



Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report

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HPC meeting date: 10/1/2018
Ald. Milele Coggs District: 6
Staff reviewer: Tim Askin
PTS #114624 CCF #180795

Property	804 – 816 W. VLIET ST.	St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Complex
Owner/Applicant	ST JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 816 W VLIET ST MILWAUKEE WI 53205	Rev William Schaefer Phone: (414) 263-1616
Proposal	<p>Construct concrete accessibility ramp at front of church with natural limestone veneer to match the base of the church to the most practical extent possible. Metal picket railing is proposed as a handrail.</p> <p>The ramp is L-shaped with a middle landing and top landing. It is separated from the body of the church by 18" except where it connects over the front steps at the westernmost door. It will project towards the sidewalk approximately 18.5' + 1.5' separation and then turn for another ~27' east.</p>	
Staff comments	<p>There are no other viable locations for this ramp. Two service entries at the rear are narrow and do not enter into public spaces. Using the front door closer to the corner would cover more of the façade and have a steeper grade to climb.</p> <p>The design is an excellent effort at making a necessary improvement to the building as unobtrusive as possible.</p>	
Recommendation	Recommend HPC Approval	
Conditions		
Previous HPC action		
Previous Council action		