

(Oct. 1990)

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**



**1. NAME OF PROPERTY**

**HISTORIC NAME:** Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Luther Hall(boundary extension)  
**OTHER NAME/SITE NUMBER:**

**2. LOCATION**

**STREET & NUMBER:** 105 W 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
**CITY OR TOWN:** Austin  
**STATE:** Texas      **CODE:** TX      **COUNTY:** Travis      **CODE:** 453  
**NOT FOR PUBLICATION:** N/A  
**VICINITY:** N/A  
**ZIP CODE:** 78711

**3. STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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11/5/04

Signature of certifying official

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): \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Signature of the Keeper  
*Edson H. Beall*

Date of Action  
12/23/04

**5. CLASSIFICATION**

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**OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY:** Public - State

**CATEGORY OF PROPERTY:** Building

<b>NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITHIN PROPERTY:</b>	<b>CONTRIBUTING</b>	<b>NONCONTRIBUTING</b>
	1	0 <b>BUILDINGS</b>
	0	0 <b>SITES</b>
	0	0 <b>STRUCTURES</b>
	0	0 <b>OBJECTS</b>
	1	0 <b>TOTAL</b>

**NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES PREVIOUSLY LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER:** 1 (Gethsemane Lutheran Church)

**NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY LISTING:**

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**6. FUNCTION OR USE**

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**HISTORIC FUNCTIONS:** RELIGION=Religious Facility/ Church School

**CURRENT FUNCTIONS:** GOVERNMENT=Government Office

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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**ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION:** MODERN MOVEMENT

**MATERIALS:** FOUNDATION CONCRETE  
 WALLS BRICK, STONE= Limestone  
 ROOF ASPHALT  
 OTHER

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

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This boundary extension for Gethsemane Lutheran Church (NR 1970) is intended to expand the present historical record and add Luther Hall, the church's parish hall, to the National Register of Historic Places. The two structures are located three blocks north of the State Capitol of Texas at the corner of North Congress Avenue and West 16<sup>th</sup> Street. The 1883 Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a buff brick gothic revival building with carpenter gothic cupola. Directly behind the church, and fronting onto 16<sup>th</sup> Street, is the 1940 Luther Hall. The two-story Modern Movement building has a concrete foundation, brick walls and limestone detailing. The symmetrical north elevation features a stepped parapet, panels of shell limestone, and a medallion representing Martin Luther's coat of arms above a recessed entryway. Both buildings are now part of the State of Texas Capital complex, and are among several historic buildings now occupied by the Texas Historical Commission. The church serves as the agency library, and important interior spatial relationships have been retained. The parish hall is relatively unaltered except that the brick exterior has been painted. The property and grounds are in excellent condition and retain a high degree of integrity.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church (1883) and Luther Hall (1940), occupy the southwest corner of 16<sup>th</sup> and Congress, just behind the state capitol in Austin, Texas. The church is oriented toward North Congress street while Luther Hall, faces 16<sup>th</sup> street. Landscaping around the two buildings includes a grassy lawn dotted with oak trees on the south and west sides of the church, and a concrete path between the two buildings. Although the area just north of the capitol is dominated by state office buildings, there are two other historic buildings along 16<sup>th</sup> street, the Carrington Covert House and the Elrose Apartments, all owned by the state and occupied by the Texas Historical Commission.

### **Gethsemane Lutheran Church**

Built in 1883 of buff brick salvaged from the old State Capitol building, Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a simple Gothic Revival building with patterned pressed tin roof. The church is positioned on a small rise above street level and rests on a shallow limestone basement. The simple rectangular plan runs east-west with a projecting steeple on the front, or east, elevation and a three-sided apse on the west elevation.

The main entry is located in the base of the projecting steeple. The wood paneled double doors, salvaged from the Old Main building at the University of Texas, are set in a gothic arch with a stained glass transom bearing a cross and crown. The second stage of the bell tower breaks through the roofline and features a single, stained glass lancet window with brick hoodmold. A wide cornice caps the brick portion of the tower. The final stage of the tower is an octagonal carpenter gothic cupola, which houses the bell. The open sided cupola features a turned balustrade, columns and brackets forming gothic arches. The cupola is capped with a conical roof with a Latin cross finial.

Dominating the side elevations are five stained glass lancet windows. The windows are divided into three parts: the arched top portion, which opens inward, a tall, fixed middle portion depicting religious allegories, and a short bottom portion, which opens vertically. Each of the windows rests on a limestone sill and has a brick

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hoodmold above. Between the windows, simple buttresses further define the church's Gothic character. The intersection of the roofline and walls are treated with brick dentils under a stringcourse, also present on the bell tower.

The west elevation of the building has buttresses at the outer edges, and a three-sided one-story apse, which houses the church's altar. The projecting bay has two stained glass lancet windows and a sloped tin roof. A single steel paneled door, which is now used as a public entrance is located north of the apse bay.

The church is now used as the Texas Historical Commission library with office space in the choir loft. The open plan interior of the building is oriented from the east with the entry passing under a choir loft and opening up to the hall and altar at the western end. The wood choir loft is supported on two large square posts. The low wood panel choir loft wall is elaborated with a central semi-circular protrusion. Glass panels have been added above the loft wall as a sound barrier between the offices and library. To the rear of the choir loft is an arched niche that provides access to the interior of the bell tower.

The interior north and south walls of the church have been fitted with oak shelving with file drawers below to store the agencies library collections. The main floor area is filled in with six large work tables, three double sided, four-foot shelving units and a librarian's desk and work space.

The western end of the interior has retained the original wooden altarpieces. Hand crafted in 1928 by local artisans the chancel contains a pulpit, baptismal font, altar rail and altar. The carved pieces are all oak with a dark finish. The altar has three painted panels, with the center panel depicting the crucifixion of Christ.

### **Luther Hall**

Immediately west, or behind, the church is the 1940 parish hall. Between the two buildings is a small grassy area with a birdbath and a concrete path connecting the two buildings.

Luther Hall has a boxy, rectangular plan that is simple and somewhat utilitarian in design. Its functional treatment, almost devoid of historical details, was typical of many public buildings of its era. Similar clean, flat lines and simple architectural geometry could be found in such contemporaneous public buildings as schools, libraries, and city halls. The architecture of Luther Hall thus contrasts markedly with the ornate detailing of the adjacent chapel built decades before.<sup>1</sup>

Design elements of Luther Hall include a symmetrical facade with a stepped parapet and a central, inset entry, and double doors with a transom. Above the entry is a set of vertical limestone panels that accent the opening and highlight the significance of the primary, street elevation. On the second floor, the use of a central set of three windows, flanked on either side by paired windows, also serves to draw attention to the public entrance.

<sup>1</sup> Bruce Jensen. Conversation with Dan K. Utley, July 14, 1997.

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The brick is now painted a solid white. Originally, a combination of red and buff bricks added visual interest to the simple clean lines of the building. The body of the building was buff brick with red brick used to highlight the entry bay and the base of the building.

A prominent feature on the central parapet is a medallion representing the coat of arms of Martin Luther, the founder of Lutheranism and a leader of the Protestant Reformation in sixteenth-century Europe. A church history provides a description of the symbolism in Luther's personal coat of arms, noting it includes, "A cross on a heart, resting on the center of the Messianic Rose and surrounded by a circle to symbolize eternity..." and that the religious leader utilized it as "an expression of trust in God."<sup>2</sup>

The ground floor interior of Luther Hall originally included an open fellowship hall, a kitchen, small stage, storage rooms, restrooms, and, immediately to the left of the main entry, the pastor's office. Both the fellowship hall and the office had exterior doors (now sealed) that led to the open area between the hall and the church. The first floor has since been divided into offices off a central hall. The second floor consists of a central hallway with meeting rooms or offices on either side.<sup>3</sup>

Although some of the original design was lost when the hall was painted, Luther hall has undergone very few other changes. The original 6/6 light double hung wood windows are still intact and the interior space has remained relatively unaltered. The parish hall maintains its relationship to the church including the surrounding landscaping. The exterior of the church is almost unaltered and the interior has been converted to a library while retaining important spatial relationships. Both buildings retain integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association to a high degree.

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<sup>2</sup> Zellmer; "125 Years of Faith: A History," a commemorative booklet published by Gethsemane Lutheran church, c. 1993, p. 3.

<sup>3</sup> Zellmer; George Wendlandt. Telephone conversation with Dan K. Utley, July 9, 1997.

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**8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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**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:** Religion, Architecture**PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE:** 1940 to 1954**SIGNIFICANT DATES:** 1940**SIGNIFICANT PERSON:** N/A**CULTURAL AFFILIATION:** N/A**ARCHITECT/BUILDER:** A.H. Edburg, contractor**NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** (see continuation sheets 8-8 through 8-11).

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES**

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**BIBLIOGRAPHY** (see continuation sheet 9-12).**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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Gethsemane Lutheran Church, at 1510 Congress, in Austin, Texas, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1970. The period of significance noted in the nomination was "19<sup>th</sup> century" with a specific date of 1883. The areas of significance noted were "architecture" and "religion." This nomination amendment increases the boundary of the nomination to include the adjacent support building known as "Luther Hall," a Modern Movement building constructed in 1940. The period of significance is increased to include Luther Hall's date of construction (1883-1940), and the name of the nomination is amended to describe the entirety of the property ("Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Luther Hall").

Gethsemane Lutheran Church was founded by Swedish immigrants in Austin in the mid nineteenth century. The congregation constructed the church at 16<sup>th</sup> and Congress in 1883 salvaging materials from both the first State Capitol and the Old Main building at the University of Texas. In 1940 the congregation constructed Luther Hall to provide office, activity, and meeting space for the growing congregation. In contrast to the gothic revival church the Modern parish hall has minimal detailing. The congregation moved to a new facility in 1961. Because of their proximity to the capitol grounds, the State of Texas purchased the two buildings for offices. Today the Texas Historical Commission occupies both buildings. Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Luther Hall are eligible under Criterion A in the area of Religion and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. Because the buildings are primarily significant for architecture as well as religion Criteria Consideration A applies.

Swedish immigrants to Austin organized Gethsemane Lutheran Church in 1868. It was the city's first Lutheran congregation and also the first Swedish Lutheran church in the state. It was established under the direction of Swante Palm, a prominent civic leader and local vice-consul to the Swedish government. The congregation built its first sanctuary at Ninth and Guadalupe streets (presently the location of the Austin History Center). Late in 1882 the congregation decided to move their church and build a new structure on a piece of high land directly behind the state capitol.

An 1883 newspaper article by the Rev. J. A. Stamline, then pastor of the church, provided an account of the church's decision to move, as well as a brief congregational history:

Our congregation in Austin has for many years struggled with poverty and innumerable drawbacks, and it is God's wonder that it now exists. All the Swedes that emigrated to Austin from Sweden were, when they arrived here, Lutherans, but a separation has since then taken place, so that the Swedes in Austin constitute two religious bodies, namely the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran and the Swedish Methodist.

Our congregation has, until last summer, in July, been a mere mission appointment, and was then successful in getting a minister from Augustana Seminary, in Rock Island, Illinois, who is now laboring in Austin, and in the vicinity of Manor.

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Since then the congregation has been diligently at work in arranging for a new church house, and in October 1882 bought two new lots on Congress Avenue, corner of Cherry Street, for \$1600, and are already paid for.

Last week we sold our old church to the African Methodists for \$900, and are now to commence our new church building on said lots. But during the time we are building, we hold our services in the German and English Academy owned by Prof. Brickler, and we owe all our gratitude to him for his great kindness of opening his school house to us for mere nothing.<sup>4</sup>

The pastor then added an impassioned plea for financial assistance with the planned construction expenses:

Have we now any friends of the Lutheran church, amongst the Protestant people in Austin, who have also received blessings by Lutheran reformation, who will now come to help us in our poverty to carry our burden, so that we will succeed in getting our church house on the proper place where we can gather our people, and by sound doctrine feed them and lead them to an eternal home in heaven? We know that the sea is a free-fishing pool, and in the name of God shall we cast out the hook and His name only shall have the glory.<sup>5</sup>

Despite the proposed costs and the status of "poverty" the congregation persevered and built its new chapel. They hired August Swenson as architect, and S.A. Carlson as contractor Fredric. Foreman of construction was Fredric Reichow, who had recently completed work on the new capitol building. In the interests of economizing on building and material fees, the congregation did much of the construction work themselves. In addition, they salvaged bricks and stones from the old state Capitol that had burned down in 1881 and doors from the Old Main building at the University of Texas.

### Luther Hall

By the 1930s, many of the church's early concerns were apparently behind it. Despite the impact of the nation's economic depression membership was sufficient that additional meeting space, primarily for Sunday school classes and youth activities, was necessary. In 1935 the Luther League, the church's youth organization, called for an educational building to be constructed on land immediately west of the chapel. Church leaders charged the league with drawing up the initial plans and conducting the necessary fund raising. The first donation was only a penny, but the group soon raised considerable additional capital toward the projected costs.<sup>6</sup>

In November 1939, with only part of the money raised, the building committee presented two construction plans to the general membership. No details were provided in the church records, except for the notation that plan one

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<sup>4</sup> Rev J. A. Stamline, *Austin Daily Statesman*, March 4, 1883. Typed copy of the article is included in the Gethsemane Lutheran Church file of the Austin History Center, Austin, Texas.

<sup>5</sup> Stamline.

<sup>6</sup> Zellmer; "125 Years of Faith: A History," a commemorative booklet published by Gethsemane Lutheran church, c. 1993, p. 3.

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would cost \$12,000 and plan two would be \$4,000 less. By a narrow vote (49-45), the church chose the more expensive of the two. At its annual meeting the following month, however, the congregation voted to rescind its earlier vote. No reasons or alternate plans were noted, but separate action resulted in an agreement that construction of "Luther Hall" would proceed and that the church would sign a note for a construction loan.<sup>7</sup>

Construction on Luther Hall began soon after with A. H. Edburg serving as contractor, and the work was probably completed by the early summer months of 1940. That year, but no other date, appears on the building's dedicatory plaque.<sup>8</sup> Church records provide no specific date of completion, but note that the following annual meeting was held in Luther Hall on January 9, 1941. Notes from that meeting reveal the new "parish hall" was "built and in use nearly every day in the week."<sup>9</sup>

The ground floor fellowship hall provided space for recreational activities, youth programs, and special church functions such as dinners and plays, as well as some worship services. During the years of World War II, the building was a popular place for regular church socials that attracted local servicemen.<sup>10</sup>

Luther Hall served the congregation of Gethsemane Lutheran Church until 1961, when the church moved to a new campus in North Austin on Anderson Lane (US Highway 183). On January 29 of that year, members held their last services, and a ceremony of removal, in the historic church buildings at Sixteenth and Congress. The Rev. M. L. Lundquist, now a resident of Nebraska, preached a sermon entitled, "We Look Both Ways." Following the regular service, according to a newspaper article published that Sunday, members were to retire the church flags and ceremoniously remove important church "appointments," including "the pulpit Bible, baptismal bowl, Communion vessels, offering plates, altar book, missal stand, altar paraments and linens, flower vases, altar candles, and the altar cross." It added: "The concluding part of the service of removal will be the removal of the cornerstone of the parish hall which was constructed in 1940." The cornerstone is now prominently displayed on a wall in the present church sanctuary.<sup>11</sup>

In February 1961, the church voted to sell their Capitol area property to the State of Texas for \$130,000, but retained permission to use the structures for storage for six months. Initially, the church also received permission to demolish the buildings and to either reuse the construction materials or sell them for salvage. The

<sup>7</sup> Gethsemane Lutheran Church annual meeting records, 1931-1946: pp. 149, 163, and 164.

<sup>8</sup> Close examination of a 1961 photograph taken at the service of removal (see attached) shows a church member holding the 1940 cornerstone with its back to the camera, revealing a painted date of 6-17-4? (a young man's head obscures the last digit) and several letters. A careful review of local newspapers from around that month and day (a Monday) in 1940 revealed no notice of Gethsemane Lutheran Church or the setting of the cornerstone.

<sup>9</sup> Annual meeting records, pp. 166-167.

<sup>10</sup> Wendlandt and Zellmer.

<sup>11</sup> Newspaper article (publication not shown, but apparently from Austin), January 29, 1961. Copy in the Gethsemane Lutheran Church file, Austin History Center.

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agreement resulted in an immediate response from city preservationists, including several vocal members of the congregation, and the idea of demolition soon gave way to plans for historic preservation. Church members, in association with state leaders and the Heritage Society of Austin, worked to save the buildings, although the focal point of their efforts was clearly the 1883 church. That building received a historical medallion from the Texas State Historical Survey Committee in 1962 (an interpretive plate was approved in 1968), and the following year it was featured in an article in *Texas Architect*.<sup>12</sup>

As a result of the attention, preservation prevailed, and in 1965 the 59th Texas Legislature passed a bill transferring the historic Gethsemane Lutheran Church buildings and the nearby Carrington-Covert House to the Texas State Historical Survey Committee for office space. Governor John Connally signed it into law. The legislation provided for the preservation of the church and the house "and their adjoining grounds," but failed to mention Luther Hall by name. The omission was not necessarily an oversight; early conceptual plans for the property showed a reflecting pool, a fountain, a gazebo, and an open lawn area in the general location of the parish hall.<sup>13</sup> Fortunately, a combination of limited resources and limited office space probably helped save the building. Over the years it has housed a number of the THC's departments, and it currently provides space for the History Programs Division.

Gethsemane Church was rehabilitated in 1997, and re-inaugurated in 1998 as the Texas Historical Commission Library. In addition to being listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970, the church is a Registered Texas Historic Landmark and a City of Austin Landmark.

This boundary extension and addendum to the National Register listing of Gethsemane church has been based on a combination of existing and new research done by staff members of the Texas Historical Commission. The site retains its significance under criteria A for its association with historical events that have effected the broad patterns of development in the City of Austin and the State of Texas, and under criteria C for its architectural significance as good local examples of the Gothic Revival (church) and Modern (hall) styles.

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<sup>12</sup> Marker files; Austin History Center files.

<sup>13</sup> Austin History Center files (includes copy of bill transferring property to the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, 1965).

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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**ACREAGE OF PROPERTY:** less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES	Zone	Easting	Northing
	14	621197 E	3350242 N

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:** Lots 5 (church) and 6 (hall) of out lot 46, block 2 of division E, City of Austin**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:** This is a boundary extension for Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The property being added is Luther Hall immediately west of the church. This nomination includes all property historically associated with the building.

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

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**NAME/TITLE:** David W. Danenfelzer, Dan K. Utley, Hannah Vaughan**ORGANIZATION:** Texas Historical Commission**DATE:** July 2004**STREET & NUMBER:** 105 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street**TELEPHONE:** (512) 463-5853**CITY OR TOWN:** Austin**STATE:** Texas**ZIP CODE:** 78711

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**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION**

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**CONTINUATION SHEETS****MAPS** (see continuation sheet Map-13)**PHOTOGRAPHS** (see continuation sheet Photo Log-20)**ADDITIONAL ITEMS** (see continuation sheet Figure 14-19)

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**PROPERTY OWNER**

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**NAME:** Texas Historical Commission, Attn: Larry Oaks, State Historic Preservation Officer**STREET & NUMBER:** P.O. BOX 12276**TELEPHONE:** 512-936-4323**CITY OR TOWN:** Austin**STATE:** TX**ZIP CODE:** 78711

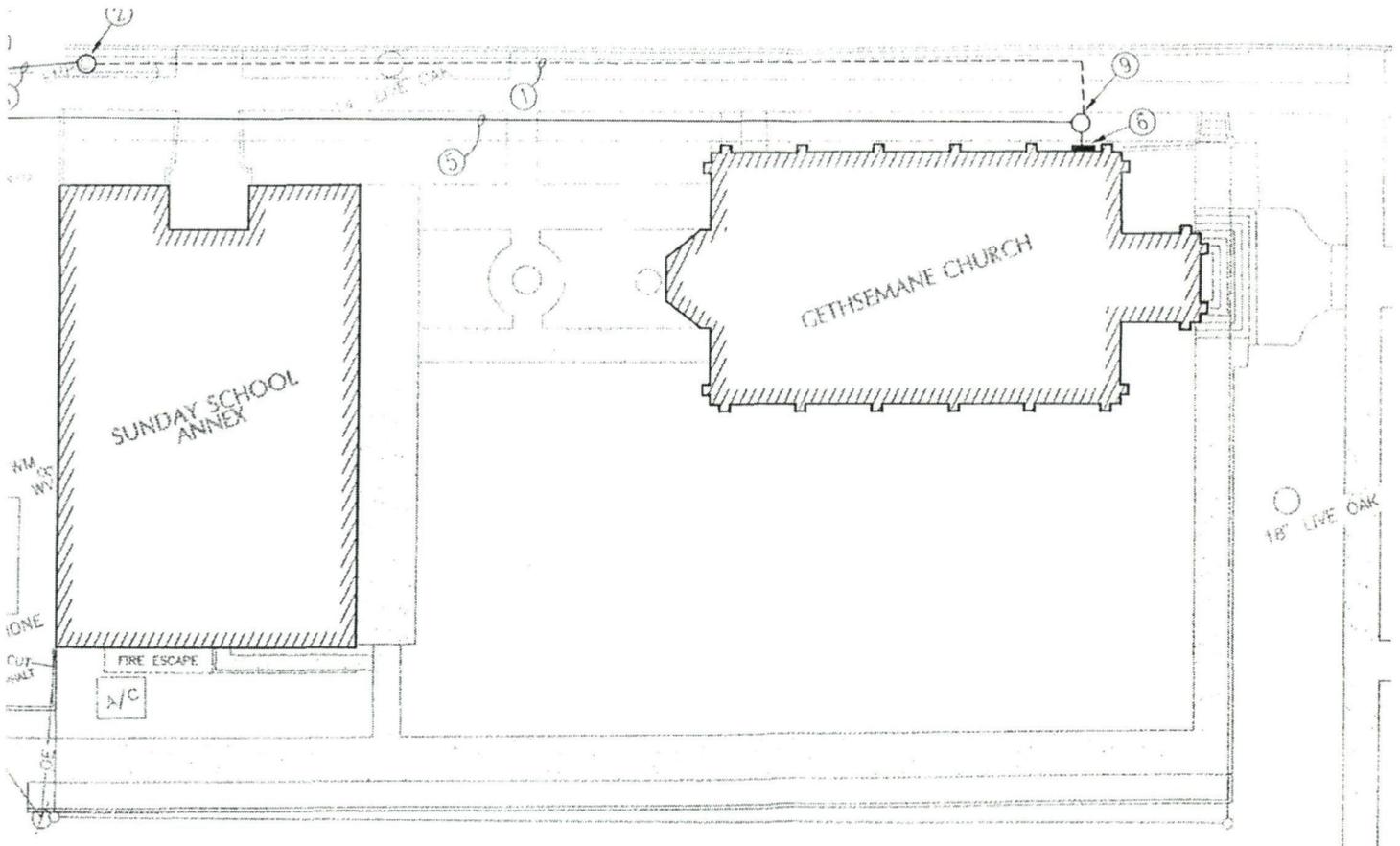
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Map 1 Siteplan



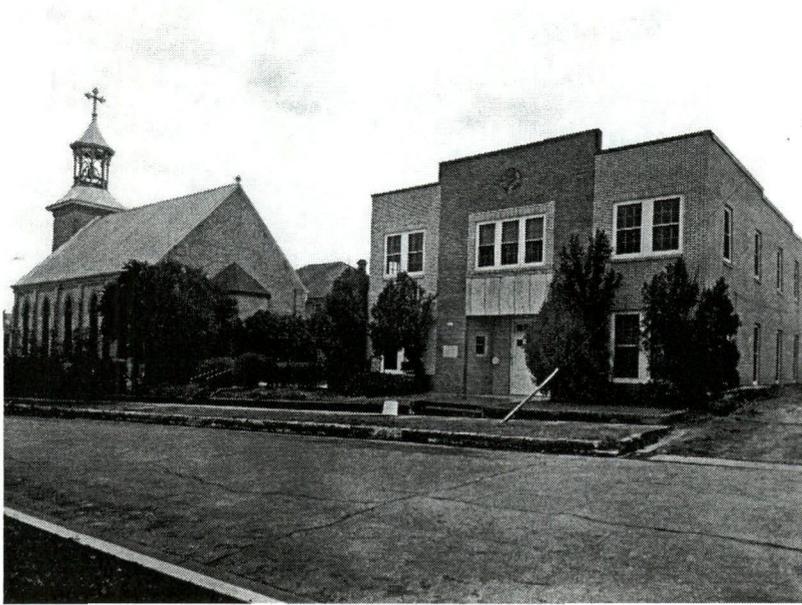
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**Figure 1** ca. 1961 view of Gethsemane Lutheran and Luther Hall from w. 16<sup>th</sup> Street



**Figure 2** Deconsecration ceremony, 1961



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**Figure 3** 2004 view of Gethsemane Lutheran and Luther Hall from W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street (camera facing southeast)



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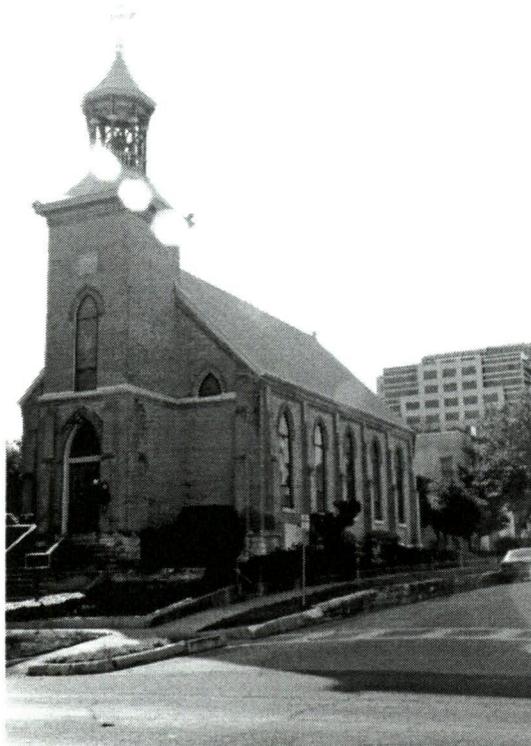
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**Figure 4** Detail of Luther's Cross above entry.



**Figure 5** 2004 view of church and hall (camera facing west)



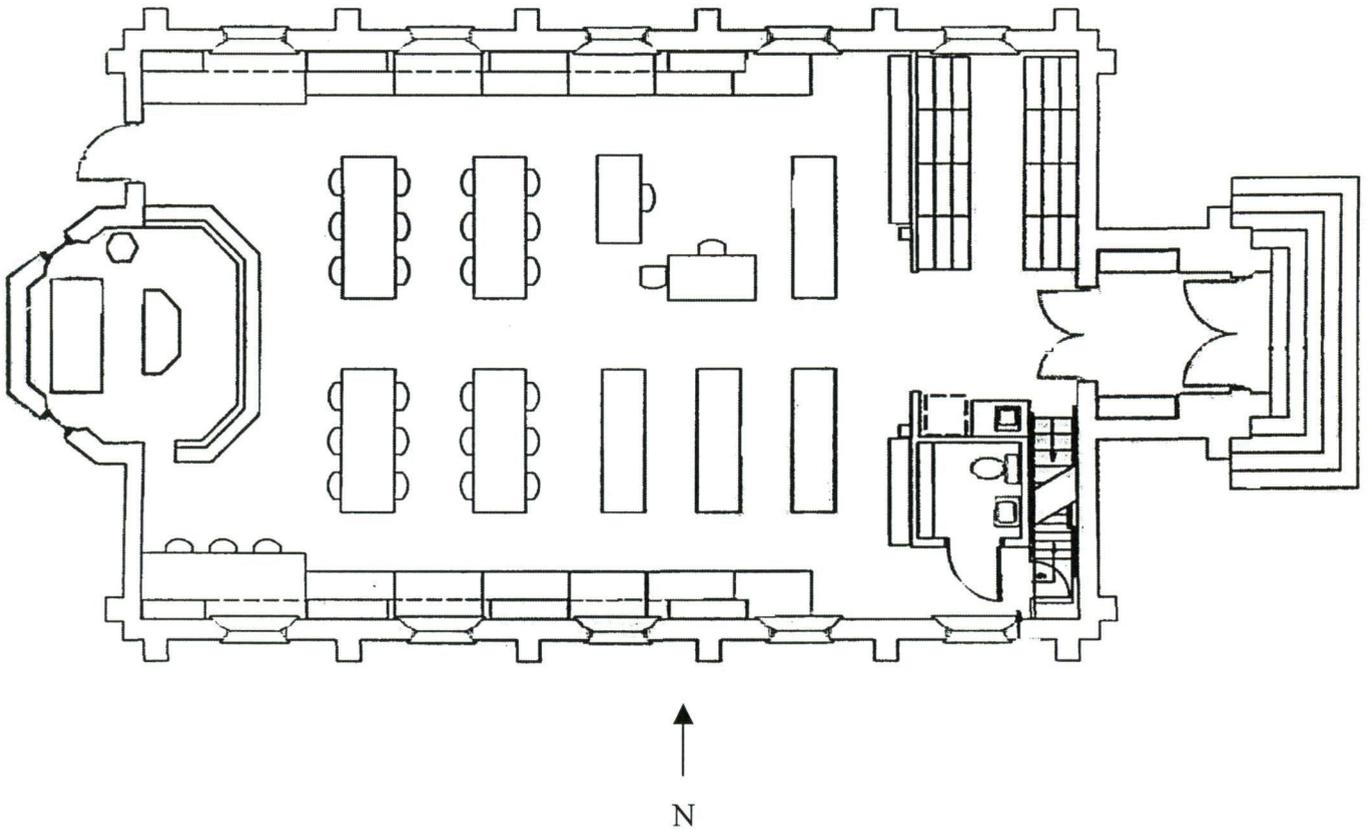
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**Figure 6** Gethsemane Floor plan



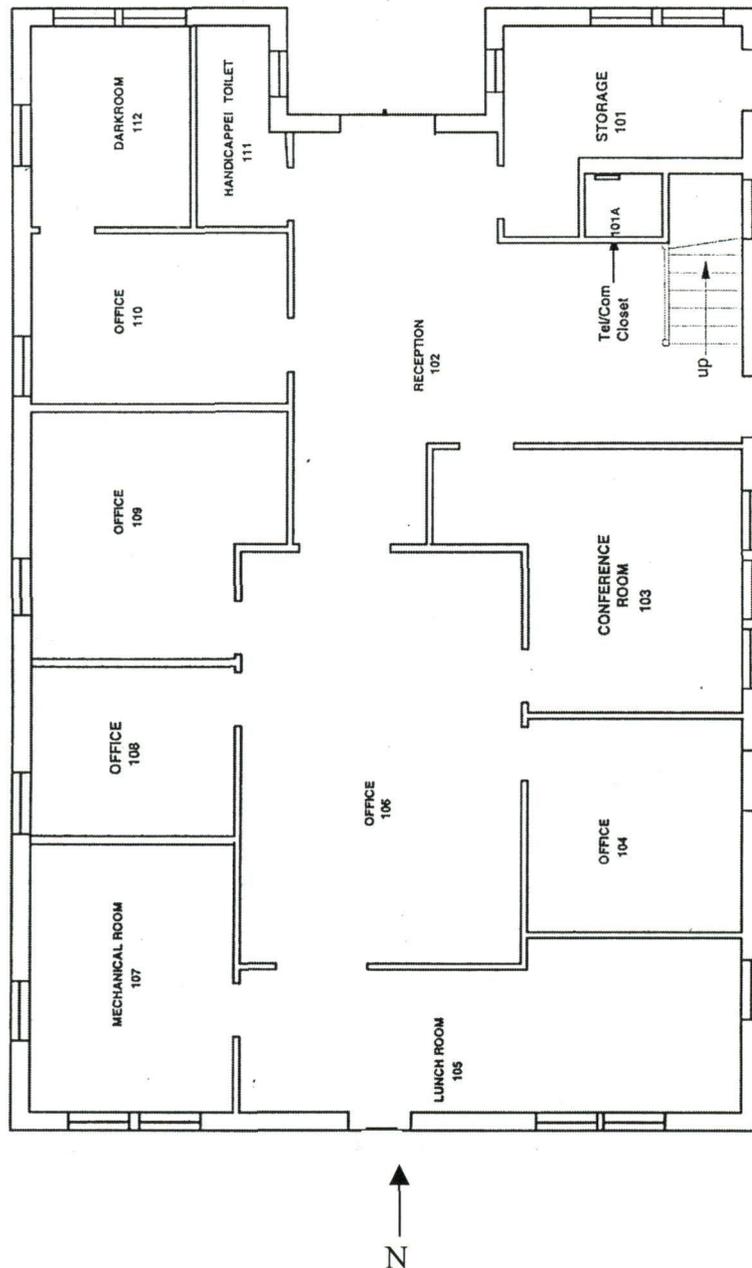
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Figure 7 Luther Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Plan



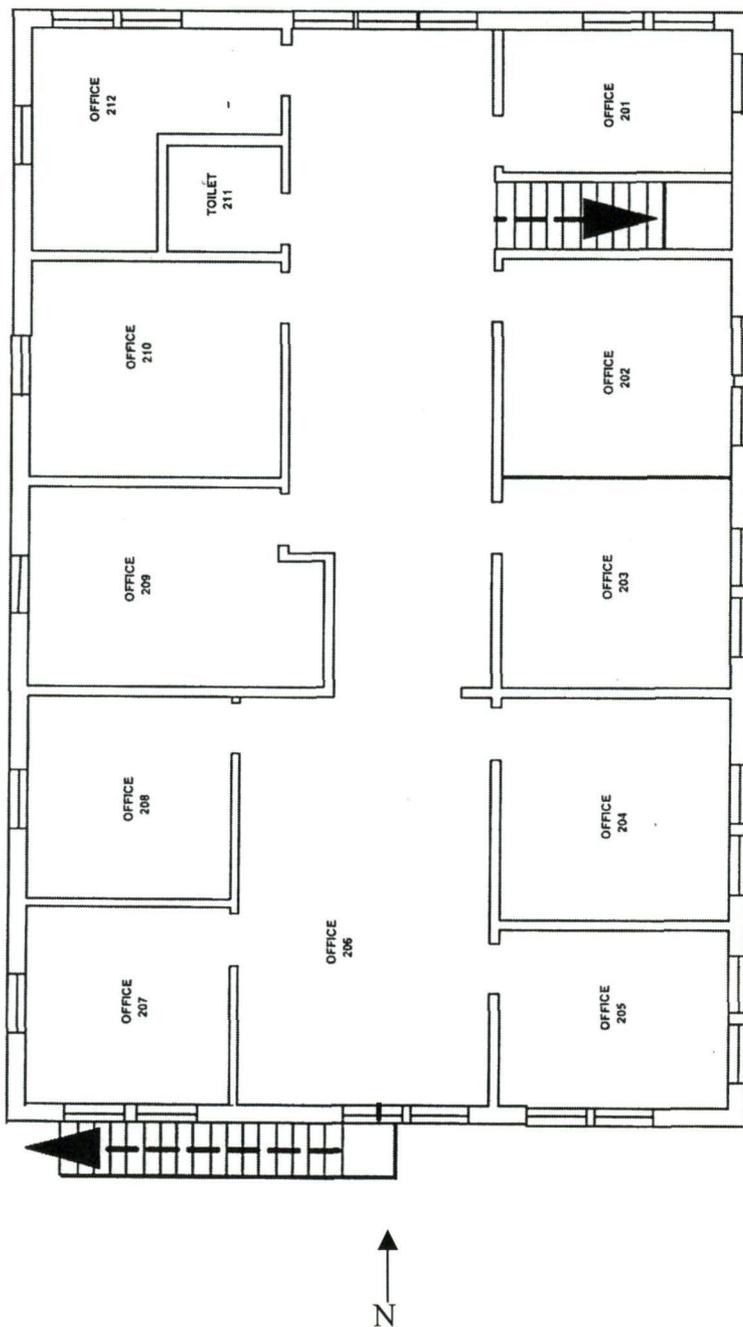
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Figure 8 Luther Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Plan



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### Photo Log

Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Luther Hall  
(Luther Hall)  
105 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Travis County, TX

Photographs by Hannah Vaughan  
July 2004  
Negative on file with the Texas Historical Commission  
Northwest oblique, camera facing southeast

Photo 1 of 1

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Luther Hall (Boundary Increas  
NAME: e)

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Travis

DATE RECEIVED: 11/10/04 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/08/04  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/23/04 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/24/04  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 04001398

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 12/23/04 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

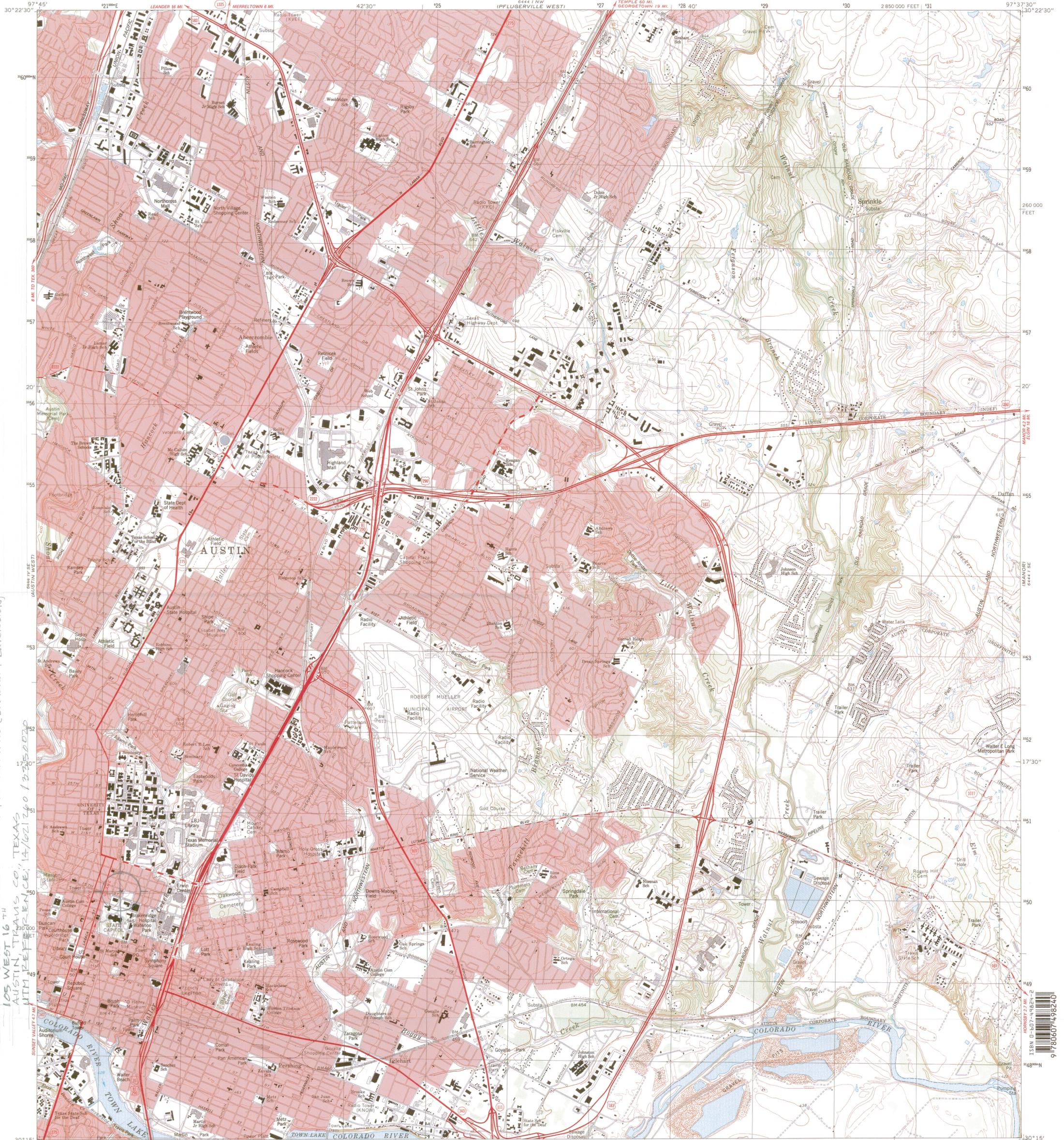


Gethsemane Lutheran Church (Bound. Ext.)

Luther Hall

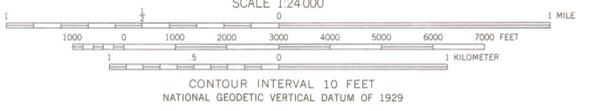
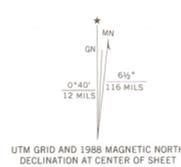
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GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH & LUTHER HALL (BOUNDARY EXTENSION)  
105 WEST 16 TH  
AUSTIN, TRAVIS CO., TEXAS  
MIM REFERENCE: 1A/021260 1235000

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey in cooperation with City of Austin  
Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1952. Field checked 1954. Revised from aerial photographs taken 1985. Field checked 1986. Map edited 1988  
Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Texas coordinate system, central zone (Lambert conformal conic) 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 14 1927 North American Datum  
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection lines 18 meters south and 28 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

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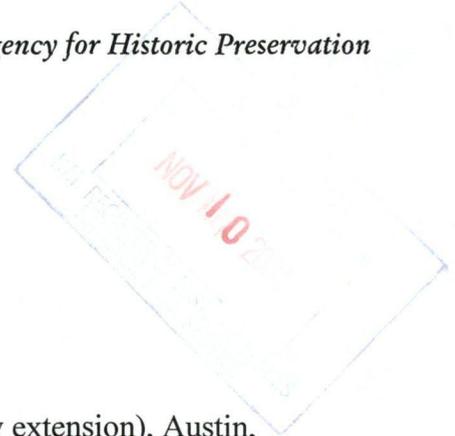
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TO: Carol Shull, Keeper  
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FROM: Gregory W. Smith, National Register Coordinator  
 Texas Historical Commission

RE: Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Luther Hall (boundary extension), Austin,  
 Travis County, Texas

DATE: November 8, 2004

The following materials are submitted regarding: Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Luther Hall

<input type="checkbox"/>	Original National Register of Historic Places form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resubmitted nomination
<input type="checkbox"/>	Multiple Property nomination form
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Photographs
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: amended National Register nomination

COMMENTS:

SHPO requests substantive review

The enclosed owner objections (do ) (do not ) constitute a majority of property owners

Other: \_\_\_\_\_