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HPO Project #20-0731-1

HPO-C2020-091

March 12, 2020

John J. McKee
Regional Environmental Officer
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency
One World Trade Center
285 Fulton Street
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. McKee:

As Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for New Jersey, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties, as published in the Federal Register on December 12, 2000 (65 FR 77725-77739) and amended on July 6, 2004 (69 FR 40553-40555), I am providing consultation comments on the following proposed undertaking:

**Monmouth County, Red Bank Borough
Calvary Baptist Church, 23 River Street
FEMA –Nonprofit Security Grant Program
Urban Area Security Initiative**

The following comments were prepared in response to your letter and supporting documentation received by our office on February 19, 2020.

800.3 Initiation of the Section 106 Process

The Grants Programs Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency proposes to provide Nonprofit Security Grant Program Urban Area Security Initiative funds to the Calvary Baptist Church for installation of security measures. As indicated in your correspondence, Calvary Baptist Church has been locally designated by the Borough of Red Bank as a historic site. The Historic Preservation Office (HPO) therefore requests consultation comments from the Borough of Red Bank's Historic Preservation Commission in order to complete consultation for the referenced project.

800.4 Identification of Historic Properties

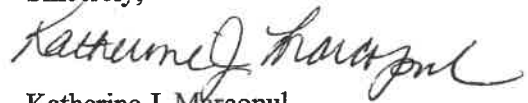
As indicated in your correspondence, the subject property at 23 River Street has been locally designated as historic but has not been previously evaluated to determine its eligibility for the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. Built in 1928, the building was designed by Shrewsbury architect

Vincent J. Eck for Calvary Baptist Church, a historically Black congregation in Red Bank organized in 1886. The HPO requests an intensive-level historic architectural survey of the Calvary Baptist Church in order to evaluate its eligibility for the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places and to assess the effects of the proposed undertaking on historic properties, as needed. The survey should focus on the property's potential eligibility under Criterion A for its associations with the African-American community in Red Bank.

Additional Comments

Thank you for providing the opportunity to review and comment on the potential for the above-referenced undertaking to affect historic properties. Please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Leynes of my staff at (609) 984-6016 or Jennifer.Leynes@dep.nj.gov with any questions. If additional consultation with the HPO is needed for this undertaking, please reference the HPO project number **20-0731** in any future calls, emails, or written correspondence to help expedite our review and response.

Sincerely,



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cc: M. Elizabeth Rival, FEMA (via email)
Red Bank Historic Preservation Commission

