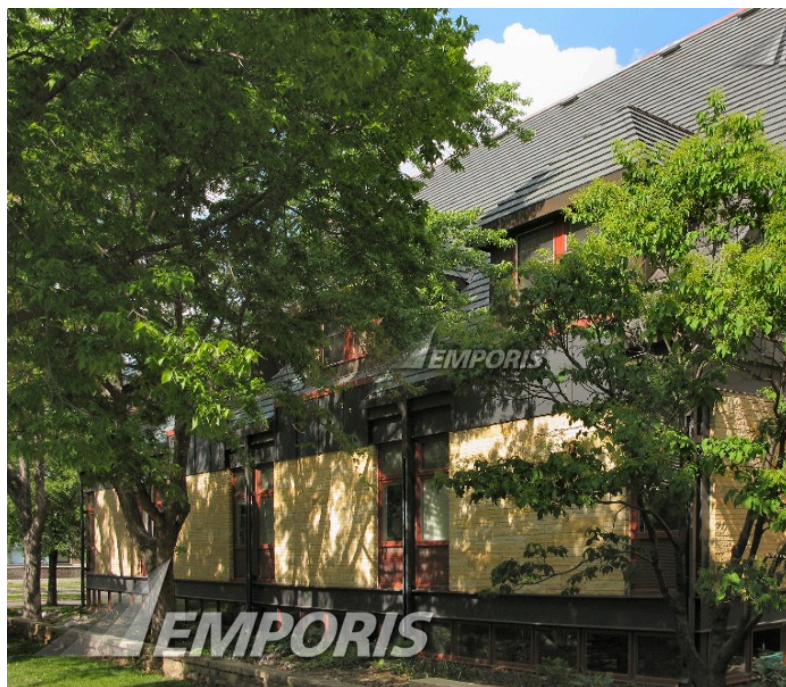


# Unity Church - Unitarian



## Identification

<b>EBN</b>	309374
<b>Name</b>	Unity Church - Unitarian
<b>Construction Type</b>	church
<b>Current Status</b>	existing [completed]

## Location

<b>Continent Name</b>	North America	<b>District (1st level)</b>	Summit-University
<b>Country Name</b>	U.S.A.	<b>Postcode</b>	55104
<b>State Name</b>	Minnesota	<b>Address (as text)</b>	732 Holly Avenue
<b>Metro Area Name</b>	Minneapolis-St. Paul-St. Cloud Combined Statistical Area	<b>Main Address</b>	732-736 Holly Avenue
<b>City Name</b>	St. Paul	<b>Virtual Address</b>	733-739 Portland Avenue

30 North Grotto Street

## Description

<b>Structural Material</b>	steel masonry wood	<b>Facade Color</b>	light brown
<b>Facade System</b>	exposed structure applied masonry	<b>Architectural style</b>	neo-gothic
<b>Facade Material</b>	limestone	<b>Main Usage</b>	church (unitarian)

## Spatial dimensions

<b>Floors (underground)</b>	1	<b>Escalators</b>	0
<b>Floors (overground)</b>	2	<b>Gross Floor Area (GFA)</b>	<a href="#">Buy full PDF</a>

## Years and costs

<b>Year (construction start)</b>	1905	<b>Year (last renovation)</b>	1988
<b>Year (construction end)</b>	1906	<b>Building costs</b>	\$ 45,000

## Facts

- The original Unity Church building was designed by Thomas Gannett Holyoke as he was leaving his position within Cass Gilbert's firm. The main sanctuary and bell tower were built during 1905 and 1906.
- Part of the original design, the Sunday School wing projecting toward Grotto Street on the west was constructed from 1920 to 1923 under the supervision of Holyoke's partner, Magnus Jemne.
- A major expansion to the north, called the Eliot Wing, was completed in 1957. This addition required the removal of two houses along Holly Avenue.
- Designed by Hammel & Green, it was a modern building of one floor over a raised basement, designed to support an additional floor above. A horizontal course of windows just above ground allows ample light into the lower level.
- A major fire damaged the chancel and the sanctuary roof on February 12, 1963. It was remodeled in a modern style by architect Richard Hammel.

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- The Eliot Wing was expanded in 1988 by Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle. A second story with a pitched roof inspired by the original building was added. The Hammel & Green design largely disappeared.
- The "St. Martin of Tours" windows were dedicated on February 15, 1925.

## Involved companies

Architect.....

### **Hammel & Green**

St. Paul  
U.S.A.

### **Holyoke & Jemne**

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### **Thomas Gannett Holyoke**

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## Additional company data available for this building

**General Contractor**      [Buy full PDF](#)      **Window Supplier**      [Buy full PDF](#)

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