**ADDRESS: 1900 S 16TH ST** 

Proposal: Convert church complex to multi-family residential and event space use

Review Requested: Final Approval Owner: 1900 S 16th Owner LLC

Applicant: Janice Woodcock, Woodcock Design Inc.

History: St Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Parish House (originally built as chapel),

1889, architect William M. Camac, Furness, Evans & Company; Church and Clergy House,

1897; campanile, 1902, architects Bailey & Truscott.

Individual Designation: 7/25/1967

District Designation: None

Staff Contact: Kim Chantry, kim.chantry@phila.gov

**Overview:** This application proposes to convert the former St. Elizabeth's Protestant Episcopal Church to multi-family residential and event space use. The Historical Commission approved a similar application in December 2021, but that work was not undertaken. This submission reflects an effort to balance costs and income by reducing the size of some units while creating an event space in the sanctuary which can generate revenue. The primary changes from the 2021 approval to the current application are as follows:

- Undertake fewer window modifications
- Remove new detached building from scope
- Construct exterior exit stairs and stair enclosure addition for required egress
- Rebuild ramp for ADA compliance and relocate door
- Add dormers on third level at south ancillary building
- Remove deteriorated cupola
- Insert new openings for door and window in tower for commercial space

## **SCOPE OF WORK:**

Convert church complex to multi-family residential and event space use

# STANDARDS FOR REVIEW:

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines include:

- Standard 9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
  - The proposed alterations for this adaptive reuse are largely compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features of the historic property, satisfying Standard 9

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval, provided the removed stained glass windows are stored in a secure location, the cupola is retained, and the new door and window in the tower are reconsidered, with the staff to review details, pursuant to Standard 9 and the December 2021 Historical Commission approval of a similar scope.



**DATE:** November 12, 2024

**T0**: Kim Chantry

Historic Preservation Planner Philadelphia Historic Commission 1515 Arch Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102

FROM: Woodcock Design, Inc.

1518 Walnut St. Ste 1308 Philadelphia, PA 19102

**Re:** Adaptive Reuse True Gospel Tabernacle Family Church

1900 S 16th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145

Dear Kim Chantry:

This project involves the adaptive reuse of existing religious ancillary buildings for multi-family residential with the main sanctuary reserved as an event space. The project was previously approved by PHC but that project was never constructed.

This application proposes 33 apartments and a 4,300 SF event space in the sanctuary. The project adds two small additions to provide circulation and ceiling clearances. A new mezzanine level inside the sanctuary has been added for the event space

The project includes the replacement of existing stained-glass windows (which the Owner will retain and store on site) with new thermally broken clear glass aluminum windows. To increase access to daylight for the lower-level units, the application includes the expansion of existing window openings north and south ancillary buildings, utilizing the same form and trim as the existing windows. A drawing showing the existing and proposed windows is included in the package and the new windows are shown on the proposed elevations.

We propose to replace the existing wood and aluminum windows on the ancillary buildings with aluminum windows of similar type and operation, primarily double hung windows. We are proposing black frames and trim for the new windows, and metal panel siding for the additions to keep them from detracting from the historic forms of the church.

We proposed three dormers on the south ancillary building to create usable residential space and minimize dormer visibility from S 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Rendered views of the project from all sides are included in the package for consideration.

Thank you for your review.

Sincerely,

Janice Woodcock, AIA Principal, Woodcock Design

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**DATE:** November 13, 2024

**T0**: Kim Chantry

Historic Preservation Planner Philadelphia Historic Commission 1515 Arch Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102

FROM: Woodcock Design, Inc.

1518 Walnut St. Ste 1308 Philadelphia, PA 19102

**Re:** Adaptive Reuse True Gospel Tabernacle Family Church

1900 S 16th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145

Dear Kim Chantry:

# OVERVIEW FOR SCOPE OF WORK UPDATE:

Convert church complex to multi-family residential use in ancillary buildings and event space in sanctuary:

- Creates fewer window modifications
- Instead of enlarging windows, portions are left as is or infilled with brick to match existing
- Proposed exterior exit stairs and stair enclosure addition for required egress
- Rebuilt ramp for ADA compliance
- Added dormers on third level at south ancillary building
- Removed deteriorated cupola
- There is no longer a proposal for a new detached building

This project was previously too complex to build and had too large residential units. This scheme has a similar unit count but also generates revenue by providing a simple event space, reducing the construction costs.

Attached is a detailed chart of changes.

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Thank you for your review.

Sincerely,

Janice Woodcock, AIA Principal, Woodcock Design



	PREVIOUS SUBMISSION (12.02.21)	CURRENT SUBMISSION (11.12.24)
South School	(3) new masonry openings for windows	REMOVED FROM SCOPE
Sanctuary (north)	New masonry opening for window	REMOVED FROM SCOPE
Sanctuary/	Connection at third floor between buildings; hardie	REMOVED FROM SCOPE
North School	board panels	TILIMOVED ITIOM OOOI L
Annex Building	Proposed 3-story detached building for residential use	REMOVED FROM SCOPE
Sanctuary (east)	New opening in existing brick wall	REMOVED FROM SCOPE

South School	(4) new dormers at third floor; hardie board panel system with standing seam metal roof	CHANGE: (3) dormers, same materials
South School	Door with glazing to replace existing solid wood door, add transom back over door	CHANGE: Window infill at removed door to match existing
South School	Dormer between buildings with hardie board panel system with standing seam metal roof	CHANGE: Dormer is located lower
Sanctuary (west)	New entry doors with glazing to replace existing solid wood doors	CHANGE: in new location
Sanctuary (west)	Existing ramp to remain	CHANGE: Proposed ADA compliant ramp to match existing at removed ramp location
Sanctuary (south)	(3) new masonry openings for windows below existing	CHANGE: Infill bottom panel of arch window to hide mezzanine level with brick to match existing

Sanctuary (east)	(2) new masonry openings for windows	YES
South School	Expanded window in existing opening with new window well with operable metal grate at grade	YES
Sanctuary (east)	New windows with metal spandrel system in existing opening	YES
North School	(5) new windows in expanded opening; new window well with operable metal grate	YES
North School	New windows in existing openings	YES
South School	New hardie board panel system to replace existing siding infill	YES
South School	Existing metal balcony to remain, replace railing with new railing min 42" height, existing stair to be removed	YES

# **NEW PROPOSED**

South School	Removed existing wood Coppola and patch roof where removed	
Sanctuary (south)	Dormer for stair tower for residential egress; new brick clad exterior, window & brick detailing to match	
	existing, and new asphalt shingle roofing	
Sanctuary (south)	New masonry opening for door for required secondary egress	
Sanctuary (south)	Platform and exterior steps for egress	
North School	Exterior stairs for required secondary egress; metal frame & treads	
North School	Remove existing wood door and install metal gate	
North School/Sanct	Proposed 2-story addition; hardie board panel system with standing seam metal roof	
Tower	Signage (approximate size & location) for commercial space in Tower first level	
Tower	New masonry openings for entry door & transaction window for commercial space in first level	



Meeting: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ADDRESS: 1900 S 16TH ST

Proposal: Convert church complex to multi-family residential use; construct detached building

Review Requested: Final Approval

Owner: True Gospel Tabernacle Family Church Applicant: Janice Woodcock, Woodcock Design Inc.

History: St Elizabeth's Episcopal Church; Bailey & Truscott, architects; Chapel, 1889; Church and Parish House, 1897;

Campanile, 1902

Individual Designation: 7/25/1967 District Designation: None

Staff Contact: Kim Chantry, kim.chantry@phila.gov

OVERVIEW: This application proposes to convert the former St. Elizabeth's Protestant Episcopal Church to multi-family residential use. The chapel fronting on S. 16th Street dates to 1889 and is the earliest building of the complex. The church facing S. Bancroft Street and the parish hall along Mifflin Street were constructed in 1897. The 110-foot-tall free-standing campanile at the corner of 16th and Mifflin Streets was constructed in 1902 and was allegedly the first such tower to be erected in the United States. The church, parish hall, and tower were designed by Baily & Truscott.

### SCOPE OF WORK:

Convert church complex to multi-family residential use:

- Remove, replace, cut down, and/or add new windows in multiple locations
- Construct small connector additions for circulation
- Construct dormer additions
- Construct detached three-story residential building fronting Bancroft Street

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW: The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines include:

- Standard 9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
  - The proposed alterations for this adaptive reuse are largely compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features of the historic property, satisfying Standard 9. However, the design, features, materials, and massing of the proposed three-story detached building are incompatible with the historic property and should be reconsidered in order to satisfy Standard 9

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval, provided the removed stained glass windows are stored in a secure location, the siding material proposed for the historic buildings is reconsidered, and the overall design of the new detached building is thoroughly reconsidered, with the staff to review details, pursuant to Standard 9.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Architectural Committee voted to recommend approval, provided the removed stained glass windows are stored in a secure location on site, the siding material proposed for the historic buildings is reconsidered, the overall design of the new detached building is reconsidered to be more contextual, new window openings on the church are added rather than enlarging the existing windows, the spandrels are treated with panels rather than siding, the proposed wide dormers on the chapel are changed to two single dormers, and the connector to the tower is reconsidered, with the staff to review details, pursuant to Standard 9.

ACTION: See Consent Agenda.







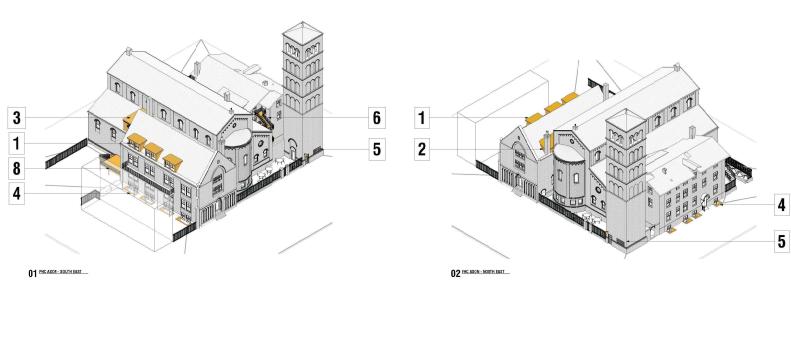






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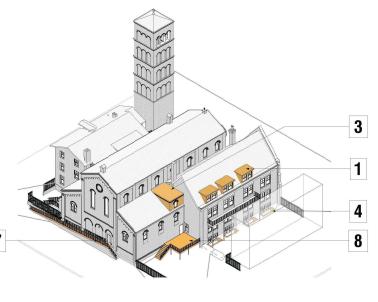




### EXTERIOR SCOPE OF WORK

- (3) DORMERS FOR USABLE RESIDENTIAL SPACE
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- OORMER FOR EGRESS STAIR
   OUTH ANCILLARY BUILDING (RESIDENTIAL ACCESS ONLY)
- 4. \_IGHTWELLS AT LOWER LEVELS

   NORTH & SOUTH ANCILLARY BUILDINGS (RESIDENTIAL)
- SIGNAGE & TRANSACTION WINDOW FOR COMMERICAL SPACE
   TOWER (ACCESSED FROM S 16TH STREET)
- EXTERIOR EGRESS STAIR
   NORTH ANCILLARY BUILDING (RESIDENTIAL ACCESS ONLY)
- 7. EXTERIOR ENTRY RAMP
  - S BANCROFT ST (EVENT ACCESS ONLY)
- 8. EXTERIOR PLATFORM & STAIR
  - TO COURTYARD SPACE FOR EVENT ONLY USE
- 9. WINDOW REPALCEMENT THROUGHOUT



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S-1B	STUDIO	260 SF	5
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S-1D	JUNIOR 1 BEDROOM	325 SF	7
S-2A	1 BEDROOM	385 SF	8
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S-2C	JUNIOR 1 BEDROOM	320 SF	10
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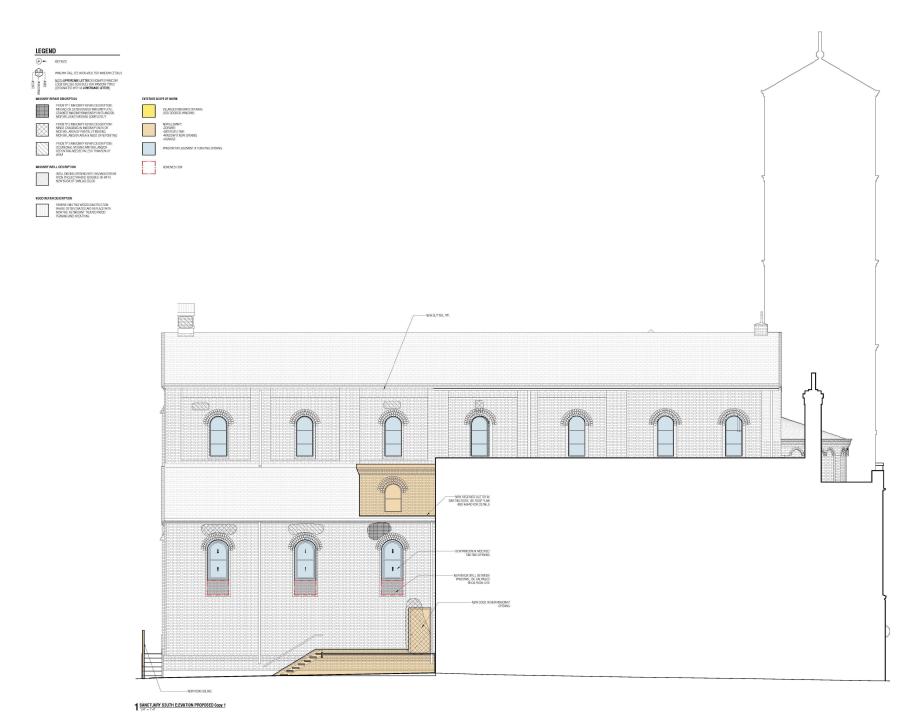


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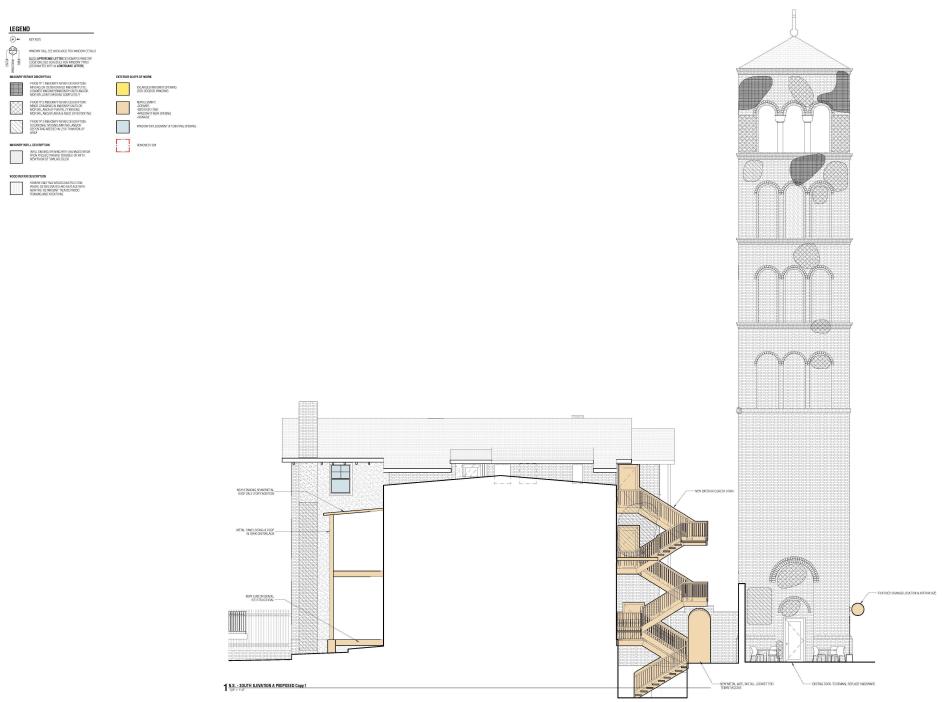


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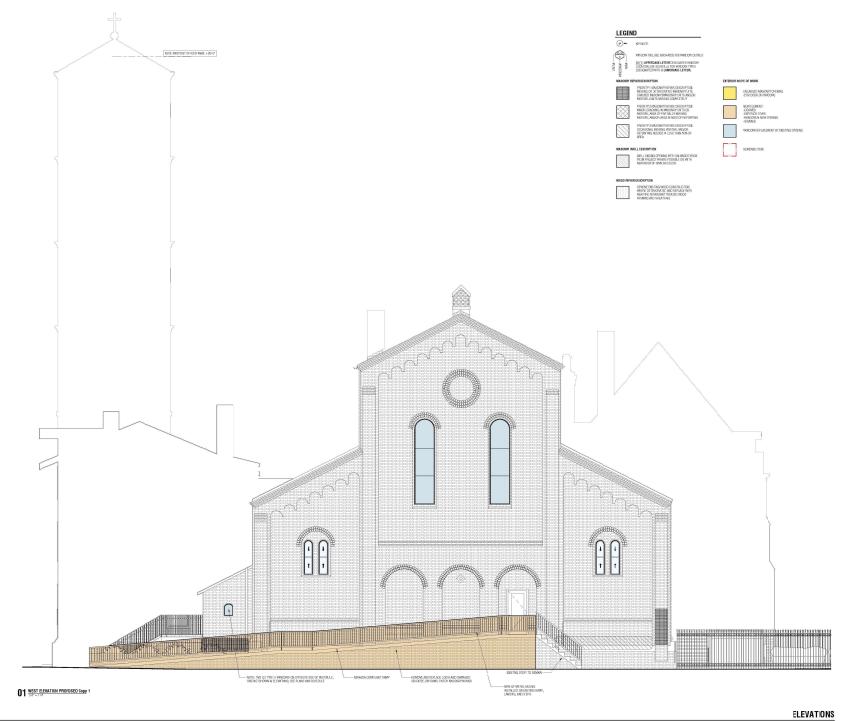
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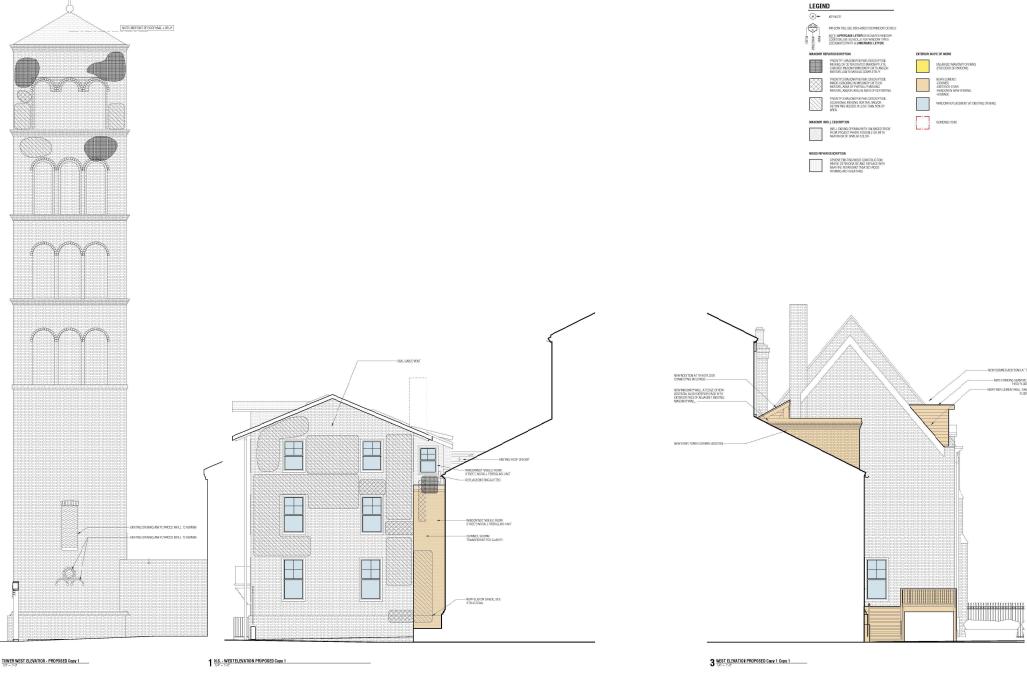
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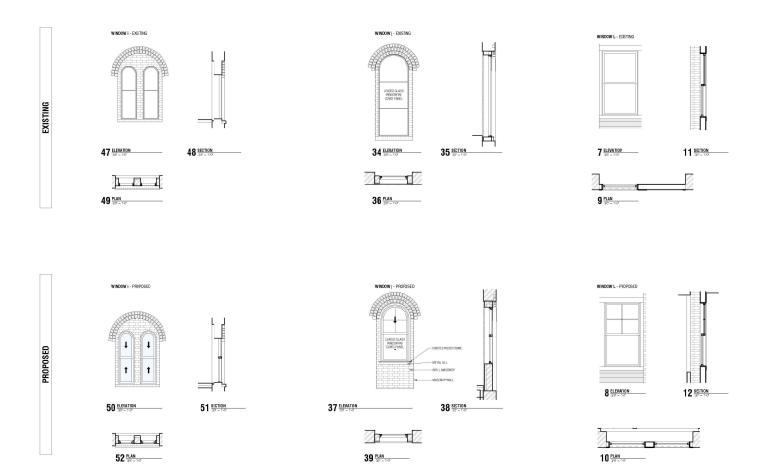


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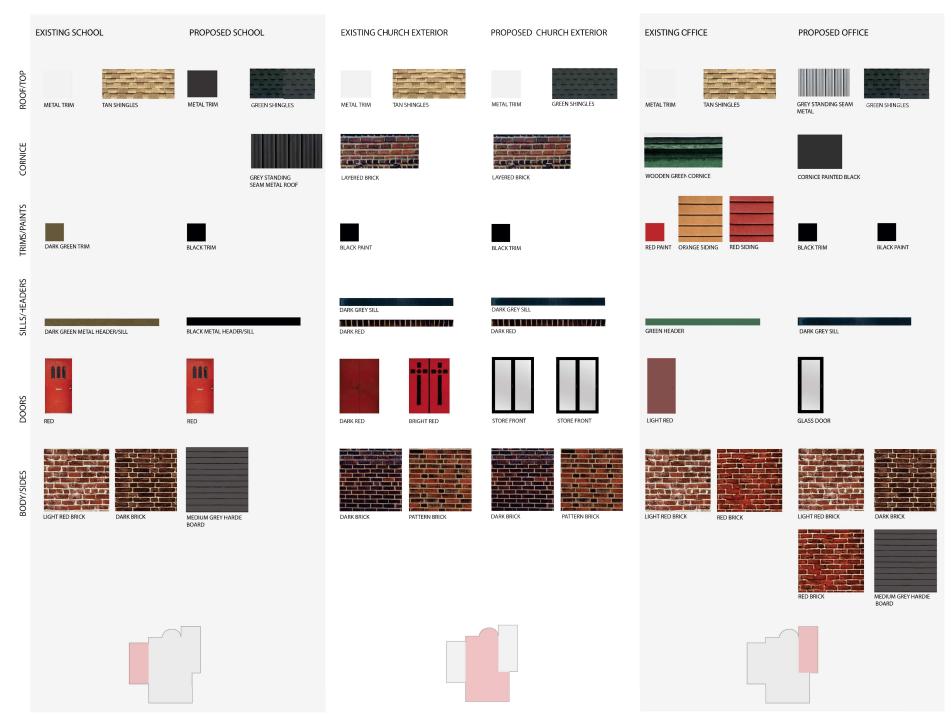
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