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**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 FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

80 West Dayton Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Pasadena

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

622

STATE

California

CODE

06

COUNTY

Los Angeles

CODE

037

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

___PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

___UNOCCUPIED

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

___EDUCATIONAL

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___BEING CONSIDERED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___NO

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH (A Corporation)

STREET & NUMBER

80 West Dayton Street

CITY, TOWN

Pasadena

VICINITY OF

STATE

CA

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALL OF RECORDS

STREET & NUMBER

320 W. Temple Street

CITY, TOWN

Los Angeles

STATE

CA

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

PASADENA CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION LANDMARK

DATE

12/27/78

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS PASADENA CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION

CITY, TOWN

PASADENA

STATE

CA

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Friendship Baptist Church is a frame and stucco structure in the Spanish Colonial style. Rectangular in plan, the church contains a large square tower on its northeast corner with an espadana gable extending eastward to form the facade. The nave contains a pitched roof covered by tiles. An additional section in the rear is of two stories with a flat roof and parapet.

Distinctive features of the building include decorative molding around the main entrance and a large rose window directly above it, arched openings near the top of the tower, decorative pilasters on the exterior of the facade and nave, and stained-glass windows on both sides of the nave.

The structure is located on a street corner in a neighborhood dominated by educational buildings (Ambassadors College). A large parking lot lies directly to the east of the structure, and a small cottage, not part of the nominated property, is located directly south of the church.

There have been no major alterations to the building since its construction. The roof of most of the structure was replaced, as was much of the original electrical system. The underpinnings of the foundation have also been replaced.

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 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 1925

BUILDER/ARCHITECT NORMAN F. MARSH

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Friendship Baptist Church is the first and oldest Black Baptist Church in the city of Pasadena. The structure was built for a congregation of Baptists formed in 1893. The ten-member congregation originally met in a rented building and then a tent until funds were collected for the present building in 1925. In that year, the church commissioned local architect Norman F. Marsh to design the edifice which was finished in the following year.

Architecturally, the church is a good example of the Spanish Colonial architectural style which was especially popular in Southern California during the 1920's. The church tower, espadana gable, and stained-glass windows provide distinctive ornamental details which add to the character of the building, and to the streetscape of the neighborhood. The church's architect, Norman Foot Marsh (1871-1955), is known for his many excellent structures in the Pasadena area, beside his numerous designs for buildings in Venice, Fullerton, Oakland, and other areas of California.

Since the time of its formation, the Friendship Baptist Church has become the mother church for all Black Baptist churches in Pasadena, and has played a significant role in the civic and cultural affairs of the city. Today it is the oldest and one of the most important Black institutions in that city, as evidenced by its designation as a local historical landmark by the Pasadena Historical Commission.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/3

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>111</u>	<u>393880</u>	<u>3778120</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A lot of approximately 1/3 acre beginning at the southwest corner of Dayton Street and Delacey Avenue extending 104' eastward, then 125' southward, then 104' westward, then 125' northward to the original point.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY EDNA M. McNEIL, 292 W. Washington Blvd., Pasadena, CA

NAME/TITLE Assisted by:

Harold Moore, Julius Henderson, Rev. Stanley Lewis, Tom Sitton.

ORGANIZATION

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

DATE

March 22, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

80 West Dayton Street

TELEPHONE

681-5819

CITY OR TOWN

Pasadena

STATE

CA

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Knox Mellon

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 7/11/78

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

Charles B. ...
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 11-20-78

ATTEST: *W. Ray ...*
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE 11-11-78

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