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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES CONTINUATION SHEET

Section _____ Page ____ SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD NRIS Reference Number: 03000162 Date Listed: 3/28/2003

Grace Evangelical Church of VaderLewisWAProperty NameCountyState

<u>N/A</u>

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Signature/of (the Keeper

3/22/03 Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Significance:

Delete Religion under the Areas of Significance and Criterion A.

[Generally, religious properties cannot be eligible simply because they were the place of religious services for a community, or the oldest structure used by a religious group in a local area. This property meets Criteria Consideration A as a religious property that derives its primary significance from architectural distinction. (See NR Bulletin, How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation, pp.26–28)]

Period of Significance:

The period of significance is revised to end at 1940 (1902–1940). [This period encompasses the compatible historic additions generated during the 1930s.]

These revisions were confirmed with the WA SHPO office.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

removed from the National Register other (explain):

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name	GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF VADER
other names/site r	umber GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VADER_

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5. Classification	
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) Category of Prope (Check only one box)	(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.) t Contributing Noncontributing ure1 buildings
Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)	
6. Function or Use	
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7. Description	
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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- _X_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.
- ___X_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 values, 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

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- _X_ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- **B** removed from its original location.
- ____ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ____D a cemetery.
- ____ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ____ F a commemorative property.
- **____G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See Continuation Sheet

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)
_____ARCHITECTURE ______
RELIGION ______

Period of Significance

____1902 - _____

Significant Dates

1902

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

____JACK ARNOLD (Builder)_____ PAT HITCHCOCK (Builder)

9. Major Bibliographical References	·····
Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing thi	s form on one or more continuation sheets.)
Previous documentation on file (NPS): 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 Other State agency Federal agency Local government Other Name of repository:
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11. Form Prepared By	
name/title_Steven Caskey, Pastor (assisted by Dave Hollar	
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street & numberP.O. BOX 98	telephone360-496-5357
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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

name PACIFIC NORTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
street & number_ 2112 3 rd AVENUEtelephone_ 206-728-7462
city or town_SEATTLEstateWAzip code98121

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GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF VADER LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Narrative Description:

SETTING

Grace United Methodist Church of Vader sits on a 100-foot square parcel of land located in the original residential section of the town of Vader, Lewis County, in the southwestern region of Washington. The region is heavily forested, has many rivers, and panoramic views of snow covered Mount Rainer, Mount Adams, and Mount Saint Helens. The church faces due west, one block north of State Route 506 on "D" Street.

EXTERIOR

Constructed in 1902, the Grace United Methodist Church of Vader was built in the late Victorian Gothic style. The 31'0" by 51'0" stick frame structure is clad with horizontal drop weatherboard siding and sits on concrete block foundation. The foundation was installed in 1975 by the Vancouver District Builders Club of the United Methodist Church. The structure has a front-facing gable, three-tab asphalt shingle roof, measuring 16 feet from the ground at the eaves and 40 feet at the ridge. On the main façade, at the eave level, are two decorative scrolled brackets with trefoil designs. The sanctuary has a variety of window types and sizes. On the north elevation are four fixed, four pane windows. On the South elevation are four stained glass windows. In the center are two arch toped windows. The arched top section of the window is leaded clear glass in a fan pattern and the bottom section of the window is square with leaded stained glass in an arts and crafts pattern. Flanking these windows are rectangular, fixed pane stain glass windows. The design is arts and crafts geometric. Per historic images, the church originally had four tall and narrow, four-over-four double hung windows with clear glass.

Typical of many small town rural churches, the prominent architectural feature of the building is reserved from the main façade. Here a center-projecting steeple and belfry define the use of the building. The steeple measures 8'0" by 11'0" and is 50'0" high. Atop the steeple is a mansard style belfry covered with cedar fish-scale shingles. Here four rectangular louvered vents allow the sound of the bells to project across the community. Today the belfry is topped by pitched hip roof installed in the 1930s. Originally the belfry was capped with a flat roof and the cornice line was a baluster of decorative cut-sawn flat balusters of Grecian urns and a triangle. Below the belfry, half way up the steeple is a triangular rose window. The main entrance to the sanctuary consists of a set of six panel doors. An original two-pane transom window above the entry doors is found under a shallow pent hip roof which was installed in the early 1980s. The entry doors, located three feet above ground, and are reached by a flight of four wooden steps. The church originally was windowless on the main façade, but during the remodel in the 1930s, a single Gothic arch style window with stained glass, was added to either side of the steeple.

To meet the needs of the growing congregation, in the late 1930's an annex and bathroom storage area were added to the rear of church. The gable covered annex measures 31'0" by 25' 0" and is clad with standard horizontal siding, and has two-over-two double hung windows. A small brick heating chimney is located at the ridge of the rear end of the gable addition. Attached to the annex is a shed covered bathroom and storage area measuring 7'0"

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by 25'0". Here two small square, four-pane fixed windows allow light into the bathroom space. In 1999 a wheel chair ramp and door were installed on the north elevation of the building.

INTERIOR

The main entrance to the sanctuary consists of a 11'0" by 7'0" vestibule which is then connected through a set of double doors to a 11'0" by 9'0" narthex area, used as a coat and guest book room. Both of these spaces are original to the building and have beadboard wainscoting. The outer entry vestibule contains a long braided cord from the ceiling, which is used to ring the church bell. A single door leads into the sanctuary, which is offset in plan to the south of the structure (see attached floor plan). The sanctuary space is 25'0" wide and 51'0" long with a partially angled ceiling rising to a height of 35 feet. The room features hardwood floors, beadboard wainscoting, and beaver board walls and ceilings. The front alter area is slightly raised. To the left of the sanctuary is a series of rooms which were originally used as classroom spaces. Here paneled partitions rise into a pocket wall above to accommodate an expanded sanctuary space if needed. Today within this space is a small classroom, a closet, and a new wheel chair accessible bathroom (installed in 1994).

On either side of the narthex is a single room. The south room (9 feet by 10 feet) contains a meeting room. The north room (9 feet by 8 feet) contains the pastors office and a small stair which leads to the attic and a balcony area. This small dogleg 2 ft wide staircase opens an enclosed balcony 9'0" by 29 '0". Located above the narthex and north and south rooms the balcony contains two sliding wood panels which, when raised, allowed those sitting in the balcony to view the sanctuary below. The space has its original metal and wood folding theater style chairs.

From the balcony is access to the belfry and storage area. Inside the belfry is a 32" bell, cast by the C.S. Bell Company of Hillsboro, Ohio. Famous throughout the world, the C.S. Bell Manufacturing Company began to sell bells in 1875. And by 1890, sales reached to over 20,000 units a year. The company produced fifteen different sizes of bells and were divided into two classes; farm bells weighing from 40 to 100 pounds each, and school and church bells known as "steel alloy bells" weighing from 150 to 1,000 pounds. The tone and durability of a C.S. Bell Company bell was the result of Charles Singleton Bell's experimentation with formulas of various metals in his search for an alloy that was cheaper to produce than brass, but more durable than iron. After many failures he was successful and discovered that his alloy (which he made as a result of an accident) could be pitched to create a very mellow tone.

At the rear of the sanctuary is an 25' x 31' annex used as fellowship hall and for community gatherings. The room has fir floors, four foot high cedar wainscoting, and beaver board ceilings and walls. For this room a door on the east end leads to a seven foot wide storage area which runs the width of the building.

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GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF VADER LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Narrative Statement of Significance:

The Grace United Methodist Church is historically significant under criterion "A" as a structure that represents the spiritual needs and aspirations of a small community in rural Washington State. The church is also historically significant as a representative example of rural ecclesiastical architecture under criterion "C" at the local level. Constructed in 1902, in the waning years of the Gothic Revival style, the Grace Evangelical Church boasts numerous intact features typical of the Gothic style as it was utilized in ecclesiastical buildings.

Vader, Washington is a small community on Olequa Creek twenty miles south of the City of Chehalis in southwest Lewis County. The community was first named Little Falls. Then after the arrival of the Northern Pacific Railroad in the 1890s the name was changed to Sopenah since the Northern Pacific Railway had another Little Falls on their line. The railroad however offered no reason for naming the stop Sopenah, and local citizens asked that the name be changed. After refusal by the railroad, the citizens petitioned the legislature to change the name to Vader, naming the community after a long time resident of German decent. In April of 1913 the name of the community was changed.

Like many small communities, Grace Evangelical Church began as a Mission church. On the circuit of an itinerant pastor form the Winlock District, Grace Evangelical Church can trace its roots back to 1891 when a pastor began to preach in the community. The spiritual needs of the community were quite evident and a year later 1892 the Washington Fire Clay Co. deeded for \$1.00, three lots in the community to the Trustees of the Grace Church of the Evangelical Association of North America. The deed stated that the land was to be kept, used, and maintained as a place of divine worship in community. At the time, the Washington Fire Clay Co. (later called the Little Falls Fire Clay Co.) owned all the land (which is now Vader) and began plating the town and selling off lots to its workers. The newly found congregation was initially known as the Little Falls Charge. The first pastor was T.T. Vincent, who was serving his first appointment. Planning immediately began to construct a church building on the donated lots. Recognizing the need for additional space, an extra lot was donated to the church by the Kendell family, early members of the congregation. The dream of a new church structure however was not realized for another 10 years when in 1902 when two members of the congregation, Jack Arnold and Pat Hitchcock, began construction of a church building and parsonage. The 2-story parsonage was built just north of the church in 1906. It became structurally unstable and was demolished in the early 1960s.

Over the next ten years the town slowly grew to a population of 5,000 based on a strong local economy supported by wood products, hops, and the sewer clay pipe industry. The church thrived, and its membership grew so large that Sunday services filled the church building to an overflow capacity with many standing outside on the building steps. With the Sunday school filled to capacity, Christmas Eve services became a town annual event and the church itself became a focal point for both the spiritual and social needs of the community. Many weddings and funerals were held at the church. The church congregation reflected the population mix of the town with numerous German, Finnish and Italian members. In 1913 the name of the church was officially changed to the "Vader Mission of the Evangelical Association". The congregation was then served by Pastor G. Hoy.

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Narrative Statement of Significance: (Cont'd)

Beginning in 1914 the town began to fall on hard times. The Little Falls Fire Clay Co. burned to the ground, the hops fields closed, and the major lumber mills and wood products firms closed putting many men out of work. Families were destitute and the church provided food, clothing, solice and comfort. As a result of the closures, the community's population dropped drastically, as did the number of parishioners in the Grace Evangelical churches congregation.

In 1922 after a church wide merger, the congregations name was changed once again, this time to "Grace Evangelical Church". During the late 1930's and early 1940's the population in Vader stabilized and the congregation began a number of alterations to the exterior and interior of the church to serve the needs of the congregation. Pastor Bergstresser and Mr. Emil Kemp, a skilled carpenter who resided in the house next door (south) of the church, completed the alterations. The included the addition of acoustical tile in the sanctuary, the replacement of some of the windows and the removal of some of the decorative features of the belfry.

During World War I, and World War II, many members of the church congregation served in the armed forces and during that time memorial services were held in the church for those who died. The church building was used as a gathering place to wrap bandages, write letters, and prepare gift packages for soldiers. Similar activities were held at the church during both the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam War.

The Depression of the 1930's hit Vader hard. Many families were in need of food and clothing. The church reached out as best it could by distributing food and clothes and providing comfort for those in need. Desperate families burned their homes to the ground for insurance money, then left town, and the towns population dropped to below 300 people. Today the community is holding steady with a population of 450.

In July 1969, following several mergers between 1946-1968 with the Evangelical Church and the Methodist Church, the Grace Evangelical Church was renamed again and is today incorporated as the Grace United Methodist Church of Vader.

Through the boom and bust cycle of the small town, the church has had continuous pastoral leadership and ministry. Today the Grace United Methodist Church is the only church building still standing in Vader that dates back to the turn of the 20th century. The building has been an integral part of the history of the community of Vader since the town was established.

Most of the late 1800s and early 1900s two and three story Victorian style buildings which once stood near the church, and throughout the town, are gone and have been replaced with manufactured homes and small single story houses. The church building with its late Victorian Gothic architecture now has a commanding presence in the town and serves as one of the few reminders of the city's past.

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

The property includes lots 6,7,8,9 comprising Plot #7289 of Block 65 in the town of Vader, WA. The lots front on the east side of D Street, are side by side, and each is 25 ft. wide and 100 ft. deep. The total property is thus 100 ft. by 100 ft. for a total of 10,000 square feet.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

The nominated property encompasses the entire tax lot that is currently occupied by the Grace United Methodist Church. Lots 7,8,9 were deeded to the church in 1892 by the Washington Fire Clay Company. Lot 6 was donated to the church by a member of the congregation for purposes of building the parsonage (which later became structurally unstable and was demolished). Lots 6,7,8,9 make up Plot #7289 in Block 65 on the current (2002) "Lewis County Assessor's Map, City of Vader".



Grace United Methodist Church 618 D Street Vader, Washington VADER ZONING MAP





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Grace United Methodist Church 618 D Street Vader, Washington

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