



## HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism, One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06103

**\* Note:** Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) United House of Prayer for All People  
 Building Name (Historic) United House of Prayer for All People  
 Street Address or Location 100 Dixwell Avenue  
 Town/City New Haven Village Dixwell County New Haven  
 Owner(s) United House of Prayer for All People  Public  Private

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Religious - Church  
 Historic Use: Religious - Church

**Accessibility to public:** Exterior visible from public road?  Yes  No  
 Interior accessible?  Yes  No If yes, explain Hours of use by congregation  
 Style of building Modernist - California Date of Construction 1980

**Material(s)** (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

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|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard             | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone            | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten         | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco           | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone  | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____      |                                       |  |

### Structural System

- Wood Frame  Post & Beam  Balloon  Load bearing masonry  Structural iron or steel  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Roof (Type)

- Gable  Flat  Mansard  Monitor  Sawtooth  
 Gambrel  Shed  Hip  Round  Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Material)

- Wood Shingle  Roll Asphalt  Tin  Slate  Asphalt Shingle  
 Built up  Tile  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Stories:** 1 **Approximate Dimensions** 85' x 115'

**Structural Condition:**  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

**Exterior Condition:**  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

**Location Integrity:**  On original site  Moved When? \_\_\_\_\_

**Alterations?**  Yes  No If yes, explain: Spire added to ridge of roof.

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Town # \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_ UTM \_\_\_\_\_  
 District:  S  NR If NR, Specify:  Actual  Potential

**PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)**

**Related outbuildings or landscape features:**

Barn     Shed     Garage     Carriage House     Shop     Garden

Other landscape features or buildings: Asphalt parking, perimeter landscaping, and ornamental metal fencing.

**Surrounding Environment:**

Open land     Woodland     Residential     Commercial     Industrial     Rural

High building density     Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings:

Located on a major neighborhood shopping street which is also a through route north to Hamden. The structure is located in a high-density commercial and residential building area and reflects the modern building styles of the Redevelopment period of the 60s. The area is a mix of 19th-century 2- to 3-story residential buildings and 1- to 2-story buildings of the mid-20th century.

• Other notable features of building or site (*Interior and/or Exterior*)

The United House of Prayer for All People is rectangular in plan with a wide exterior stair leading up a half-level to three double doors at the main entrance on the east facade. The entrance is covered by a projecting gabled porch, which extends the main roof form toward the street, and is supported by four brick piers with three large crosses colored pink and light blue suspended between them. The facade behind the wide portico consists of large glazed panels separated by symmetrical metal mullions, flanked by solid brick side walls in a pattern of random dark bricks in a field of red brick. The 1-story building is constructed of brick and has a high cathedral ceiling over the main nave. The building's roof is a steep sweeping gable with a slender spire (a later addition) on the ridge off-center toward the east.

Architect Edward E. Cherry

Builder George Skolnick, Inc.

• Historical or Architectural importance:

Religious buildings were an important part of the Dixwell Area Redevelopment Plan in the 1960s. The early Dixwell plans aimed to buy up and clear blighted areas in the area and sell parcels of land to private developers. Churches, with accompanying housing (see 110 Dixwell Avenue) as a way of supporting community stability, were part of the master plan (see Inventory forms for 217 Dixwell Avenue, 100 Webster Street). The United House of Prayer for All People was a \$1.1 million church and housing development planned early, although not constructed until the final years of the Redevelopment period. The building's plan is a traditional basilica while its sweeping roofline and deep porch are in the Modernist vocabular, somewhat in the California idiom. The United House of Prayer for All People is part of a regional church with 130 congregations.

Architect: Edward E. Cherry FAIA has practiced architecture from an office in Hamden CT from the 1960s through the end of the 20th century, is a well-known Afro-American architect in the local community, an collaborated with larger firms on several major projects during the Redevelopment period (see Inventory form for 197 Dixwell Avenue).

• Sources:

Brown, Elizabeth Mills; *New Haven: A Guide to Architecture and Urban Design*, Yale University Press, New Haven, 1976, pp. 173-7.  
Carley, Rachel D., *Tomorrow is Here: New Haven and the Modern Movement* (Privately printed by the New Haven Preservation Trust, New Haven CT) June, 2008.

New Haven Tax Assessor's Record: Map/Block/Parcel: 296/0328/004, Building Department permit files.

"Work Beginning on Church Project," New Haven Register, July 27, 1979.

Photographer Charlotte Hitchcock Date 8/05/2010

View East elevation (front) facing Dixwell Avenue Negative on File NHPT

Name Amy Gagnon / Charlotte Hitchcock Date 8/05/2010

Organization The New Haven Preservation Trust

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• Subsequent field evaluations:

**Threats to the building or site:**

None known     Highways     Vandalism     Developers     Renewal     Private

Deterioration     Zoning     Other \_\_\_\_\_     Explanation \_\_\_\_\_



1. Southeast view from Dixwell Avenue, camera facing northwest.

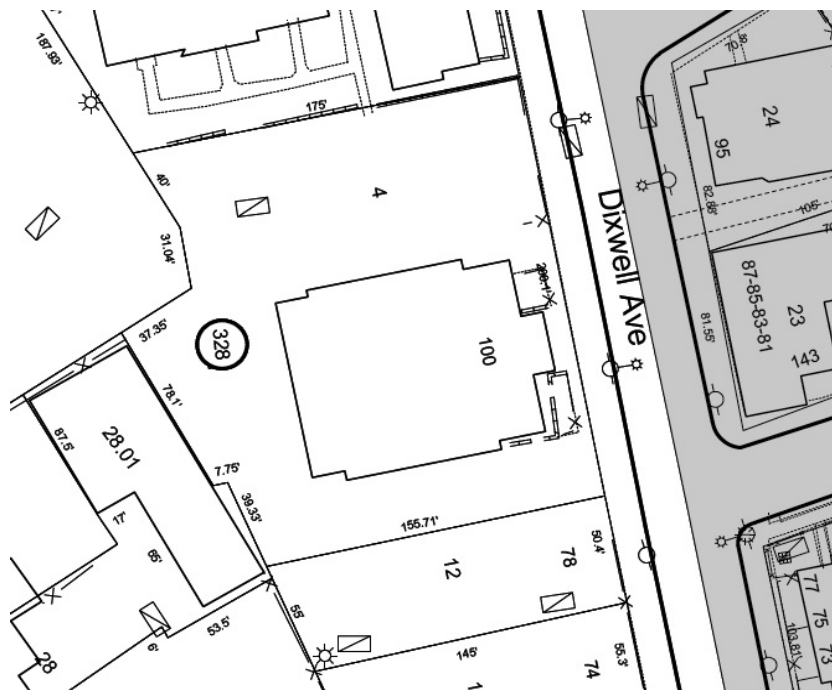


2. Northeast view of facade from Dixwell Avenue, camera facing southwest.





4. Aerial view from Google Maps <http://maps.google.com/> accessed 8/05/2010.



5. Site Plan – from City of New Haven Tax Map 296/328/004.