

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

**DATA SHEET**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Holy Fellowship Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

6101 Greenwood  
T94N, R64W, Section 26

CITY, TOWN

Greenwood

VICINITY OF  
CODE

046

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

No. 2

STATE

South Dakota

COUNTY

Charles Mix

CODE

023

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

**PRESENT USE**

AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Episcopal Church

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Greenwood

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Dakota

**4 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Lake Andes

STATE

South Dakota

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1974

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Historical Preservation Center, USD Alumni House

CITY, TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Holy Fellowship Church is a one story clapboard church with a cruciform floor plan. The church has a gable roof with wood shingle covering and jenkins heads on the wings. A rectangular bell tower with a flaring pyramidal termination and later cross finial appears at the center of the structure. Most of the windows have paired lancet arches over rectangular panes of glass, with muntins used for division. Other features include two doors, enclosed entry, semi-circular shape and star bursts applique. A parish house accompanied the church until it was destroyed in 1974 by fire. The structure remains much as it did in 1886.

# 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input 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      1870-1886

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1869 several delegations of Yankton Sioux, who about ten years earlier had accepted confinement to 400,000 acres west of Choteau Creek, went to the Santee Mission across the Missouri River in Nebraska to request missionary establishments at the Greenwood Agency. It was an extraordinary request, for the Yankton people had not had a great deal of contact with missionaries before; they had always lived in a state of semi-isolation.

Two churches responded by sending missionaries to the reservation. In 1870 John P. Williamson established Williamson Presbyterian Chapel in Greenwood. Episcopal Father Hinman acted first in 1889 by sending Reverend Paul Mazkute to begin the Christian work, then in 1870 by assigning Reverend Joseph W. Cook to construct Holy Fellowship Episcopal Church. Cook, besides being the principal leader of the church until his death in 1902, opened up other missionary posts and established the first and principal boarding school on the reservation. The church's records showed that by 1886 there were over 836 conversions to Christianity. Also that year a new chapel replaced the old and still serves as a center for worship.

The significance of the church architecturally is that it represents the type of structure built for missionary posts on the reservation. Over the years abandonment, destruction, and disasters have reduced these chapels to but a few and the ones remaining deserve recognition for their design as well as their history.

The chapel's importance exists in the central role it played in the conversion of the Yankton people. Holy Fellowship and Williamson Presbyterian Chapel were the principal mission stations for the important tribe of some 2,000 Yankton Indians in the latter nineteenth century.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH TO THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS.  
 Personal papers of Father Fahsing, Episcopal Priest, Lake Andes, South Dakota.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joseph F. Rockboy, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Center

DATE

January 17, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

USD Alumni House

TELEPHONE

605/677-5314

CITY OR TOWN

Vermillion,

STATE

South Dakota 57069

# 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 National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*[Signature]*

4-14-75

TITLE

Cult. Pres Director / SHPO

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*[Signature]*

DATE

6/5/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*

DATE

JUN 4 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER