

**Historic Property** Second Church of Christ, Scientist  
**Inventory Report for** 1403 Garfield St NW, Olympia, WA 98502

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Second Church of Christ, Scientist **Field Site No.:** 1315  
**Common Name:** **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 1403 Garfield St NW, Olympia, WA 98502  
**Comments:** OLYMPIA

**County** **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**  
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**UTM Reference**  
**Zone:** 10 **Spatial Type:** Point **Acquisition Code:** TopoZone.com  
**Sequence:** 10 **Easting:** 506236 **Northing:** 5210165

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
85003101500 Woodruff Lots 15 & 16 Block 31

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**  
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**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** ss **Date Recorded:** 11/19/2002 **Survey Name:** OLYMPIA

**Owner's Name:** Ken Lilliquist **Owner Address:** 7022 Budd St. NW **City/State/Zip:** Olympia, WA 98502

**Classification:** Building **Resource Status** **Comments**

**Within a District?** No Local Register

**Contributing?** Survey/Inventory

**National Register Nomination:**  
**Local District:**  
**National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:**

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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**Historic Use:** Religion - Religious Facility  
**Current Use:** Commerce/Trade - Professional

**Plan:** Rectangle **No. of Stories:**

**Structural System:** Concrete - Block

**Changes to plan:** Intact **Changes to interior:** Unknown  
**Changes to original cladding:** Intact **Changes to other:**  
**Changes to windows:** Intact **Other (specify):**

**Cladding** Concrete - Block **Foundation** Concrete - Block  
**Style** Modern **Form/Type**  
**Roof Material** Asphalt / Composition - Built Up **Roof Type** Flat with Eaves

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

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**Study Unit**

**Other**

**Date Of Construction:** 1950

Religion

**Architect:** Clarence George/Robert B. Price

Architecture/Landscape Architecture

**Builder:**

**Engineer:**

**Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:**

**Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local):**

**Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):**

**Statement of Significance**

The Second Church of Christ, Scientist is located in West Olympia. It is set on a corner lot. The building is a low-rising modern style structure constructed in concrete block. The building which was featured in Progressive Architecture magazine in 1956 epitomizes the Post World War II modern style with its sleek lines and geometric character. The Second Church of Christ, Scientist met first at 1201 9th Avenue W in 1932 and later moved to 811 W. 4th (the Percival House). The congregation engaged architects Clarence W. George and Robert B. Price in the 1940s and were ready to build the structure in plywood. They were turned down for a construction permit by the Civilian Works Administration because the plywood was needed for housing for returning veterans. The building was eventually built with "pumice" or concrete block. The building reflects the beliefs in simplicity of the Christian Science Church and there was even some controversy over the appropriateness of the simple inset cross by the entry.

The building features the modern amenity of radiant heat. Furniture specifically designed for the building in red birch and cedar includes pews, podium and chairs. The sanctuary has a backdrop of figural red birch wood. A shelf element designed to hold plants in the sanctuary was originally designed to extend to the outside. The church, which cost \$30,000, was dedicated on November 13, 1950.

**Description of Physical Appearance**

One story, rectangular, concrete block structure. Roofline is a low-pitched slanted roof which rises to the rear of the building. The roofline is extended on ends of the building. A wide wooden fascia band extends around the roofline and clerestory window sections. Bands of rectangular clerestory windows are on the north and east sides of the building and also on the interior walls. The entry on the east front is a flat roof portion with a projecting concrete block sidewall which has an inset cross. The entry door has large glass windows surrounding a primarily glass entry door. There is a vertical wood slatted shelter for the entry on the west front side of the building. The south wall has a large floor to ceiling nine panel window into the sanctuary. The rear of the building has a flat roofed extension with similarly designed features of the main church including clerestory windows and some floor to ceiling window. Interior features include figural red birch panels and specially designed pews, chairs and podium

**Major Bibliographic References**

Information from Church Records

**PHOTOS**

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**View of** Front Façade

**taken** 10/6/2003

**Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):**

**Comments:**