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CITY OF DELAWARE CITY

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September 4, 2015

Mt. Salem U.A.M.E Church
305 Fourth Street
PO Box 265
Delaware City, DE 19706

**Re: Letter of Appropriateness
Application for 305 Fourth Street
Tax Parcel No. 22-009.00-068
DCHD Property Inventory No. N6333.230**

Dear Sirs/Madam:

The Delaware City Historic Preservation (HPC) met in a publicly noticed meeting on September 1, 2015 to consider your application for renovations to your property at 305 Fourth Street in Delaware City. These renovations include:

1. Replacement of the rear porch steps and railing with pressure treated wood and stain.
2. Add an additional railing to left side of stairs.
3. Replacing wood side covers on stairs with Vinyl lathwork to match stain color of wood.

The HPC reviewed the proposal with consideration of the factors required under Section 49-6a. *Alterations*, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, and the intent of review process under Section 49-1.

It is noted that there was some discussion that the stairs do not have to be Handicap compliant due to the existing handicap ramp in the front of the church. The Church was

willing to use existing wood material in some way on the staircase. It appears the wood is too far deteriorated to be safe for future use and of no historic significance to the property.

Because the application is for alterations to a building within the historic district but outside of the C-1 Central Commercial zone, the recommendations of the Commission are advisory.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Delaware City Historic Preservation Commission.

Sincerely,



Lynn Dilliplane, Chair
Delaware City Historic Preservation Commission

cc: HPC
Parcel File
Mayor and Council