

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

Dixwell

282-348-501

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)	Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church
2 TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY
New Haven		New Haven
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		
217 Dixwell Avenue		
4. OWNER(S)		
Dixwell Avenue Congregation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private		
5. USE (Present)		
Education <span style="margin-left: 200px;">(Historic)</span> Church		
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No During daytime

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Modern	1967
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: contemporary block	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
10. ROOF (Type)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
(Material)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) unknown	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
1(2)	140' x 80'
12. CONDITION (Structural)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
13. INTEGRITY (Location)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density	

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS  
 Located on the east side of Dixwell Avenue between Foote Street and Admiral Street, this area is dominated by contemporary 20th century commercial and institutional architecture.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

Building: This Modern style church structure is composed of a semicircular (one story wing, two 1½ story wings (south elevation), and a two story (central) tower. The cut stone exterior walls are set in patterns of vertical slabs and large windows. Note the irregular plan in the southern portion of the structure. The tower utilizes long vertical single pane windows.

SIGNIFICANCE

18. ARCHITECT

John M. Johansen

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Historical: New Haven Building Department Records indicate that this building was constructed in 1968 for the "Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church" (United Church of Christ) at a cost of \$250,000. According to Elizabeth Mills Brown, the building was designed by John M. Johansen, a New York architect.

Architectural: Good example of the type of buildings built in the Dixwell area during New Haven's "Model City" urban renewal program of the 1960's.

SOURCES

New Haven Building Department Records  
 Elizabeth Mills Brown: New Haven: A Guide to Architecture and Urban Design.  
 New Haven: Yale University Press, 1976.  
 New Haven Tax Assessors Records

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Place

COMPILED BY

NAME

Paul Loether and Peter Haller

DATE

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ORGANIZATION

The New Haven Preservation Trust

ADDRESS

114 Whitney Ave., New Haven, CT 06510

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known     Highways     Vandalism     Developers

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning

