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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Third Congregational Church Historic: same

2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: Miner Street COUNTY: Middlesex

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

4. OWNER(S): Third Congregational Church PUBLIC PRIVATE

5. USE: Present: Church Historic: same

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

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Greek Revival DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1849

8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   - clapboard
   - wood shingle
   - board & batten
   - aluminum siding
   - other: wood doric columns in antae
   - asbestos siding
   - asphalt siding
   - stucco
   - concrete: type: 
   - brick
   - fieldstone
   - cobblestone
   - cut stone: type: brownstone
   - foundation & stoop

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   - wood frame: x post and beam balloon
   - load bearing masonry
   - structural iron or steel
   - other:

10. ROOF: type:
    - gambrel
    - shed
    - hip
    - round
    - gable
    - flat
    - mansard
    - monitor
    - sawtooth
    - material:
    - wood shingle
    - roll asphalt
    - tin
    - slate
    - asphalt shingle
    - built up
    - tile
    - other:

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 39'x65'

12. CONDITION: Structural: x excellent 
    Exterior: x excellent 
    x good 
    x fair 
    x deteriorated 
    x fair 
    x deteriorated 

13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site moved, when: 
    Alterations: no x yes, explain: Siding added

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    - barn
    - shed
    - carriage house
    - shop
    - garage
    - x other landscape features or buildings: parking lot
    - on east side

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    - open land
    - woodland
    - residential
    - scattered buildings visible from site
    - commercial
    - industrial
    - x rural
    - x high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This fine old church faces south from the north side of Miner Street. Its large scale contrasts with the smaller residential structures along the street, and distinguishes this structure as the center of the old village of Westfield.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Fluted Doric columns in antae

SIGNIFICANCE

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Westfield was originally settled around 1720, and grew as a rural farming community until 1766 when Westfield Parish was organized as the Fourth Ecclesiastical Society in Middletown. A meeting house was erected in 1773 which stood until 1849, when the present structure replaced it.

Built at a cost of over $4,000, this church was dedicated on December 6, 1849. It displays a typical Greek Revival form with its gable to the street and Doric-order portico. However, as befits its still simple, rural surroundings, this church displays little decoration; relying instead on its comparatively large mass and scale to give it dignity and prominence in the village of Westfield.

A recent application of aluminum siding has not obscured any details, and this structure remains a fine example of a village church as the center of a small community.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: History of Middlesex County (New York: J.B. Beers, 1884); 1859 Walling Map; 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: