



the
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on the green

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Mr. David White
Connecticut Historical Commission
59 South Prospect Street
Hartford, CT 06105

Dear Mr. White,

Following discussions with Mr. Al Marder and the Amistad Committee in New Haven, I am writing to you to request that United Church on the Green be included as a site on Connecticut's Freedom Trail. We make this request because several significant figures in the Amistad Event were members of "North Church" (the former name of the present building) and of "Third Church" which, in 1884, reunited with North Church to form "United Church." These historic persons include Roger Sherman Baldwin, Nathaniel Jocelyn, and Simeon Jocelyn, as well as the Rev. Samuel Dutton, pastor, whose home was an Underground Railroad site.

We are enclosing a copy of the church's history, which was published in 1942, for your use. On pages 96-97 you will find information concerning the congregation's involvement with the Amistad captives and the cause of abolition. Please call if we can be of further assistance in documenting this remarkable period in the church's life.

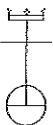
We invite you to visit United Church on the Green and to view the memorial plaque which honors Roger Sherman Baldwin.

We look forward to participating in the Connecticut Freedom Trail project. The present members of United Church on the Green, now affiliated with the United Church of Christ (UCC), are justly proud of the legacy of our forbears in the faith.

Sincerely,

Louise B. Higginbotham
Senior Pastor

cc: Judith Baldwin
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