STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Methodist Episcopal Church Parsonage
   Historic: same

2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _______ COUNTY: Middlesex

3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 24 Church Street

4. OWNER(S): Methodist Episcopal Church PUBLIC x PRIVATE
   Historic: Parsonage

5. USE: Present: Offices & Daycare Center Historic: Parsonage

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no
   Interior accessible: x yes, explain with permission no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Second Empire
   DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1868-69

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   __clapboard __asbestos siding __brick
   __wood shingle __asphalt siding __fieldstone
   __board & batten __stucco __cobbles
   __aluminum siding __concrete: type: brownstone
   __other: ________ cut stone: type: foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   wood frame:__ post and beam __beam
   x load bearing masonry __structural iron or steel
   __other: ________

10. ROOF: type:
    __gable __flat __x mansard __monitor __sawtooth
    __gambrel __shed __hip __round __other __________
    __material: ________
    __wood shingle __roll asphalt __tin __slate
    __asphalt shingle __built up __tile __other: _______

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2½
    APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 39'x35' (wing 15'x22')

12. CONDITION: Structural:
    __excellent __x good __fair __deteriorated
    Exterior: __excellent __x good __fair __deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site
    Alterations: __no __x yes, explain: __moved; dormers altered; interior modernized for
    classrooms; two story wing added

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    __barn __shed __garage __x other landscape features or buildings: building is
    __carriage house __shop __garden connected to Church Annex by breezeway

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    __open land __woodland __x residential __scattered buildings visible from site
    __commercial __industrial __rural __x high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This substantial brick structure over-
    looks the historic South Green from the north side of Church Street. To the east is a Queen
    Anne style structure, to the west is the Gothic Revival Methodist Church. Affixed to its rear
    wall is an enclosed passageway which connects the building to the Tudor style Annex of the
    Methodist Church.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Cornice with carved brackets and geometric decoration on frieze

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This Second Empire building was constructed between 1868 and 1869 as a parsonage for the Methodist Episcopal Church. Its style conformed with other Second Empire structures being built in the Union Park area at that time. The parsonage survived the devastating fires of 1885 and 1930 which destroyed the nearby church buildings. Despite the probable loss of the decorative window caps, this building displays typical Second Empire characteristics. Its cubical form, mansard roof with dormers, and bracketed eaves reflect the high-style quality of construction and design found in the South Green area.

Through its use as a daycare facility, the old parsonage continues to contribute to the historic South Green area.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; "The First Methodist Church, Twentieth Anniversary of the Fourth Church Building" (Middletown: 1951); 1874 Beers Atlas

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known ___ highways ___ vandalism ___ developers ___ other: ___

___ renewal ___ private ___ deterioration ___ zoning ___ explanation: ___
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24 Old Church Street (formerly Church St.)
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