

HONOLULU HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT  
SURVEYED PROPERTY CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

TMK: 94027127

Historic Status: **Evaluated Eligible**

Portion of Alignment: **'Ewa portion**

Resource Name/Historic Name: **West Oahu Christian Church/ former American Security Bank (round plan)**

Sector: **09 West Loch Station Sector**

Location: **94-420 FARRINGTON HWY**

Owner: **WEST OAHU CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Station Block: **no**

Date-Original: **1962**

Source: **Tax Office**

Present Use/Historic Use: **Church**

Architectural Description:

This single-story, round-plan building with a basement has a roof composed of numerous arched vaults. There is a small dome at the center, which now appears to be covered by a blue tarp. The radius of the arch in each wedge shape increases from the center towards the perimeter of the building. The vaults extend in a wide overhang around the building. The concrete supports for the roof vaults appear as tapered pilasters joined to cantilevered brackets with decorative ends. Square-section tapered downspouts project outward above each bracket end, draining water from the valleys of the roof. The building's perimeter wall sections, between roof supports, have various combinations of large fixed-light windows, double doors with large single lights, solid panels (some with window a/c units), and panels with vertical striations. The building is sited on a slightly sloping grade, with its main entry near grade level on the northwest side. The site slopes down to Farrington Highway on the south side where there are steps down to an entry at the basement level. There are basement windows on this side of the building. Most of the upper-level exterior walkway has a high fence

Integrity:

Main building appears relatively unaltered, except for air conditioners and other changes in walls. In 1977 an underground fallout shelter was added to the parcel - entry is at base of the vertical concrete signage along Waikele Road.

Significance:

Criterion "C" as an example of circular-plan architecture, a form that was utilized in Hawaii during the 1960s for commercial, religious, and apartment buildings. This building, originally constructed as a branch of the American Security Bank, is a good example of round-plan architecture, a building form that was utilized in Hawaii during the 1960s when it was locally understood as an expression of Hawaii's up-to-date architectural repertoire.

