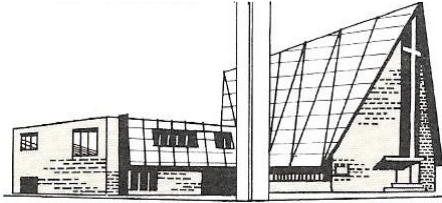


ST PETER'S
ESTONIAN
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June 30, 2022

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Dear Ms. Macdonald:

Re: St. Peter's Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Toronto
817 Mt. Pleasant Road, Toronto M4P 2L1

We are the trustees for the above-named church, whose Congregation was founded in 1948 to allow parishioners the opportunity to practice their religion in their own Estonian language, a tradition that continues to this day. We have recently learned that an application for Heritage Designation of our church was submitted on September 28, 2020, shortly after the congregation voted in favour of putting the property up for sale due to insolvency concerns.

We hereby submit the following information about our church for your consideration.

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS AND CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE
1955	construction completed
1960's	original roof replaced with copper roof (probably between 1960 and 1965)
1971	construction of 2-storey addition of north wing to create apartment and Ladies' Guild room and activity rooms in the basement, glass/stained glass east wall removed and replaced with brick altar and church organ removed from front of church sanctuary, altar replaced in its entirety and organ moved to balcony construction of new walls to hide rear stairs to balcony and provide storage

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| 1990 | large stained glass panels installed, replacing entire length of north and south walls of sanctuary |
| 2012 | renovation and enlargement of foyer of north wing and installation of elevator |

It is our belief that this church should not qualify for Heritage Designation due to the significant alterations made between 1971 and 2012 which change both the external and internal features of the church in a major way. These alterations have been a part of the continuous evolution of the Church in order to meet the changing requirements of the Congregation. Furthermore, we wish to add that the church serves people of Estonian heritage exclusively and has never served the Mt.Pleasant/Eglinton community proper.

We would greatly appreciate your acknowledgement of receipt of this submission and, if possible, notification of your decision.

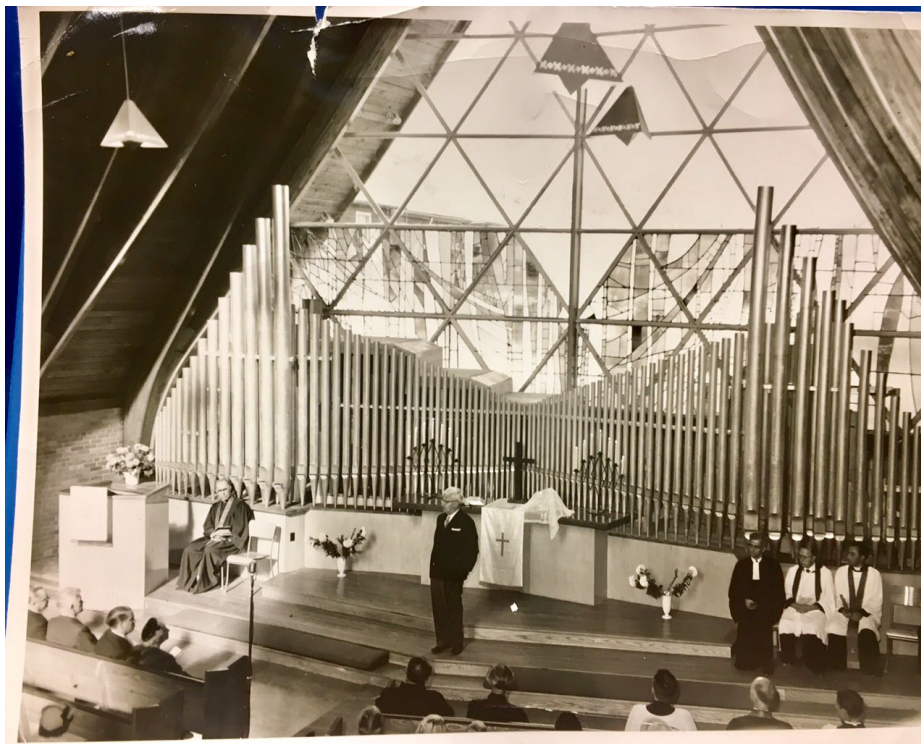
Thank you kindly.

Sincerely,

Congregational Council and Trustees of St. Peter's Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Toronto

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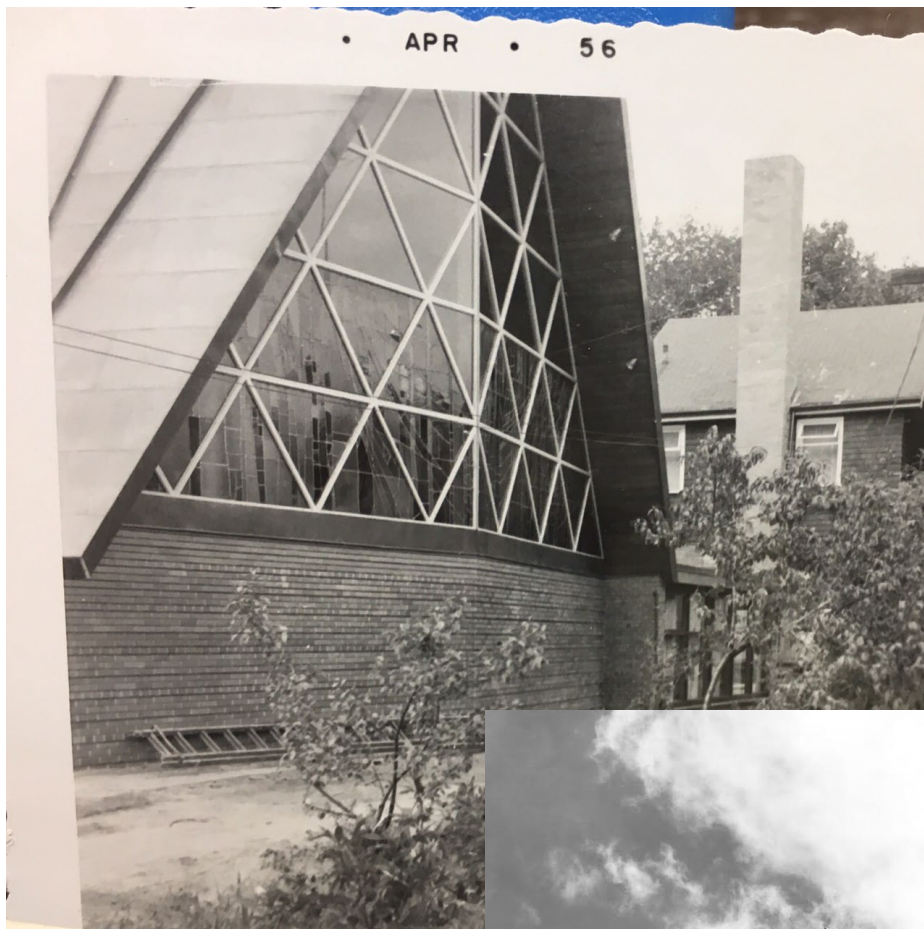
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Photos.

Original altar vs. reconstructed and expanded altar with stained glass removed and discarded and brick wall added to block the view to apartments to be constructed in the rear. (1971)





Rear view of church before altar reconstruction and removal of stained glass window (original design)

Original stained glass removed and replaced with brick, and part of roof replaced with skylight windows. (1971)





View of Balcony, open staircase, and plain glass side windows with curtains.

A wall was built to hide the staircase and provide storage cupboards for altar decorations, communion silver, collection plates, offering envelopes, bibles and hymnals books, etc.



New stained glass (1990)

Walled in cupboards and shelves and organ (above) moved from the altar to balcony (1971)



Open staircase to balcony (left side) (original)



Walled off staircase (1971)



Rear of church before and after reconstruction in 1971. Stained glass window added 1990.





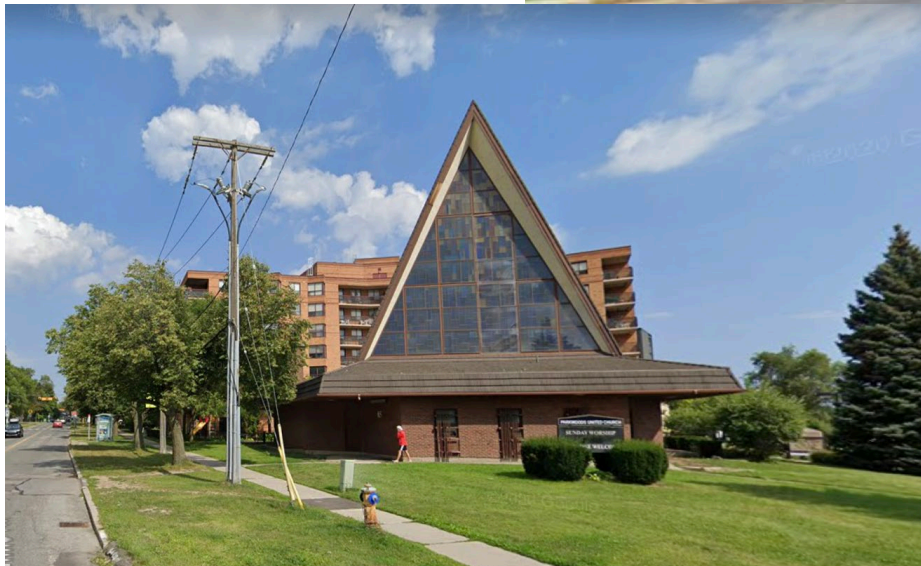
Construction of 2 storey addition of north wing to create an apartment, ladies guild room, and activity rooms in the basement. (1971)

In 2012, this was further rebuilt by expanding the structure to

accommodate an elevator and to expand the foyer.

Other similar churches in Toronto:

Scarborough Church of God



Parkwoods United

Agricola Finnish Lutheran

