



## 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) Resurrection Lutheran Church / Iglesia de la Resurreccion  
 Building Name (Historic) Zion Lutheran Church  
 Street Address or Location 156-8 Davenport Avenue  
 Town/City New Haven Village Hill North County New Haven  
 Owner(s) Lutherans in Mission, Inc.  Public  Private

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Religious  
 Historic Use: Religious

**Accessibility to public:** Exterior visible from public road?  Yes  No  
 Interior accessible?  Yes  No If yes, explain By appointment  
 Style of building Modernist - California Date of Construction 1969

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type <u>cast-in-place</u> ) | <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 reinforced concrete

### 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 and B **Approximate Dimensions** 70' x 70'

**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: Ramp access added at rear

**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: Front, side, and rear yards lawn and shrubs, side and rear paved parking

**Surrounding Environment:**

- Open land     Woodland     Residential     Commercial     Industrial     Rural  
 High building density     Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings: The site is the southwest corner of Davenport Avenue and Ward Street in the Hill North neighborhood of New Haven. The area is a densely-developed area of 19th-century single and multi-family homes. Directly across Davenport Avenue is the Jewish Home for the Aged, a 3-story complex occupying an entire block. Directly behind the church to the south, is a new elementary school with a ball field abutting the church property, a site formerly occupied by homes on small urban lots.

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

The building consists of a basement level which opens on the south to a sunken courtyard faced retaining walls of concrete and traprock re-used from an earlier structure. The 1st floor is a square volume, the sanctuary, with a roof that is flat at the perimeter, then rises in a hip form and steepens near the peak to form a tower topped by a square skylight. Narrow vertical slit windows also light the sanctuary. The first floor is raised several steps above grade. On the west and north sides there are 1-story flat-roofed wings wrapping around the main sanctuary block. The north wing is the main entry, with a pair of solid wood doors set into a glazed wall. A sculptural volume projecting forward appears to contain a stair, and forms a backdrop for a cross on the exterior. The west wing appears to have office and/or Sunday school space, as it has six vertical strip windows. The walls are jumbo brick in a warm golden brown, sitting on a concrete slab floor that cantilevers beyond the basement walls. A vertical metal fascia with roof scuppers wraps the perimeter forming a cornice at the roof line.

Architect Granbery, Cash & Associates;    Builder J. H. Hogan, Inc.  
                   E. Carleton & Diana Granbery, George A. Cash

• Historical or Architectural importance: The northern part of the Hill neighborhood, bounded by Yale-New Haven Hospital on the north, and by large cemeteries on the northwest and southwest, had its period of solid prosperity in the mid-19th century, after which is suffered from crowding, poverty, and loss of manufacturing jobs. Large areas were cleared by urban renewal plans for Route 34 and for hospital construction projects. This mid-20th-century Modernist church is unique in the mix of modest residential and large-scale institutional buildings nearby. The site previously held the German Lutheran Church which stood during the late 19th century and through the early 20th.

Architect: E.Carleton Granbery (1913-1998) received undergraduate and graduate degrees from Yale and practiced in New Haven with his wife, Diana, a graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Their practice included numerous Modernist residences as well as buildings for schools, commercial work, and municipal projects (see Inventory forms for 149 York Street, 70 Autumn Street, and 740 Whalley Avenue) in a variety of Modernist vocabularies popular during the 1960s and 70s.

• Sources: Brown, Elizabeth Mills; *New Haven: A Guide to Architecture & Urban Design*, Yale U.Press, New Haven,1976, p.87. 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: 278/132/001, Building Department permit files.. Granbery, E. Carleton & Diana, "Office of Carleton Granbery Architect," promotional brochure, 1970, courtesy of John Herzan. Walker Lithograph & Publishing Co., *Atlas of New Haven Connecticut 1911*, <http://www.wardmaps.com/viewasset.php?aid=73>

Photographer Charlotte Hitchcock    Date 1/17/2011

View Multiple views    Negative on File NHPT

Name Charlotte Hitchcock    Date 1/17/2011

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. North view of entrance from Davenport Avenue, camera facing southeast.



2. Northeast view from Ward and Davenport, camera facing southwest.

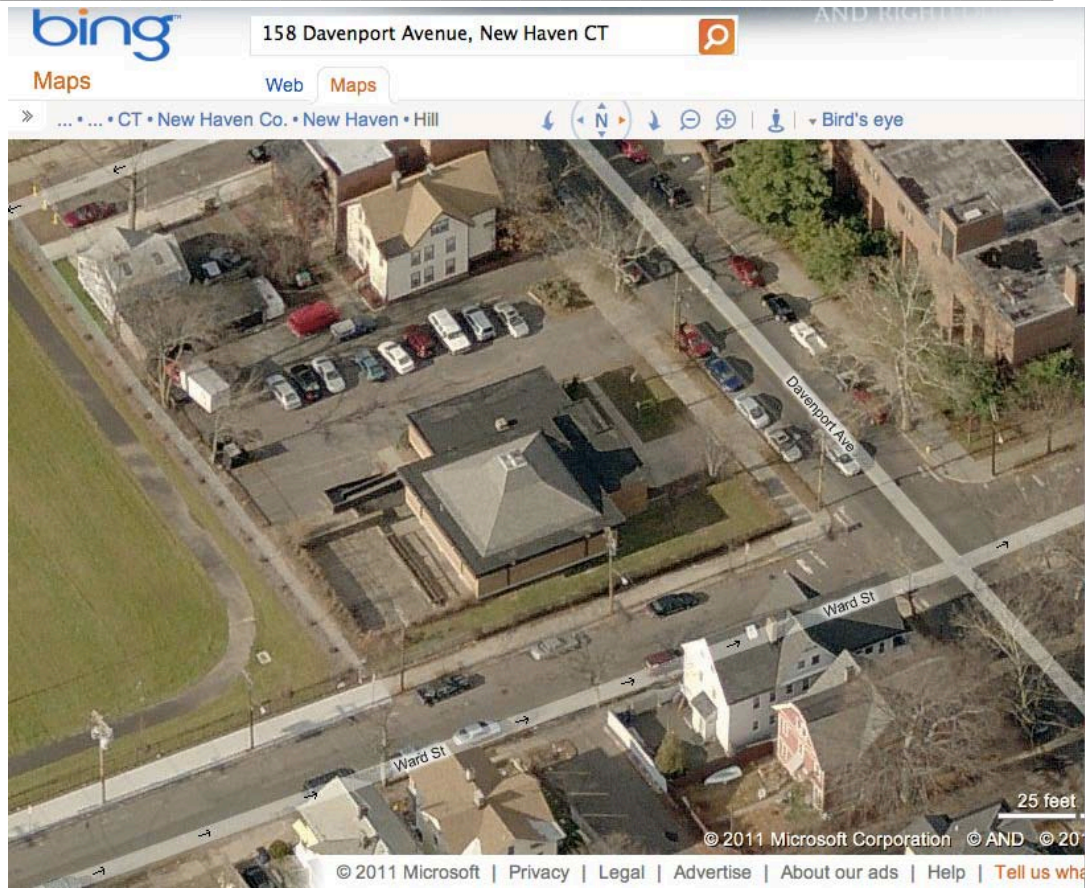




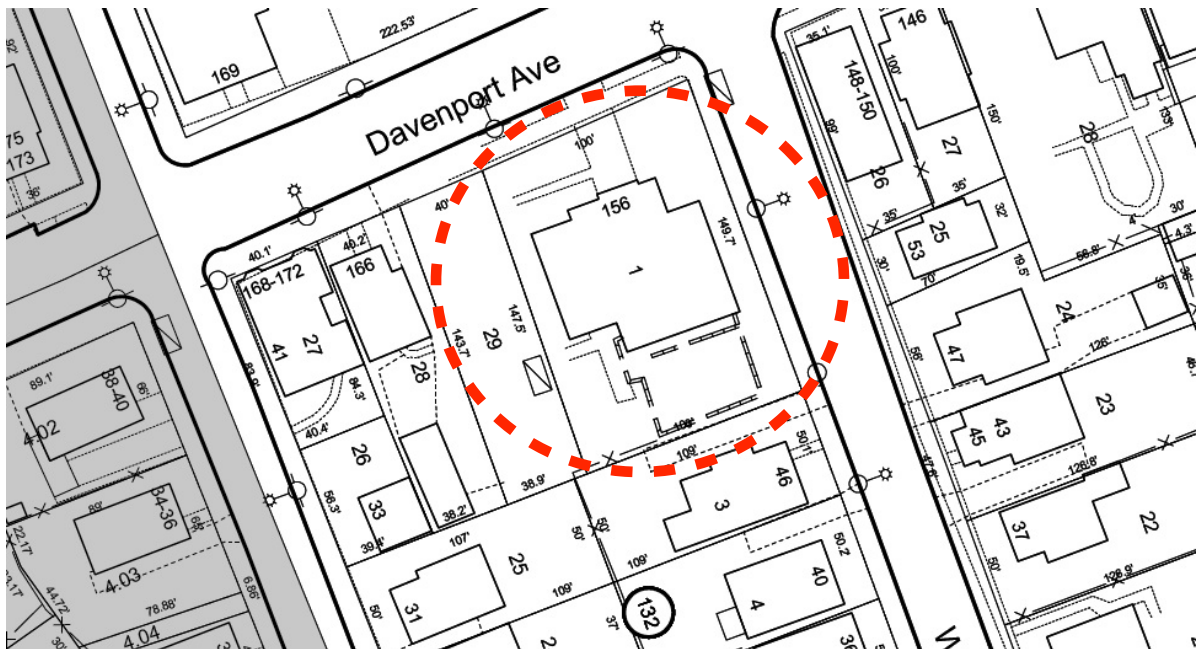
3. West view from parking, camera facing east.



4. South view of sanctuary and Basement level with sunken courtyard, camera facing northeast.



5. East aerial view from Bing Maps <http://www.bing.com/maps/> accessed 1/17/2011.



**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES** continuation sheet

156-8 Davenport Avenue, New Haven CT

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6. Site Plan – detail from City of New Haven Tax Map 278/132/001, showing, to south of 156 Davenport, houses now demolished and replaced by school playing field.