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NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Municipal Building

*Robert C. Bates*  
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One Centre Street, 9th Floor North  
New York, NY 10007

*Edward K. Eacker*  
SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Re: West Park Presbyterian Church  
86th Street and Amsterdam

*Martin L. Griggs*  
ASSOCIATE

Dear Commissioners:

In the texture of New York City, West Park Presbyterian Church provides the neighborhood scale, while retaining the vertical definition of a significant corner in the Upper West Side.

The solid masonry of the building with its handsome brownstone colors and textures create a critical spatial contrast to the large prewar apartment buildings in the surrounding neighborhood.

The carefully considered elements of this Romanesque style church make it a unique and important example of its kind which must be preserved.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Melvin, Principal