Main sanctuary - 780 seating capacity  
Assembly hall  
Offices  
Kitchen  
Dining room  
Parking for 25 cars

PROGRAM

Sunday School  
Sunday worship service  
Baptist Training Union  
Church organizational activities

FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

Outstanding mortgage - \$8,273  
Maintenance expenses - \$2,900/yr.  
Total budget - \$15,000

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Found 1902 on 15th St. between Euclid and Fuller Sts., N. W.  
Moved to present site in 1915

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS USING CHURCH FACILITIES

Community organizations  
Fraternal organizations

FUTURE EXPANSION PROGRAM

The church desires to expand but has not made any definite plans.

METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
1225 R Street, N. W.  
Square No. 276, Lot No. 829 & 97

Rev. E. C Smith  
4411 - 18th Street, N. W.

CHURCH PROPERTY

Owned  
Lot area - 22,904  
Improvements  
Total value - \$217,920  
Church structure - on Lot No. 829  
Value - \$213,120  
Brick  
Steeple church  
Good condition  
Age  
Original structure - 69 years  
Addition - 17 years  
Parish house - on Lot No. 97  
Value - \$4,800  
Brick residential structure

STAFF

Minister - 2 Full-time and 2 part-time  
Secretary - 2 Full-time and 1 part-time  
Janitor - 2 Full-time and 2 part-time

MEMBERSHIP

Total - 3,260 persons  
Age Distribution  
Under 18 - 700 persons - 21%  
18 - 35 - 400 persons - 12%  
35 - 55 - 1200 persons - 37%  
55 and over 960 persons - 30%  
Average Attendance  
Worship service - 1500  
Visitors 10  
Sunday School 900  
Geographical Distribution  
Urban Renewal Area - 40% ✓  
Rest of D. C. - 57%  
Maryland and Virginia 3%  
Total in entire Northwest is approximately 65%

Metropolitan Baptist Church (Continued)

MEMBERSHIP

Approximately 40% movement of the congregation in last 10 year  
Occupational Distribution

Professional	- 5%
White Collar	- 35% ✓
Skilled Manual	- 15%
Unskilled Manual	30% ✓
Business	- 10%
Retired	5%

FACILITIES

Church Building

Main sanctuary - 1400 seating capacity

Chapel - 700 seating capacity

Kitchen

12 Sunday School rooms

Board room

Addition

Gymnasium - Social Hall

Offices

Kitchen

Dining Room

First Aid Room

Lounge

Choir Room

Parking

Church lot - approximately 50 cars

Use of nearby commercial lot free on Sundays

PROGRAM

Sunday School

Worship service

Group meetings

Day Nursery

Boy Scouts

Girl Scouts

Federal Credit Union

Basketball team participating in YMCA League

FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

No mortgage

Maintenance Expense - \$7,000/yr.

Annual budget - \$103,000/yr.

Metropolitan Baptist Church (cont'd.)

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Church founded in 1864 on present site

FUTURE EXPANSION PROGRAM

Acquire adjoining land for parking space.

If it becomes necessary to move - would like to locate in  
Petworth Area, north of New Hampshire and East of  
Georgia Avenue.

REDEEMER ITALIAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
 1200 Kirby Street, N. W.  
 Square No. 555, Lot No. 62 & 63

Rev. Olindo Marsaglia  
 1251 Farrague Place, N. W.

CHURCH PROPERTY

Owned  
 Lot area - 4,210 sq. ft.  
 Land value - \$5454  
 Improvements  
 Value - \$15,000  
 Church structure  
 Stone  
 Steeple church  
 Good condition  
 Age - 34 years

STAFF

Minister - Full-time  
 Janitor - Part-time

MEMBERSHIP

Total - 125 persons  
 Age Distribution  
 Under 18 - 50 40%  
 18 - 35 - 25 20%  
 35 - 55 - 40 32%  
 55 and over - 10 - 8%  
 Average attendance  
 Worship service - 60  
 Visitors - 2 - 3  
 Sunday School - 65  
 Geographical Distribution  
 Urban renewal area - none ✓  
 Rest of D. C. - 40%  
 Maryland and Virginia 60%  
 No significant concentration of membership  
 No significant movement of the membership  
 Occupational Distribution  
 Professional - 3%  
 White collar - 30%  
 Skilled manual - 55% ✓  
 Unskilled manual - 1%  
 Business - 10%  
 Retired - 1%  
 Ethnic Group Composition - White Italian ✓

Redeemer Italian Baptist Church (continued)

FACILITIES

Main sanctuary - 120 seating capacity  
Sunday School Room (2)  
Kitchen  
Office  
No parking facilities

PROGRAM

Sunday School  
Worship service  
Prayer meeting  
Baptist Training Union

FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

No mortgage  
Maintenance Expenses - \$500/yr.  
Total Budget - \$7,000/yr.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Founded 1915 at 48th Street, N. E. (store)  
1919 - 1923 - met in Scottish Rite Cathedral \*  
Moved to present site in 1923

FUTURE EXPANSION OF FACILITIES

Plans developed for new church on corner lot with existing building to be used for religious education and community activities.

If it becomes necessary to move - would like to find site in immediate area. This area is central to members scattered throughout the metropolitan area.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH  
9th and P Streets, N. W.  
Square No. 365, Lot Nos. 814, 67, 68 & 69

Rev. Earl L. Harrison  
1743 Webster Street, N. W.

CHURCH PROPERTY

Owned

Lot area - 19,800  
Land value - \$36,720

Improvement

Total value - \$84,200  
Church structure - on Lot No. 814  
Value - \$60,000  
Brick  
Steeple church  
Good condition  
Age  
Original - 67 years  
Addition - under instructions

Store - on Lot No. 67  
Value \$8,000  
Brick

Store - on Lot No. 68  
Value - \$8,000  
Brick

Store - on Lot No. 69  
Value - \$8,200  
Brick

STAFF

Minister - Full-time  
Asst. Ministers 1 Full-time 2 Part-time  
Janitor - Full-time  
Clerk 1 Full-time & 1 Part-time

MEMBERSHIP

Total - 7200 persons

Age Distribution

Under 18 - 1200 persons  
18 - 35 - 3500 "  
35 - 55 - 500 "  
55 and over 1,000 "

*young Congregation*

Average Attendance

Worship Service - 1200 - 1500 persons  
Visitors 10 - 12 persons

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Shiloh Baptist Church (Continued)

Geographical Distribution

Urban Renewal Area - 3% ✓  
Rest of D. C. - 95% ✓  
Maryland & Virginia - Few

Occupational Distribution

Professional  
White collar  
Skilled Manual  
Unskilled manual  
Business  
Retired

Racial Character - Negro ✓

FACILITIES

Main sanctuary -- 1100 seating capacity  
Assembly Hall - 250 " "  
Sunday School Rooms (3)  
Choir Room (2)  
New Educational Building being constructed to include  
classrooms and social hall.  
No parking facilities.

PROGRAM

Sunday School  
Worship service  
Baptist Training Union  
Adult Groups - 46  
Scouting program from both the neighborhood  
and the membership  
Boy Scouts  
Clubs  
Girl Scouts  
Brownies  
Arts and Crafts - Program for neighborhood children

FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

Mortgage (on new addition) - \$142,000  
Maintenance costs - \$6,000  
Total Budget - \$80,000 - \$100,000

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Founded 1863 at 17th and I Streets, N. W.  
Occupied present site in 1924

Shiloh Baptist Church (Continued)

**FUTURE EXPANSION OF FACILITIES**

Addition now being constructed to house educational and community facilities

If it becomes necessary to move - would like to stay in general area.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

8th and N Streets, N. W.

Square No. 423, Lot Nos. 2, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805  
806, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 13 & 14

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Rev. John O'Conner

1315 - 8th Street, N. W.

CHURCH PROPERTY

Owned

Lot area - 39,969 sq. ft.

Land value - \$50,670

Improvements

Total value - \$138,420

Church structure - on Lot No. 801

Value - \$75,000

Brick

Steeple church

Good condition

Age - 75 years

Rectory - on Lot No. 802

Value - \$6,840

Brick

Residential structure

Good condition

Residential structure - on Lot No. 803

Value - \$4,080

Brick

Good condition

School building - on Lot No. 2

Value - \$52,500

Brick

Good condition

Parking area on Lot Nos. 804, 805, 806, 13, 14

817, 818, 819, 820, and 821

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STAFF

Priests - (3)

Janitor

Housekeeper

and

Immaculate Conception Church (Continued)

MEMBERSHIP

Total - 1,600 persons

Average Attendance

Sunday Masses - 1,600 persons

Sunday school - 40 "

There is some movement out of the central area toward the outskirts.

Ethnic Group Composition

Negro - 25% ✓

Caucasian - 75%

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FACILITIES

Church

Main sanctuary - 700 seating capacity

Parking -- 100 cars

PROGRAM

Sunday School

Sunday Masses

Weekday Masses

Catholic Youth Organization activities

FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

No mort gage

Budget figures not available

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Founded 1864 - on the present site

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FUTURE EXPANSION OF FACILITIES

No plans at present

BIBLE WAY CHURCH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

34

1130 New Jersey Avenue, N. W.

Square Nos. 556, Lot Nos. 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 808, 811, 812, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825 and 826

Rev. Smallwood E. Williams  
1328 Montello Avenue, N. E.

CHURCH PROPERTY

Owned

Lot area - 10,170 sq. ft.

Lot value - \$13,024

Improvements

Total value - \$157,250

Church structure - \$144,000

Stone

Steeple church

Good condition

Age - 99 years

Parish house on lot No. 821

Brick dwelling

3 Residential structures used for educational activities and for residences on Lots Nos. 811, 812 and 823

STAFF

Minister	Full-time
Secretaries	1 Full-time and 1 Part-time
Caretakers	6 Part-time
Cook	Part-time
Custodian	1 Full-time and 1 Part-time

MEMBERSHIP

Total 2,000 persons

Age Distribution

Under 18 525 " 26%

18 - 35 700 35%

35 - 55 475 24%

55 and over 300 15%

Average Attendance 2200 persons

Sunday School 500

Worship Service 3200 (for 3 services)

Visitors 10%

Geographical Distribution

Urban Renewal Area 30%

Rest of D. C. 69% - scattered through city

Maryland and Virginia 1%

Bible Way Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Cont'd.)

Occupational Distribution

Professional	2%
White collar	3%
Skilled manual	3%
Unskilled manual	90% ✓
Business	1%
Retired	1%

Ethnic Group Composition

Negroid	99% ✓
Caucasian	1%

FACILITIES

Church

Main sanctuary	2,000 seating capacity
Auditorium	500 " "
Kitchen	
First aid room	
Choir room	
Parish Hall	
Offices	
Meeting room	
Sunday School classroom	(2)
Parking -	50 cars

PROGRAM

Sunday School  
Worship services (3 morning, afternoon and evening)  
Young Peoples Fellowship  
Bi-monthly church publication  
Ministerial training school  
Evening services every night  
Sea scouts -- from membership and neighborhood  
Social service program  
for members and neighborhood

FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

No mortgage	
Maintenance expenses	\$12,000
Total Budget	40,000

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Founded in 1927 at 1409 - 9th Street, N. W. (Theater Bldg.)  
Moved to present site in 1936.

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Bible Way of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Cont'd.)

FUTURE EXPANSION OF FACILITIES

Plans now being prepared for a new community center building on adjoining land owned by church. Building to contain a social hall and dining and recreational facilities.

If it becomes necessary to move - would prefer to remain in the immediate area.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL CONGREGATIONAL TEMPLE  
1701 11th Street, N. W.  
Square No. 335, Lot No. 801

Rev. C. Shelby Rooks  
1232 Fairmont Street, N. W.

CHURCH PROPERTY

Owned

Lot area 10,000 sq. ft.

Land value \$16,000

Improvements \$81,000

Value

Church structure

Brick

Steeple church

Good condition

Age - 29 years

STAFF

Minister - Full-time

Asst. Minister - Part-time

Secretary - Full-time

Sexton "

Organist "

Music Director "

Solist "

MEMBERSHIP

Total 725

Age Distribution - No breakdown available, but there is no dominant age group.

Average Attendance

Sunday School 125

Worship service 400

Visitors 5%

Geographical Distribution

Urban Renewal Area - 25% Predominantly those in the older age levels.

Rest of D. C. - 74% Concentrated in the upper north-west section in the Brookland and Kenilworth areas in the N. I

Maryland and Virginia - 1%

Occupational Distribution

Professional - 35%

White Collar - 50%

Skilled Manual

## Lincoln Memorial Congregational Temple

### Occupational Distribution (continued)

Unskilled manual - 2%  
Business - 1%  
Retired - 10%  
Other - 2%

### Ethnic Group Composition ✓

Negro - 99%  
Caucasian - 1%

### FACILITIES

Main sanctuary 1,000 seating capacity  
Social hall  
Offices (2)  
Pastor's study  
Board room  
Kitchen  
Nursery  
Sunday School classrooms (6)  
Auditorium  
Library  
Missionary Society room  
Choir rooms (2)

### PROGRAM

Sunday school  
Worship service  
Bible Class  
Young Peoples Fellowship  
Boy Scouts - from the membership and neighborhood  
Day Nursery - for children of working mothers

### FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

Outstanding mortgage - \$14,000  
Maintenance expenses - \$3,600/yr.  
Total budget - \$31,000

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Founded 1881 on the same site

FUTURE EXPANSION OF FACILITIES - Buying dwelling unit on adjoining lot to convert and use for nursery and community activities for the neighborhood children.

MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH  
 1615 - 3rd Street, N. W.  
 Square No. 551, Lot Nos. F & 829

Rev. Charles C. Hayes  
 47 M Street, N. W.

#### CHURCH PROPERTY

##### Owned

Lot area - 7,299 sq. ft.

Land value - \$4,323

##### Improvements

Value - \$6,500

##### Church structure

Brick

Converted rowhouse

Fair condition

Age - 47 years

Formerly owned and occupied by the Corinthian Baptist Church.

#### STAFF

Minister - Full-time  
 Janitor - Full-time  
 Secretary - (2) - Part-time  
 Pianist - 3

#### MEMBERSHIP

Total 225 persons

##### Age Distribution

Under 18 - 60 - 27%

18 - 35 - 60 - 27%

35 - 55 - 80 - 35%

55 and over 25 - 11%

##### Average Attendance

Worship service - 125 persons

Visitors - 5 "

Sunday school - 25 "

##### Geographical Distribution

Urban Renewal Area - 2%

Rest of D. C. - 96% - scattered through the city with no particular concentration.

Maryland and Virginia - 2%

## Mt. Sinai Baptist Church (Continued)

### MEMBERSHIP (continued)

#### Occupational Distribution

Professional - 2%  
White collar - 40%  
Skilled manual - 1%  
Unskilled manual - 55%  
Business - 1%  
Retired - 1%

Ethnic Group Composition - Negro

### FACILITIES

Main sanctuary - 120 seating capacity  
Kitchen  
Dining room

### PROGRAM

Sunday School  
Sunday worship service - morning and evening  
Prayer services

### FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

Outstanding mortgage - \$2,000  
Maintenance expenses - \$3,600/yr.  
Total budget - \$6,900

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Founded 1923 at Pierce and New Jersey Avenue, N. W.  
1930 to 1945 - occupied site at 919 New Jersey Avenue  
Moved to present location in 1945.

### FUTURE EXPANSION PROGRAM

Desire to build a new church building on present site plus adjoining lot (lot No. 829) now owned by the church. Hope to do this within the next ten years.

If it becomes necessary to move - would like to relocate in this central area most accessible to all members.

