

**City of Milwaukee
Historic Designation Application Instructions
Site or Structure**

To be considered for designation by the Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission, it is necessary for an applicant to complete the enclosed application form and return it. The application is designed so that it can be completed without professional assistance. Although most of the items are self-explanatory, some may be unfamiliar to you. The following instructions explain the most frequently misunderstood items. If you have further questions, do not hesitate to contact the Historic Preservation Commission staff at (414) 286-5722.

1. **Historic Name:** This is ordinarily the first name given to the building or the name of the original owner. A name associated with a site at a later date may also be used if it can be demonstrated to have more historic validity than the name by which it was first known.

Common Name: This is usually the name by which a site is currently popularly identified. It may be the same as the historic name.
5. **Representation in Existing Surveys:** If you know whether or not your property has been included in the City of Milwaukee Historic Building Inventory or some other inventory or has been previously historically designated by either the former Milwaukee Landmarks Commission or the National Register of Historic Places, please indicate this information. If you do not know, just write "unknown."
6. **DESCRIPTION Written Description:** Describe the structure's shape, building materials, and exterior features in paragraph form. Specify types and colors of materials, the design or pattern of decorative ornament, and the arrangement of architectural elements. Also describe other features on the site such as outbuildings, decorative fences, sculpture, fountains, or landscape treatments that may add to the significance or historic character of the site. Briefly describe additions or alterations and non-historic features. Use continuation sheets, if necessary.
7. **SIGNIFICANCE Written Statement of Significance:** In a brief opening paragraph, enumerate the areas of significance previously checked and explain specifically why the site is important in each of these categories. In subsequent paragraphs, and on continuation sheets, if necessary, detail the history of the site and the people or events that have contributed to its significance. You may want to attach photocopies of documentation to support and further amplify your research.
8. **Major Bibliographical References:** Include major references. Use continuation sheets if necessary. Be sure to include publisher, city, and publication dates for books and edition dates for newspapers and periodicals.
9. **Property Description:** Indicate the acreage of the nominated property (if less than one acre, just say "less than one acre") and the legal property description from the deed or tax assessor's records.

Return the form to: Historic Preservation
City Clerk's Office
200 E. Wells St.
Room B-4
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 286-5722



HISTORIC SITE DESIGNATION APPLICATION

1. Name Summerfield United Methodist Church

Historic: Summerfield Methodist Episcopal Church

and/or Common: Summerfield Church, Summerfield UMC

2. Location

Street & number 728 E. Juneau Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Aldersperson: Nik Kovac

District(s): 3rd District

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Present Use			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object <input type="checkbox"/> site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public <input type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> park <input type="checkbox"/> cemetery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious <input type="checkbox"/> private- residence	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> museum	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation <input type="checkbox"/> other

4. Owner of Property

Name: Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church

Street & number: 750 Windsor Street

City: Sun Prairie

State WI

Zip 53590

5. Representation Existing Surveys

Inventory:

Date: federal state county local

Depository for survey records:

Organization City of Milwaukee (6/18/79) **Surveyor:** R. Wenger

Street & number

City

State

Zip

Previous historic designation:

<input type="checkbox"/>	National Register	Date	Name	
<input type="checkbox"/>	City of Milwaukee Landmark	Date	Name	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other			
	Name of Program			Date designated

6. DESCRIPTION

Condition:

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins

Check one:

- original site
- moved date
- altered
- unaltered

Building form:

Number of stories ³

Foundation:

- stone
- brick
- concrete block
- concrete
- other

Roof:

- gable (flank end cross)
- gambrel (flank end cross)
- hip
- mansard
- flat
- other

Walls:

- clapboard
- brick
- stucco
- stone
- wood shingle
- slate
- terra cotta
- asphalt siding
- asbestos tile
- aluminum siding
- artificial stone
- other

Written description: (Continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)

Summerfield United Methodist Church is an excellent example of a small Gothic Revival Church. Its wall finish is of rock-faced, coarse ashlar limestone with the same used as trim throughout the exterior design. Of note is the use of stained glass as seen in the windows above the main entry and in the transept.

The church has two stained-glass skylights, one centered over the nave and the other in a room to the west of the nave which once served as an extension to the church when additional space was needed. Originally a movable wall could be raised into the attic to open up the "overflow room" as this feature of the so-called "Akron Plan" is termed.

7. SIGNIFICANCE

Areas of significance:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion | |

Date built or altered: 1904

Builder/architect: Turnbull & Jones

Written statement of significance: (continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)

Summerfield United Methodist was organized in 1852 as the Jackson St. Church, which was an adjunct of Spring St. Methodist (First Methodist). The Spring St. building was destroyed by fire in 1854 and they merged with the Jackson St. congregation. A second edifice was built at the corner of Van Buren and Kilbourn (then known as Biddle). The third and present structure was dedicated in 1904. In 1935 Immanuel German Methodist merged with Summerfield.

In November 1919, Goodwill Industries of Wisconsin was founded in Summerfield Church, by its pastor and congregational members.

In 1928 a parsonage designed by Milwaukee architect Russell Barr Williamson (who worked in the office of Frank Lloyd Wright) was added on the left of the church.

Summerfield UMC continues its congregational tradition of 160 years of service to our local community as a force for social justice. We would like to preserve this proud history by having our Church building acknowledged by the City of Milwaukee as a historically significant location.

8. Major Bibliographical References

9. Property Description

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Legal property description:

10. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Lee Matz

Organization: Summerfield UMC

Street: 728 E. Juneau Ave.

City: Milwaukee

State: WI

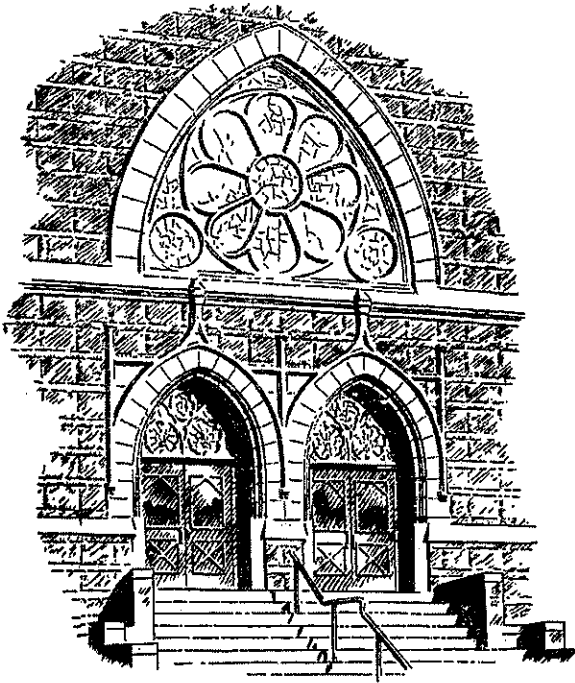
Zip: 63202

Telephone (days) 414-455-0525 (evenings)

Date:

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Original Name:
Summerfield Methodist
Episcopal Church

Constructed: 1904 - 1905

Style: Gothic Revival

Architect: Turnbull & Jones
Mason: R. McKenzie
Carpenter: Pearce Bros.
Ironwork: Bagley & Sons

Architectural Significance:

- Represents work of a master
- possesses high artistic value
- represents a construction period
- is a visual landmark

Statement of Architectural Significance:

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Alterations and Additions:

The “overflow room” was permanently walled off from the church proper and now serves as Sunday School and meeting space. Part of the balcony has been shut off with a glass partition to serve as a nursery from which the church service can be observed as well as heard. In 1955, stone steps leading to the entrance were replaced with concrete. In 1928 a parsonage designed by Milwaukee architect Russell Barr Williamson (who worked in the office of Frank Lloyd Wright) was added on the left of the church.

Statement of Historical Significance:

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Documented Resources:

Further maps, photos, and historical summaries can be found on the Summerfield website.

www.summerfieldchurch.org/160

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