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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

HISTORIC NAME: Central Congregational Church
OTHER NAME/SITE NUMBER: Phase IV-East Dallas DAL/DA 96

2. LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 1530 N. Carroll
CITY OR TOWN: Dallas
STATE: Texas CODE: TX COUNTY: Dallas CODE: 113 ZIP CODE: 75204
NOT FOR PUBLICATION: N/A
VICINITY: N/A

3. STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide x locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Capitla J. Russell
Signature of certifying official

14 Feb. 1995
Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
(See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain):

Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper
Entered in the
National Register

Date of Action
3/23/95

5. CLASSIFICATION

OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY: Private

CATEGORY OF PROPERTY: Building

NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITHIN PROPERTY:	CONTRIBUTING	NONCONTRIBUTING
	1	0 BUILDINGS
	0	0 SITES
	0	0 STRUCTURES
	0	0 OBJECTS
	1	0 TOTAL

NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES PREVIOUSLY LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER: 0

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY LISTING: Historic and Architectural Resources of East and South Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

6. FUNCTION OR USE

HISTORIC FUNCTIONS: RELIGION: Religious Facility

CURRENT FUNCTIONS: RELIGION: Religious Facility

7. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION: LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS: Late Gothic Revival

MATERIALS: FOUNDATION Concrete
WALLS Brick
ROOF Asphalt
OTHER Glass; Concrete; Other: Stained Glass

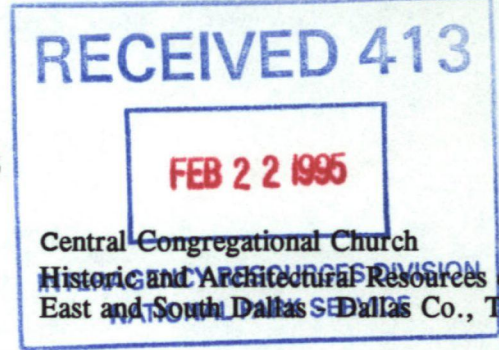
NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (see continuation sheets 7-5 through 7-6).

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Description

The Central Congregational Church at 1530 N. Carroll Avenue is a large 1-story brick institutional building with Gothic Revival-style details. Although the church itself has a rectangular plan, the attached Sunday School wing to the rear gives the building an L-shaped configuration. The exterior walls are of brick, with cast stone used as a decorative and contrasting material. The roof is gabled and has asphalt shingles. The southwest-facing facade is distinguished by a large second-floor stained-glass window set within a segmental arch, an unusual feature for a Gothic Revival-styled building. Located in a mixed residential and commercial area of East Dallas, in a neighborhood that includes several 1- and 2-story frame houses built as early as 1900, the church has a grassy lawn in front, and paved parking lots on all other sides. Both the church and the attached Sunday School wing are in good condition and have changed little since their original construction. The only noticeable non-historic change is the installation of the modern metal-and-glass doors on the main entrance. Otherwise, the church retains much of its historic integrity and character.

The Central Congregational Church stands on a relatively flat parcel of land that fronts onto N. Carroll Avenue, and is prominently sited as the terminus of the 4400 block of San Jacinto Street. A chain-link fence encircles the property, except at the front where a broad sidewalk leads to the primary entrance. The only plantings include hedges along the chain-link fence, shrubs placed sporadically along the base of the church, and a tree near the northwest corner of the lot. The church has load-bearing masonry walls of brick, and a concrete foundation. Asphalt shingles cover the roof.

The facade displays the building's most elaborate detailing, and the cast-stone ornamentation around the entrance and the large stained-glass window are particularly noteworthy. The central entrance bay projects slightly from the main body of the church, and is framed on each side by decorative paired buttresses. Set within a broad, segmental, cast-stone arch, the entrance features modern metal-and-glass double doors -- obvious non-historic replacements. A large stained-glass window, framed within a segmental arch, is located above the entrance and incorporates decorative cast-stone quoin detailing that is also seen on the ground level. This window includes a series of fixed stained-glass lights and intricate cast-stone traceries. A stepped parapet with cast-stone coping crowns the facade. Both of the side elevations have four large window openings that are set within segmental arches and are separated by decorative buttresses. The windows have a tripartite composition with stained glass lights and intricate cast-stone traceries.

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The 2-story Sunday School wing to the rear exhibits only modest amounts of Gothic Revival-style detailing, the most notable being decorative buttresses similar to those seen on the main building. Windows on this auxiliary building are double hung with wood sashes. A brick parapet wall obscures the roof, which is either flat or slightly inclined. Brick that is used on the front and side elevations is similar to the beige-colored brick that is used for the sanctuary. The rear elevation of the Sunday School wing, however, utilizes a less expensive reddish-brown brick.

The property is largely unaltered and retains its integrity.

8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

APPLICABLE NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA

- A PROPERTY IS ASSOCIATED WITH EVENTS THAT HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE BROAD PATTERNS OF OUR HISTORY.
- B PROPERTY IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIVES OF PERSONS SIGNIFICANT IN OUR PAST.
- C PROPERTY EMBODIES THE DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A TYPE, PERIOD, OR METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION OR REPRESENTS THE WORK OF A MASTER, OR POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUE, OR REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT AND DISTINGUISHABLE ENTITY WHOSE COMPONENTS LACK INDIVIDUAL DISTINCTION.
- D PROPERTY HAS YIELDED, OR IS LIKELY TO YIELD, INFORMATION IMPORTANT IN PREHISTORY OR HISTORY.

CRITERIA CONSIDERATIONS: A

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: 1920

SIGNIFICANT DATES: 1920

SIGNIFICANT PERSON: N/A

CULTURAL AFFILIATION: N/A

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (see continuation sheets 8-7 through 8-8).

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

BIBLIOGRAPHY (see Section I).

PREVIOUS DOCUMENTATION ON FILE (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

PRIMARY LOCATION OF ADDITIONAL DATA:

- State historic preservation office (*Texas Historical Commission*)
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository:

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Significance

Constructed for the members of Central Congregational Church, the institutional building at 1530 N. Carroll, is an outstanding local example of early 20th-century Gothic Revival architecture. Both the sanctuary and the attached, similarly detailed, Sunday School wing are well-maintained and remarkably unchanged from their original 1920 appearance. The church is nominated under Criterion C in the area of Architecture at the local level. It is associated with the historic context, The Development of East and South Dallas: 1872-1945.

The history of Central Congregational Church in Dallas dates to 1877 with the founding of the First Congregational Church at the corner of Main and Austin streets, in downtown Dallas. In 1902, members of the original congregation voted to organize a second church, Central Congregational Church, in response to the dramatic growth in East Dallas after the turn of the century. A new brick church building was constructed the following year at the corner of Commerce and Preston streets, near the southwest boundary of old East Dallas. This building was abandoned in 1917 because noise from a nearby fire station and streetcar lines interfered with worship. It was eventually razed in 1944. After holding services in several temporary locations, the congregation purchased a lot at the corner of N. Carroll and San Jacinto streets in 1917, in the midst of the growing suburban neighborhoods to the north and east of downtown Dallas. The church was completed in 1920 (Dallas Morning News [DMN], November 25, 1956), and Dr. Thomas H. Harper served as the first minister. During his pastorate (1920-1927), church membership increased. In 1941, the Junius Heights Congregational Church merged with Central and by 1944, Central Congregational Church was the only affiliated representative of the denomination in Dallas (DMN, September 23, 1944).

Again in response to Dallas' changing demographics, Central Congregational Church decided to relocate and subsequently sold its building to an African American congregation in 1956. The church moved to Royal Lane, in a prestigious North Dallas area. Contemporary accounts of the move cited rapidly developing residential areas in North Dallas as the reason for the congregation's move in that direction (Dallas Times Herald, November 25, 1956:A-9). The building was subsequently sold to the Salvation Army but it is presently the Bethel Memorial Methodist Church (Willis, 1991; City directories var.).

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Although the Gothic Revival style was a favorite architectural form used on ecclesiastical buildings in East Dallas during the early 20th century, only a handful retain their integrity to such a notable degree as the Central Congregational Church. The building, which is sited on a corner lot and noteworthy because of its use of characteristic features of the Gothic Revival style, such as the buttresses, traceries, and strong vertical emphasis. The large stained-glass window set within a single segmental arch is the most distinctive architectural feature. Only a few, minor and easily reversible alterations detract from the church's historic integrity. The attached Sunday School wing to the rear is also an important architectural element on the property, and adds to the property's overall historic character.

The property is eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architecture at the local level.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY: less than one acre *See Map 1*

UTM REFERENCES	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	14	708000	3631340	3	##	#####
2	##	#####	#####	4	##	#####

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION A.F. Kirkpatrick, Block 2/768, Lots: 22 & 23

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION Nomination includes all property historically associated with the building.

11. FORM PREPARED BY (with assistance from Dwayne Jones, THC)

NAME/TITLE: Daniel Hardy/Terri Myers

ORGANIZATION: Hardy-Heck-Moore **DATE:** 7/91; 9/94

STREET & NUMBER: 2112 Rio Grande Street **TELEPHONE:** (512) 478-8014

CITY OR TOWN: Austin **STATE:** TX **ZIP CODE:** 78705

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

CONTINUATION SHEETS

MAPS

PHOTOGRAPHS

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

PROPERTY OWNER

NAME Bethel Memorial Chapel

STREET & NUMBER 1530 N. Carroll Avenue **TELEPHONE** N/A

CITY OR TOWN Dallas **STATE** TX **ZIP CODE** 75204

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Central Congregational Church
NAME:

MULTIPLE East and South Dallas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Dallas

DATE RECEIVED: 2/22/95 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/07/95
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/23/95 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/08/95
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 95000307

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/23/95 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1530 N. CARROLL
DALLAS, DALLAS CO., TEXAS

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500635