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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

DATA SHEET

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC **

First Christian Church

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
7th Avenue and 7th Street — NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Lewiston — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE
Idaho

CODE
16

COUNTY
Nez Perce

CODE
069

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENC
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	X RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	X YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
First Christian Church

STREET & NUMBER
7th Avenue and 7th Street

CITY, TOWN
Lewiston — VICINITY OF

STATE
Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Nez Perce County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Lewiston

STATE
Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE
1972 — __FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN
Boise

STATE
Idaho

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The First Christian Church is a large (82' x 82') biege pressed brick church in the neo-classical revival style. It is distinguished by a dome 28' in diameter and by its two similar facades fronting on 7th Avenue and 7th Street. The facades are three bays wide with an inset center bay dominated by four Ionic columns supporting a pedimented gable. All facade openings are round-arched and all facade windows have stained glass which came from Portland. The major window is located in the inset bay and is flanked on either side by a window similar to those in the other facade bays. The entry is also behind the columns and leads into the left bay.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1921-1924 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Hatch/Semfow

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First Christian Church is architecturally significant as a good example of a neo-classical revival style building in Lewiston. Its imposing mass and dome make it one of the better churches in the state rendered in this style.

The church was erected during Reverend Ross's pastorate from plans of his former church in Milton, Oregon. The Milton church was designed by Pendleton, Oregon, architect Hatch who followed the original plans of a Walla Walla, Washington, architect named Semfow. Architect Taymond W. Hatch later designed the First Christian Church in Twin Falls following a similar plan only on a more modest scale and without the dome.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lewiston Tribune, July 20, 1921, p. 9, c. 4; July 24, 1921, p. 3, c. 1-4; April 12, 1924, p. 7, c. 2-3.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre.

UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	11	498340	5139815	B			
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property includes the Christian Church and its surrounding lands on the northeast corner of 7th and 7th.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
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DATE
12 Dec 77

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CITY OR TOWN
Boise

STATE
Idaho

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE X 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 Merle Wells

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE 12 Dec 77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE 8/31/78

~~DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION~~

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: Charles A. Lyons

DATE 8-29-78

~~KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER~~

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
LEWISTON

The 82 x 82 foot Christian Church dominates the corner of Seventh and Seventh in Lewiston. It is one of the largest and best executed buildings in the prestigious Normal Hill residential district of Lewiston. Its dome, one of the largest in Idaho, is the only one of its kind in Lewiston, and its Ionic columns are among the better classical details in Nez Perce county. The round arched stained glass windows exhibit good craftsmanship.

The neo-classical revival style was a popular style adapted by the Presbyterian and Christian churches in Idaho from 1916 through the 1920s. This building is perhaps the state's best example of the style. It is larger and more ornately finished than the Twin Falls Christian and Presbyterian churches (NR) and the Idaho Falls First Presbyterian church (NR), none of which required such an extensive elaboration of significance as was required for this nomination.

NEZ PERCE COUNTY

First Christian Church
Lewiston, Idaho
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View of Seventh Avenue side from the southeast

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