

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Church of the Good Shepherd

and/or common Church of the Good Shepherd

2. Location

street & number off U. S. 169 not for publication

city, town Coleraine vicinity of congressional district 8th District

state Minnesota code 22 county Itasca code 061

3. Classification

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota

street & number 309 Clifton Avenue

city, town Minneapolis vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Itasca County Court House

street & number

city, town Grand Rapids state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Church of the Good Shepherd is a fine log structure of rectangular shape with gables at north and south ends. A peaked roof covers the front entry. There are magnificent stained glass windows and the front is three bays wide. Situated on a steeply rising corner lot, the Church of the Good Shepherd has a commanding view of a well-landscaped expanse of park and parkway. The church building is gabled structure executed on a hall-type plan. Entry is gained from a balustraded hipped roof portico at the southeast corner of the building. Although stained glass windows are incorporated within each facade the primary emphasis is directed toward a grouping of stained glass windows on the south gable end. The north facade comprises a polygonal apse.

The entire structure is constructed of white pine logs of circular cross-section. The corners are saddle-notched and individual logs beveled to create weathertight joints. The entire exterior surface has been stained a dark brown. The foundation is of stone.

The Church of the Good Shepherd retains total architectural design integrity and is in an excellent state of preservation. It continues to serve its original function.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | |

Specific dates 1908 **Builder/Architect** U.S. Steel Corporation

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Church of the Good Shepherd reflects the ethnic and religious diversity of the Minnesota Iron Range and reflects how that diversity was also distinguished by class differences as well. The church was constructed for the use of supervisory and management personnel employed by U.S. Steel and came to be a major social center for the native Americans and English migrants employed in that capacity. The church is also one of the few log structures that has survived into the late twentieth century and is still used for its original purpose. While the mining companies supported all churches on the Iron Range with annual donations of \$50 and \$100 and infrequently, larger sums, the Church of the Good Shepherd reflects the lavish and sumptuous aid that was provided for religious organizations that served the spiritual needs of the upper echelons of mine management. In churches, as in everything else on the Iron Ranges, a strict hierarchichal order was maintained in the social order.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Arrowhead Today Section, Duluth News-Tribune (September 27, 1978); Marvin Lappa, A Report to the Department of Natural Resources on the Historical Aspects of the Vermilion, Cuyuna, and Mesabi Iron Ranges of Northeast Minnesota (Eveleth: 1977).

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 **UTM NOT VERIFIED**
 Quadrangle name Bovey, Minn-Itasca Co. Quadrangle scale 7.5
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UMT References

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| A | 1 5 | 4 6 7 5 4 0 | 5 2 3 6 9 4 0 | B | | | |
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| C | | | | D | | | |
| E | | | | F | | | |
| G | | | | H | | | |

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Church of the Good SHepherd is located on Lot 18, Block 11, First Addition, Coleraine, Minnesota.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
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| state | code | county | code |

11. Form Prepared By

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 organization Minnesota Historical Society date September 10, 1979
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 city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley
 title State Historic Preservation Officer date 6/9/80

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
 date 8/11/80
 Keeper of the National Register W. Ray Juce
 Attest: Kristina O'Connell date 7/23/80
 Chief of Registration