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CALHOUN COUNTY PROPERTY ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER

Saint John United Methodist Church in Anniston was listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage on December 1, 2016.

At the turn of the century, a group formed Saint John Methodist Church, the first Black Methodist Episcopal Church in South Anniston. The original building was constructed in 1922 on D Street.

In 1951 under the leadership of Reverend O.J. Leeth, a new church building was erected and served as a meeting space during the civil rights movement in the 1960s.

In 1967 the Black Central Alabama Conference merged with Alabama-West Florida and the North Alabama Conference. At that time, Saint John Methodist became known as Saint John United Methodist.



Saint John still stands as the only Black United Methodist church in the community.

The Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage is an official listing of buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts worthy of preservation. These properties may be of national, state, and local significance. The designation is honorary and carries no restrictions or financial incentives. The Alabama Historical Commission created the Alabama Register to provide the public with a quick and easy way to document and recognize historic places, such as houses, schools, churches, and commercial buildings that are at least 40 years old.

A [list of properties in the Alabama Register](#) is available alphabetically by county

What is the process for getting your property listed? Start by completing the [Alabama Register Form](#) (refer to the [instructions](#)).

About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and, statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit <http://ahc.alabama.gov/>

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