



LOST BLACK CHURCHES IN TORONTO

INTERPRETING SLAVERY TRAUMA & HERITAGE INITIATIVE +
DRIP RESEARCH PROJECT

OVERVIEW

SITES + SCOPE

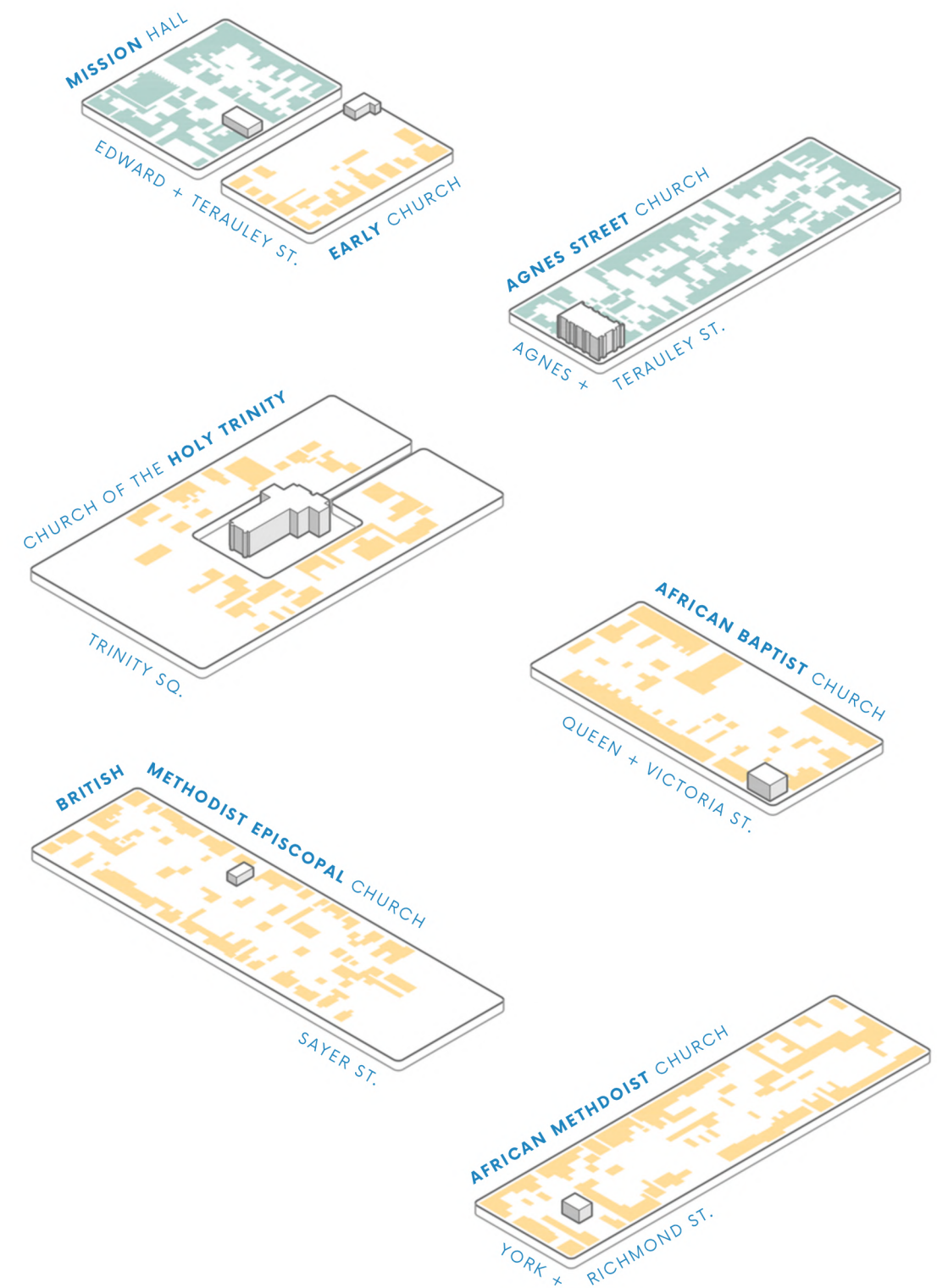
The ISTH DRIP research project investigated and developed a historical timeline of seven churches built in the nineteenth century, all of which had an established connection with the Black community in Toronto. We utilized the City of Toronto definition of the Black community at this time as "enslaved women, men, and children, Black Loyalists, and African Americans escaping enslavement in the United States...rural Black Canadians moving from Nova Scotia or south-western Ontario, as well as people from the Caribbean and the African continent."¹ Further we defined Black churches as those characterized as such in primary and secondary sources - places of worship serving Black community. The majority of the churches were located within the area formerly known as the Ward, now part of downtown Toronto.

Historical maps, photographs, newspapers, and books produced between 1826 and 2018 were consulted to establish the year of construction and demolition for each church as well as any accounts of the structure getting repurposed.

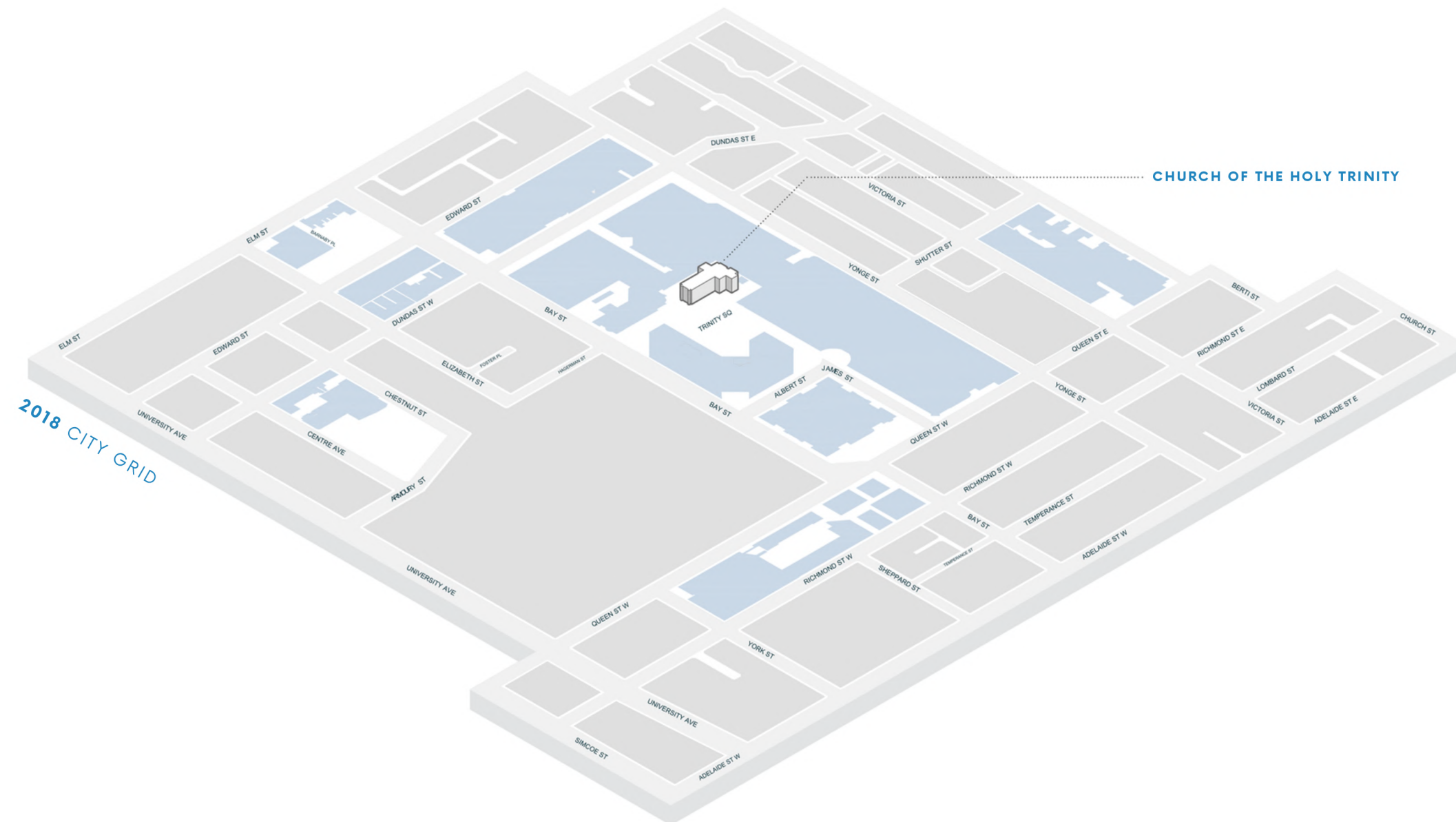
The two earliest maps of the city that included clear building outlines were from 1858 and 1880. On the 1858 map, five of the seven churches could be found, while the remaining two are visible on the 1880 map.

In the present day, the only church which is still be found at its original location is the Church of the Holy Trinity. All other structures were removed before the 1990s. In addition, four of the congregations are known to still exist today, with three of them operating at a different location from their original ones.

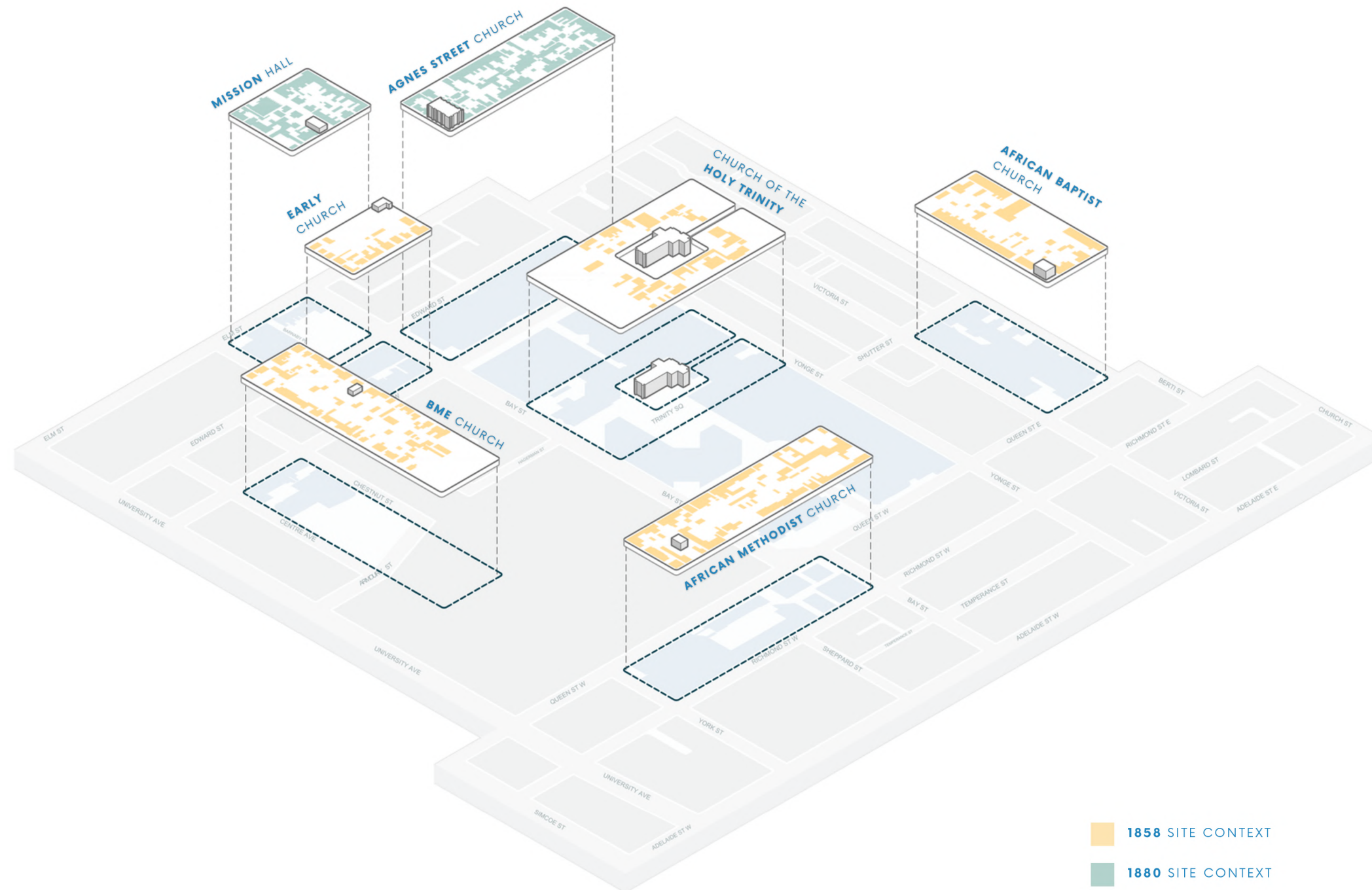
The following section contains an overview of the findings that resulted from this research project.

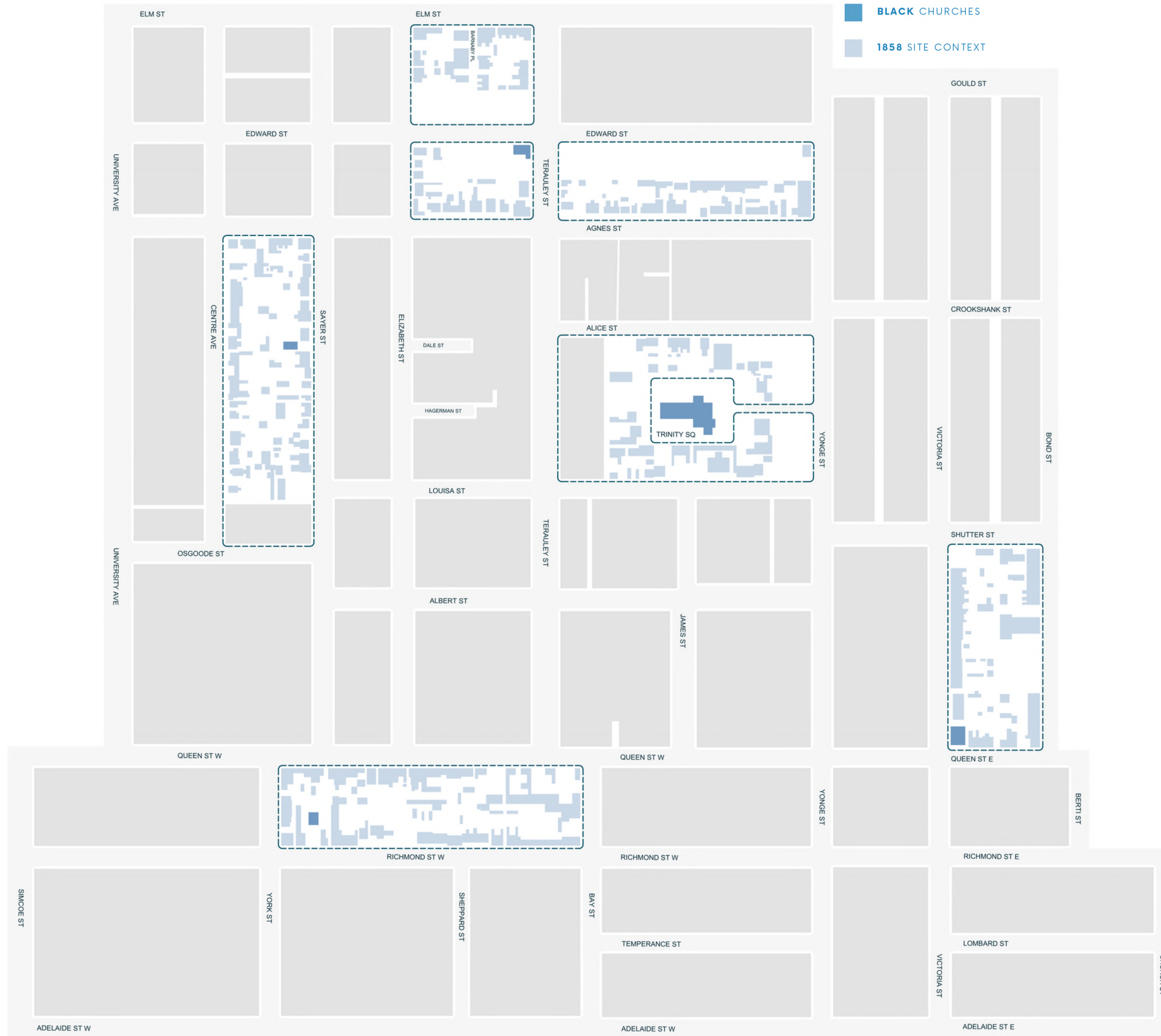


The following image shows the contemporary context, using 2018 building footprints. The Church of the Holy Trinity is employed as a control in the research process because it is the only church from the list of seven that still exists at its original location today.

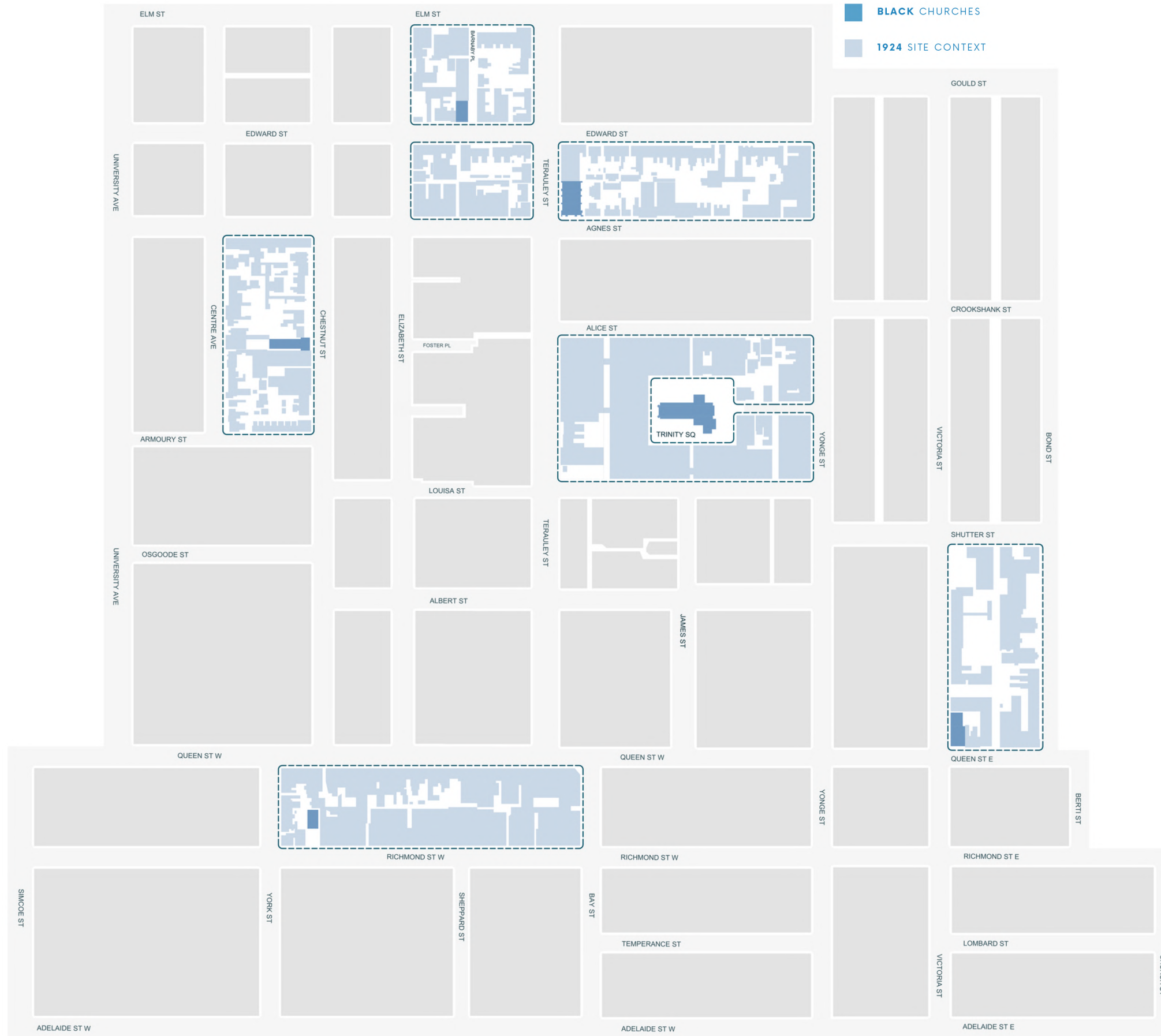


The historical maps consulted indicated that the seven churches were very close in proximity, and the majority were within the boundaries of the Ward, generally bound by College, Queen, and Yonge Streets and University Avenue. The First Baptist Church is an exception as it is located one street over from Yonge Street.

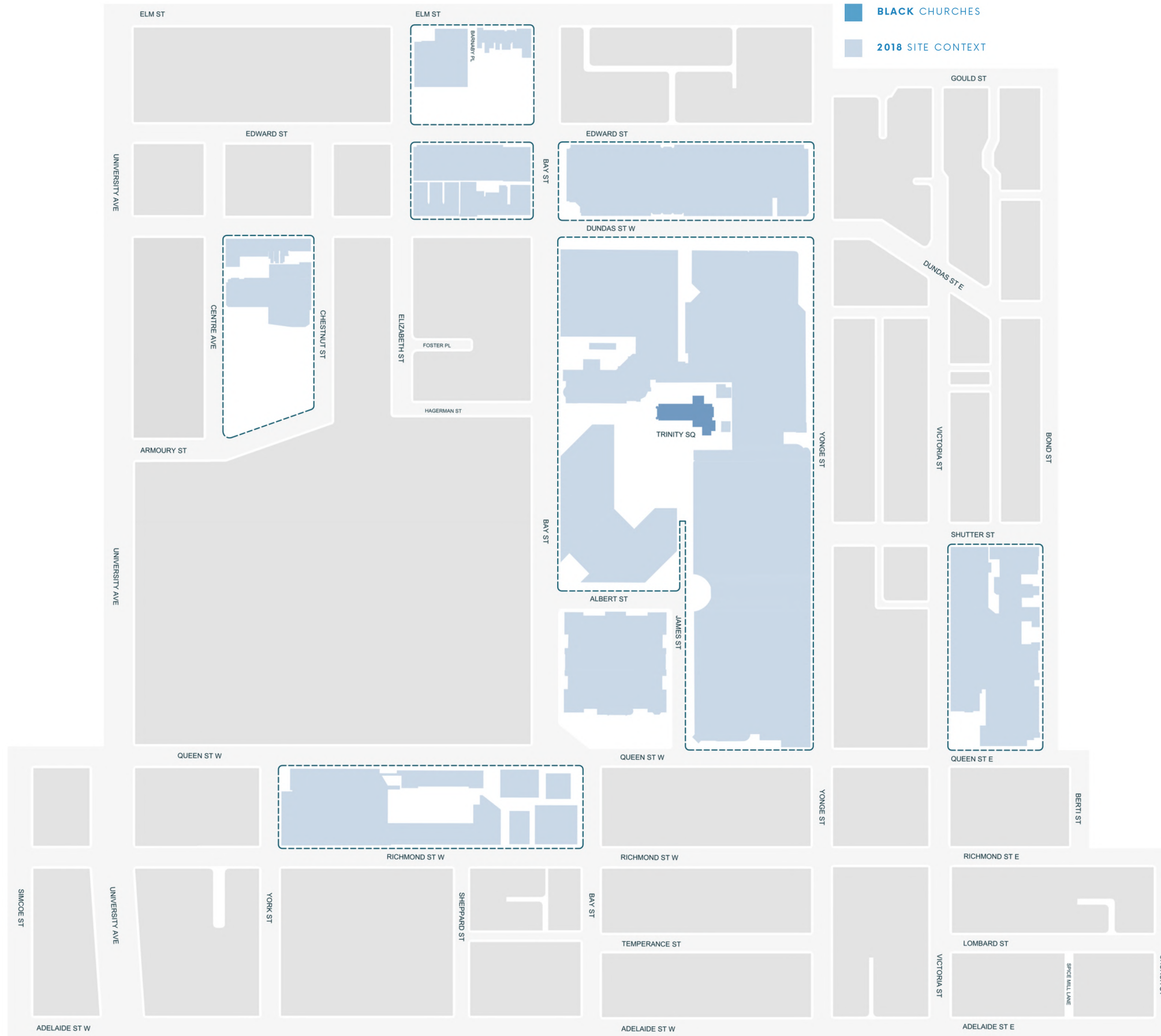




1858 SITE PLAN



1924 SITE PLAN



2018 SITE PLAN

GRANT AME CHURCH YORK + RICHMOND STREETS 1841-1925

This location on Richmond Street was initially occupied by an African Baptist Chapel from **1834** to **1841** until the congregation erected a different building at the northeast corner of Victoria and Queen Streets, officially establishing it as the First Baptist Church (*see page 10*).²

The site was then purchased for the construction of the Grant African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, which may have begun as early as **1838**.³ The Grant AME congregation occupied this site until **1892**. The building remained vacant between **1892** and **1902**. From **1902** to **1907**, the Woltz Manufacturing Company, a picture and room mouldings company that operated at buildings nearby used the chapel for their company.

In **1907**, the property began to be occupied by the Chinese Church. In **1913**, the City of Toronto fire insurance maps show that a northern extension was added to the original brick building. By **1919**, city directories listed both the Chinese Church and the Christ Church at the same address. By **1925**, it appears the building was demolished.

In **1912**, the Grant AME congregation relocated north to the intersection of University Avenue and Elm Street.⁴ The Grant AME Church congregation later again moved to Soho Street in **1929**, west of their previous location and again in **1991** to the east, to Gerrard Street East where the Grant AME church continues to reside today.⁵



1858 SOURCE MAP



1880 SOURCE MAP



1903 SOURCE MAP



1924 SOURCE MAP



1939 SOURCE MAP



1943 SOURCE MAP



1904 ROBERTSON'S LANDMARKS OF TORONTO.

Illustration of the Grant AME at Richmond St. from 1904.

The chapel was the scene of many memorable meetings, and many noted preachers and laymen in the Methodist communion, irrespective of colour, have officiated there. Among the preachers may be mentioned the famous Morley Punshon, and among the laymen, Senator John Macdonald and Mr. Warring Kennedy, for some time Mayor of Toronto.

1904 ROBERTSON'S LANDMARKS OF TORONTO.

The church hosted a range of community meetings, serving as a cultural anchor within the Black community.

Another notable case connected with this chapel was that of William Watson, who was a waiter in the Cataract House on the American side of the Falls. He was arrested by the United States Marshall on the charge of being a runaway slave. His fellow waiters, irrespective of color, rescued him from the toils of the law, rowed him across the Niagara River, landing him at Queenstown, and then found him the money, so that he might proceed to Toronto.

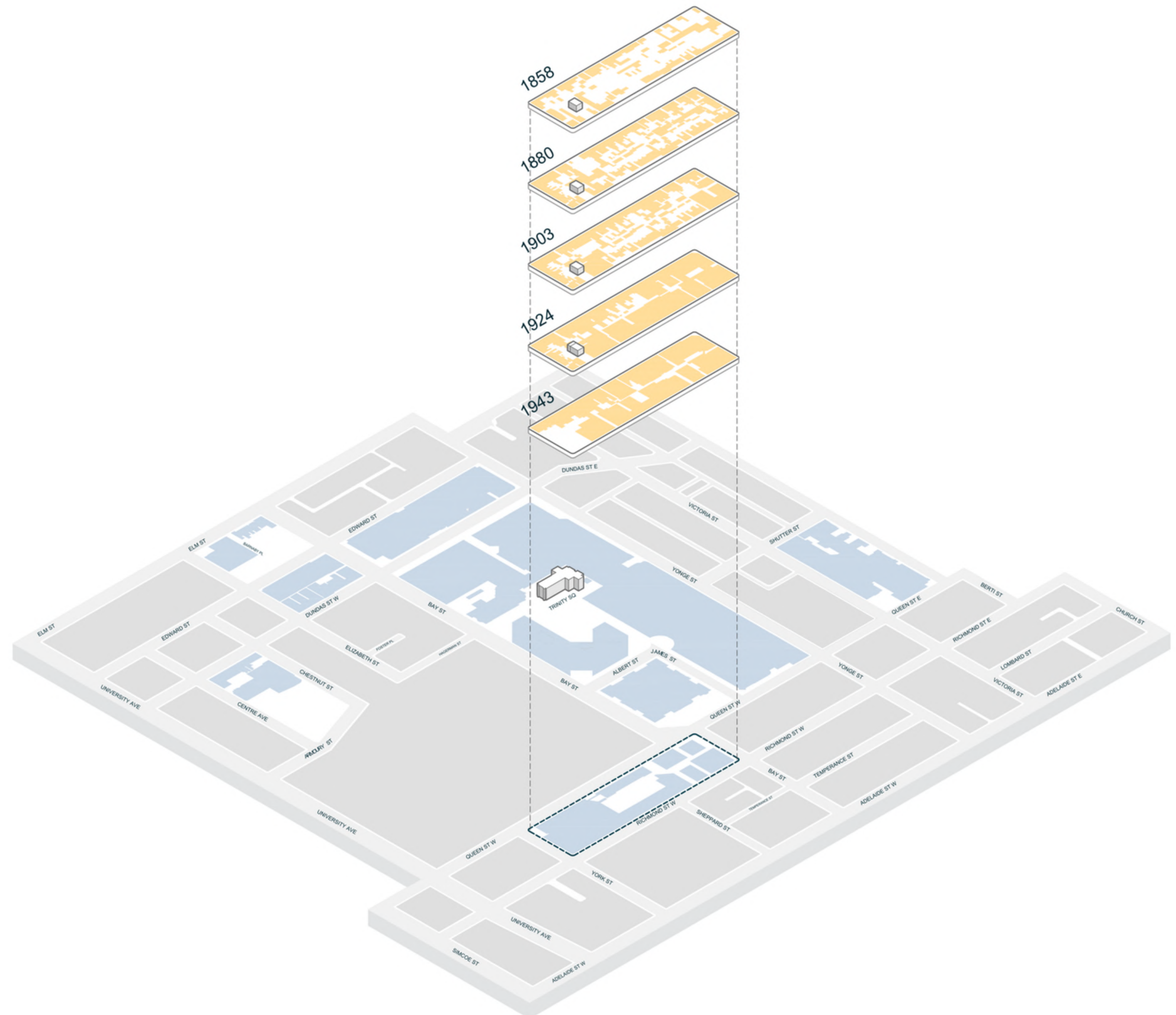
On arriving here a public meeting of Toronto citizens, irrespective of color, was held in the African Wesleyan chapel, who tendered Watson the heartiest of welcomes.

1904 ROBERTSON'S LANDMARKS OF TORONTO.

The church behaved as a forum of support for Black community members as they collectively challenge slavery.

HISTORICAL SITE CONTEXT

2018 SITE CONTEXT



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VICTORIA + QUEEN STREETS

1841-1905

In **1841**, the African Baptists, also referred to by *Robertson's Landmarks of Toronto* as the First Baptist Church, erected a building at the northeast corner of Victoria Street and Queen Street.⁶ The church was founded in **1826** by a group of twelve formerly enslaved labourers.⁷ Before acquiring the location at Victoria Street and Queen Street, the congregation worshipped in people's homes, and between **1834** and **1841**, they occupied a chapel on Richmond Street and York Street for church services.⁸

In **1903**, the African Baptists sold their property for \$18,000.⁹ In **1905**, an announcement was made that Crown Life Insurance would be establishing a new building at the corner of Victoria and Queen Streets, occupying the site where the African Baptist Church was originally located.¹⁰

After selling their property, the First Baptist Church congregation relocated to University Avenue, where they constructed a new brick church.¹¹ In **1955**, the congregation moved west again to the intersection of Huron Street and D'arcy Street, where it remains to this day.¹²



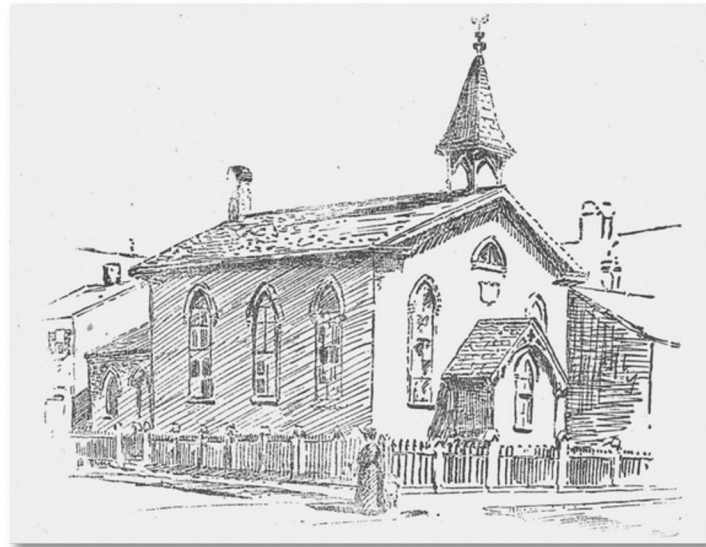
1858 SOURCE MAP



1903 SOURCE MAP



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1904 ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL ARCHIVES.

Illustration of the First Baptist Church from 1904.

■ HISTORICAL SITE CONTEXT
■ 2018 SITE CONTEXT

12 Freed Slaves Fled to Form Baptist Group

Back in 1826 a dozen slaves met on the shores of Toronto Bay and prayed. After many sleepless nights and dangerous journeys they

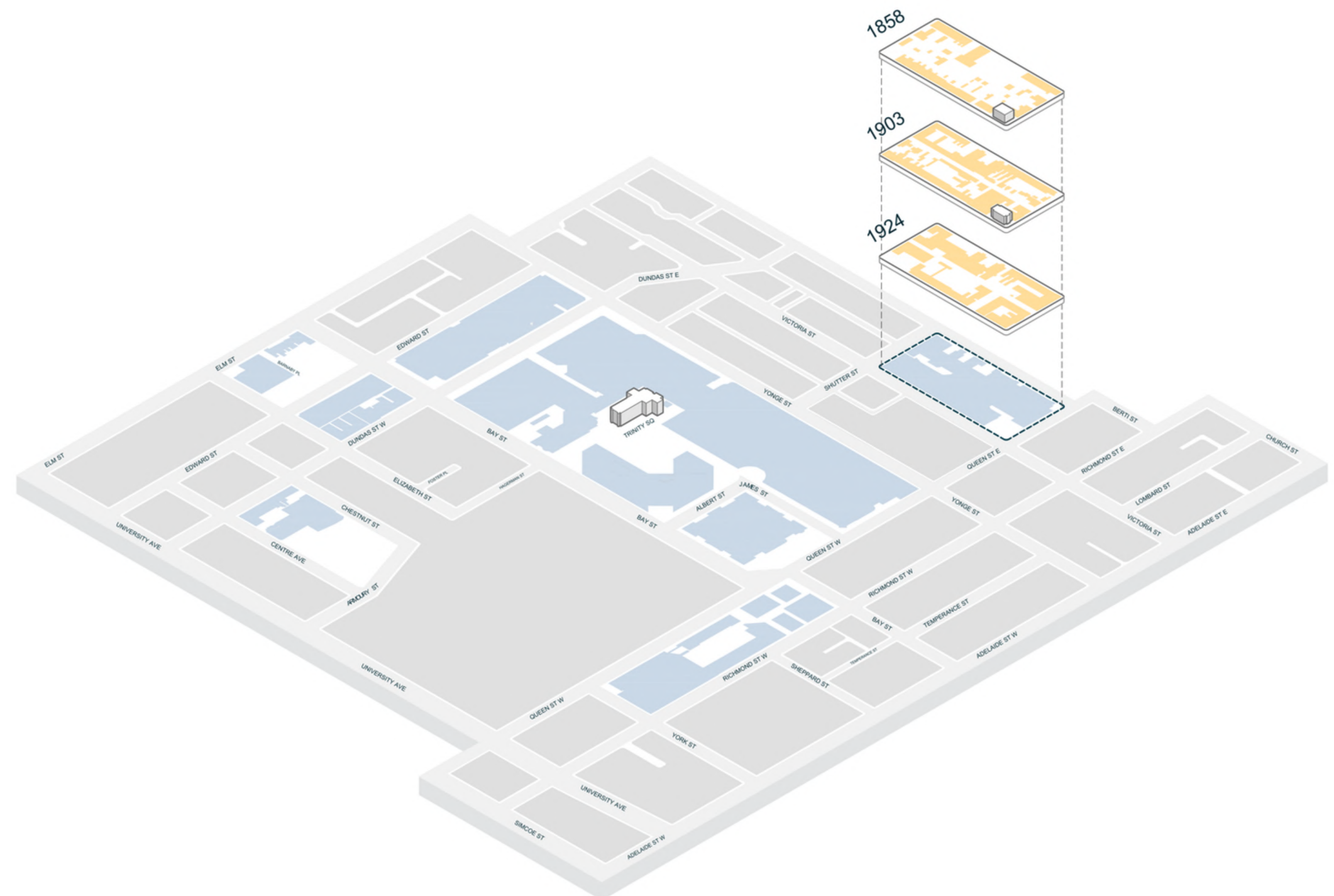
1952 THE GLOBE AND MAIL, PROQUEST.

An article from 1952 explaining how the church was formed by twelve formerly enslaved labourers in 1826.

Building on Historic Ground.
 Mr. H. C. Boulton has applied for a permit for a six-story brick office and store building to be erected on the northeast corner of Queen and Victoria streets, where the old colored Baptist church used to stand. The cost will probably exceed \$30,000.

1904 THE GLOBE AND MAIL, PROQUEST.

In 1905, a written announcement confirmed the Crown Life Insurance company's new building construction at the former location of the church.



AGNES STREET CHURCH

AGNES + TERAULEY STREETS

1874-1927

In **1874**, the Bible Christian Church constructed a white brick building at the northeast corner of Agnes and Terauley Streets (now Dundas Street West and Bay Streets) for over \$23,000.¹³ The church was constructed as a result of the northward expansion of the Ward neighbourhood.¹⁴

In **1884**, the Bible Christian Church merged with the Methodist Church of Canada, resulting in a name change for this property, and it became known as Agnes Street Methodist Church.¹⁵

A newspaper announcement from **1898** indicated that the Agnes Street Methodist congregation was in need of more funds,¹⁶ and, as early as **1904**, there were intentions to merge this congregation with the Elm Street Methodist Church.¹⁷ While congregation members expressed discontent with this decision, the merger took place in **1905** and the congregation vacated the building.¹⁸

According to newspaper articles in **1899**, this church was used by the Italian community in the Ward, with an Italian Mission operating on the site while it remained listed as the Agnes Street Methodist Church in newspaper articles up until **1908**.¹⁹ A photograph, dated **1907** taken from inside the Agnes Street Methodist Church revealed a majority Black church choir, potentially indicating the continued Black community's connection with the church around this time.

By **1909**, the building became a Yiddish theatre by the name of the "Lyric Theatre."²⁰ The structure was then demolished in **1927** when Ford Hotel announced its construction on the site.²¹



1858 SOURCE MAP



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1899 URBAN TORONTO.
 Photograph of the building's exterior from 1899.

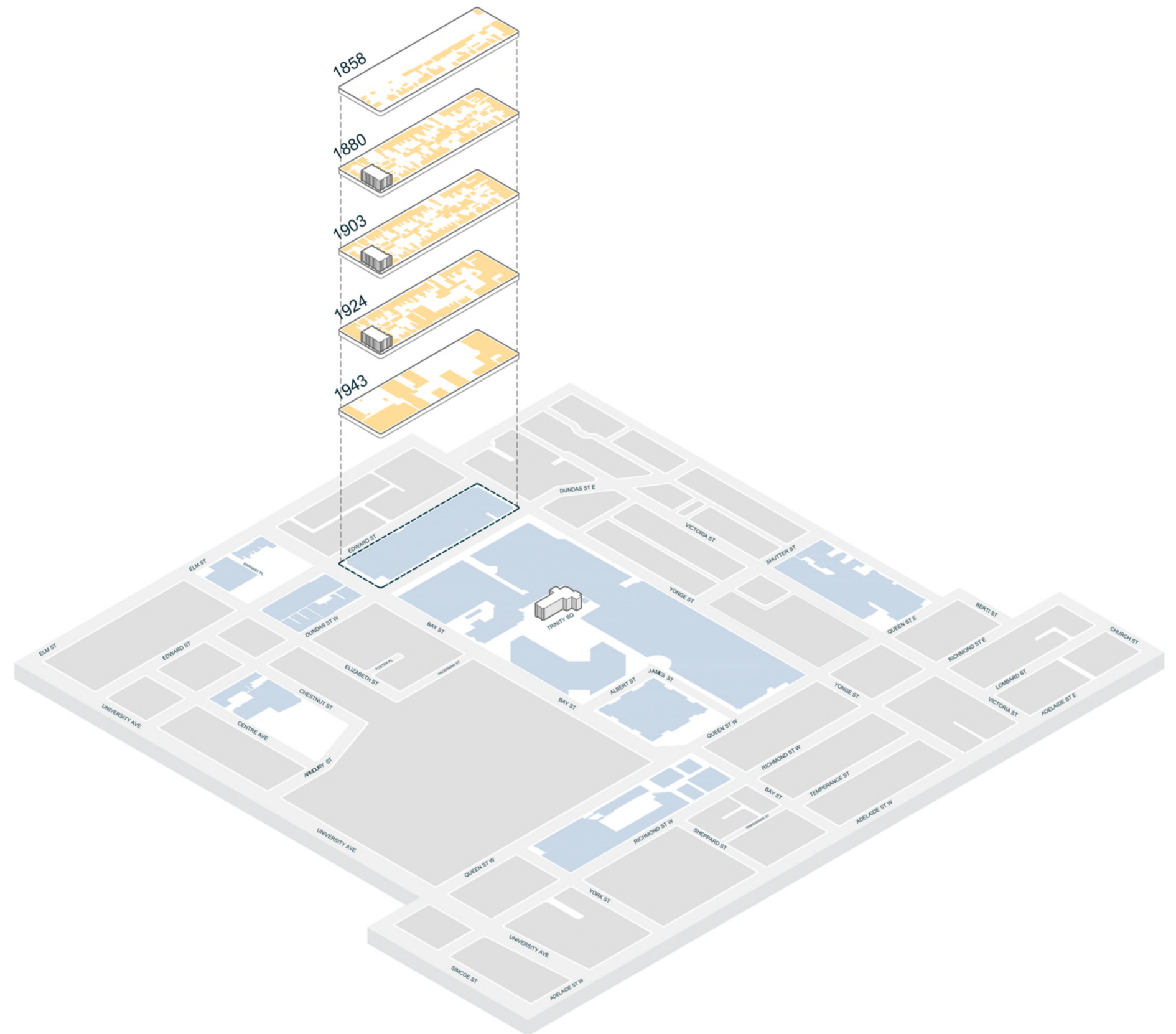


1907 CITY OF TORONTO ARCHIVES.
 A photograph of the church's choir with the majority of members being individuals of African descent.

ices. When I read the decision of the official board to "close Agnes Street" I ginned with my lips by saying "that is a holy name." Then anger gave way to grief, and I could scarcely restrain the tear. I am anxious to know who composed the official meeting that decided the retrograde action, for I believe it will be regarded as such by the majority of the conference. I feel sure that not one of the twenty-six consecrated men who composed the official board fifteen years ago voted "yes," or, if he did, it was with a reluctant assent.

1905 THE GLOBE AND MAIL, PROQUEST.
 A former pastor of the church expressed disappointment in the decision to merge the congregation with the Elm Street Methodist Church.

■ HISTORICAL SITE CONTEXT
■ 2018 SITE CONTEXT



BME CHURCH CHESTNUT STREET

1845-1988

In **1845**, a small wood frame building was constructed at Sayer Street (now Chestnut Street), south of Anger Street (now Dundas Street West) to be used as the African Methodist Episcopal church.²² The church was initially founded in Canada by African Methodist Episcopal (AME) missionaries who were part of the African American population that had arrived in Canada through the Underground Railroad.²³ In **1865**, the Canadian Methodist Episcopal Church separated from the American parent church and established itself as a distinct entity.²⁴ The congregation was known for participating in various efforts and initiatives to protest and challenge racial discrimination and segregation.²⁵

In **1871**, the church at Chestnut Street (formerly Sayer Street), now known as the British Methodist Episcopal (BME) Church, replaced its wood frame structure with a larger brick building.²⁶ The new building could reportedly house up to 200 occupants. A subsequent expansion occurred around **1894**, enlarging the brick building to accommodate 600 people.²⁷ The footprint for this rendition of the church was recovered during a recent site excavation.²⁸

In **1952**, the BME Chestnut Street congregation moved west to a new location on Shaw Street.²⁹ The building was occupied by the Chinese United Church from 1955 to 1988 when it was purchased and demolished.³⁰

The BME's location at Shaw Street was also dismantled following a fire in **1998**.³¹ The BME Church moved to a new location on Eglinton Avenue West and Dufferin Street three years after the fire, and the congregation remains there today.³²



1858 SOURCE MAP



1899 SOURCE MAP



1909 SOURCE MAP



1954 SOURCE MAP



1953 PHOTOGRAPHER: J.V. SALMON, AGO FOYER.
 Photograph of the church's street facade from 1953.

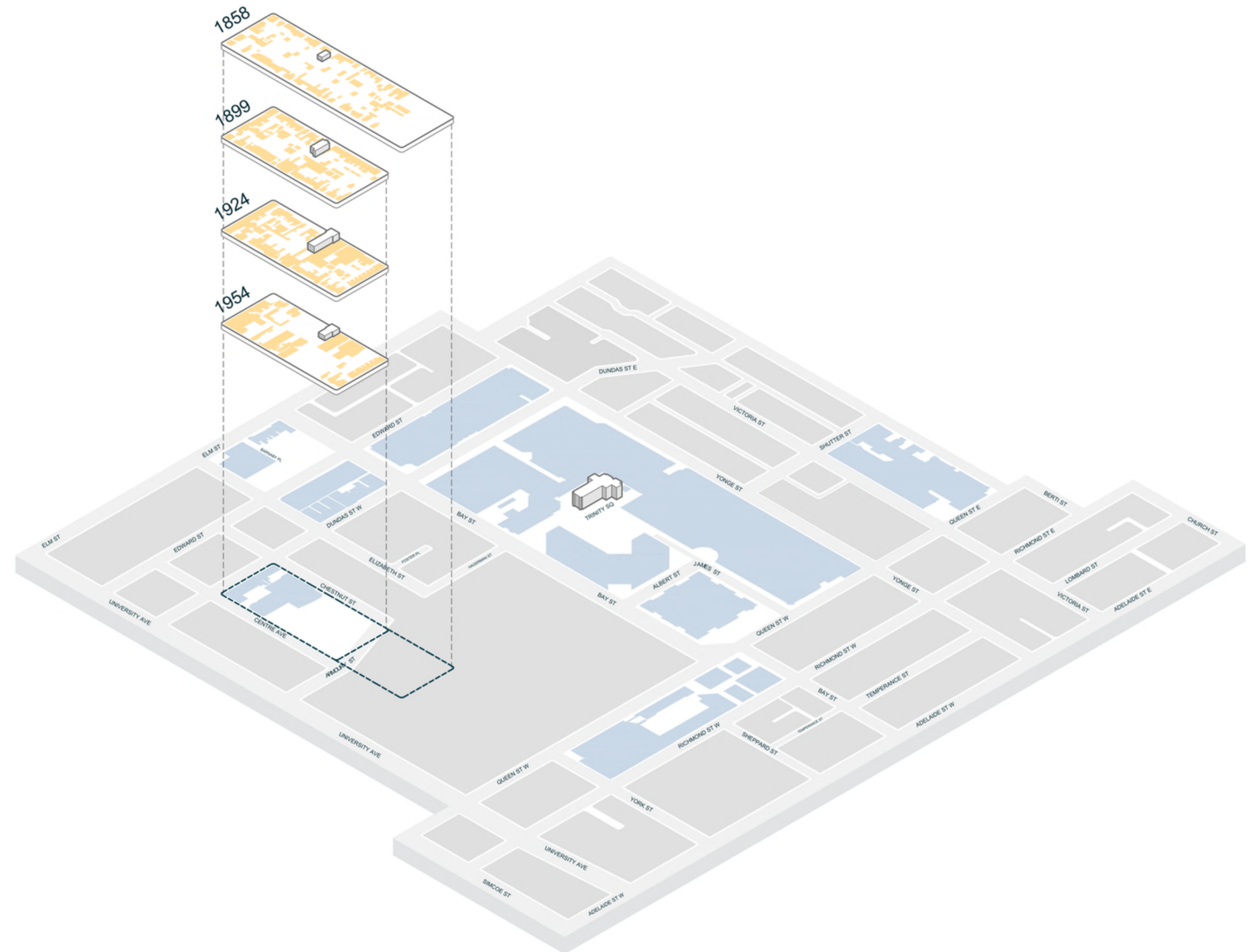


1926 THE WARD UNCOVERED.
 A grand Jamaican wedding was celebrated at the BME in 1926.

The British Methodist Episcopal Church, 94 Chestnut Street, last evening was the scene of one of the smartest Jamaican weddings known in Toronto, when Miss Rachel Adina Stephenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robert Stephenson, was united in marriage with Mr. J. M. Williams, a Toronto merchant. The church was filled with relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom, both of whom are natives of Jamaica. To the strains of Men-

1904 ROBERTSON'S LANDMARKS OF TORONTO.
 The wedding was written about in an article from the Globe and Mail.

■ HISTORICAL SITE CONTEXT
■ 2018 SITE CONTEXT



EARLY CHURCH + AME MISSION HALL EDWARD + TERAULEY STREETS

1858-C.1880 ; 1893-1927

Around **1858**, a wood frame schoolhouse was used as a church for the African Methodists.³³ The building, located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Terauley Street (now Bay Street) and Edward Street, was later repurposed by the founders of the Elm Street Methodist Church to host their services.³⁴ The building was later relocated in its entirety to a location further north on Terauley Street until it was moved to King Street East.³⁵

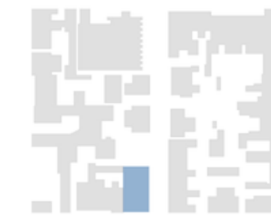
Between **1893** and **1894**, the African Methodist Episcopalians (AME) began erecting a mission hall at the northern side of Edward Street, opposite of the former location of the Early Church.³⁶ In **1898**, the AME advertised church services at this mission hall in newspapers, and it was announced that the first public meeting held at this address would take place in the same year.³⁷

However, sometime before **1899**, the AME closed the mission hall and relinquished the property, and in 1899, the building was converted into an Italian Mission.³⁸

By the **1920s**, the building was advertised as an automobile garage and repair shop.³⁹ In **1927**, the Toronto Transit Commission formed the Gray Coach Lines and acquired the location to construct a new building for the service.⁴⁰



1858 SOURCE MAP



1899 SOURCE MAP



1899 SOURCE MAP



1954 SOURCE MAP

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY TRINITY SQUARE

1847- PRESENT

The Church of the Holy Trinity is included in this research process because it is the only church from the selection that still exists at its original location today. The church's proximity to the Ward helps establish its importance to the immigrant communities located within the neighbourhood. Although there are no findings to directly connect the church to a Black community, an overview of the building's evolution is included below for completeness.

In **1845**, sisters Mary Lambert and Ellen Eliza Swale from England anonymously donated £5,000 to Bishop John Strachan in hopes of him creating an Anglican church in Toronto that would not charge pew fees like most others in the city.⁴¹

In **1847**, the Church of the Holy Trinity was built according to the design of architect Henry Bowyer Lane.⁴² Between **1868** and **1869**, the architecture firm Gundry & Langley initiated several alterations to the original structure and designed the church's reredos, which today remains in the church.⁴³

In the early **1970s**, the church was facing threats of demolition in favour of the Eaton Centre's construction.⁴⁴ Members of the congregation outwardly opposed this decision and engaged in a two-year-long negotiation with Fairview Corp Ltd., allowing a land exchange agreement to be reached, and intentions to demolish the church were dismissed.⁴⁵

In **1977**, a large fire at the old Eaton warehouse nearby reached the south side of the church, resulting in \$300,000 worth of damage dealt to the church.⁴⁶ Most notably, the fire eradicated three stained-glass windows, a portion of the roof, and several interior ornamental details.⁴⁷ While the damage was eventually repaired, the process was one that spanned over many years.⁴⁸



1858 SOURCE MAP



1880 SOURCE MAP



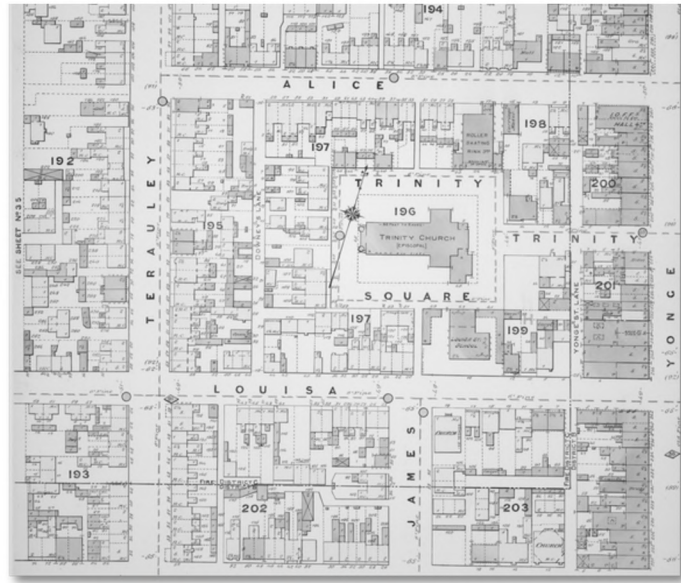
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1943 SOURCE MAP



1880 CITY OF TORONTO ARCHIVES.
1880 Fire Insurance Plan capturing the area surrounding Trinity Church.



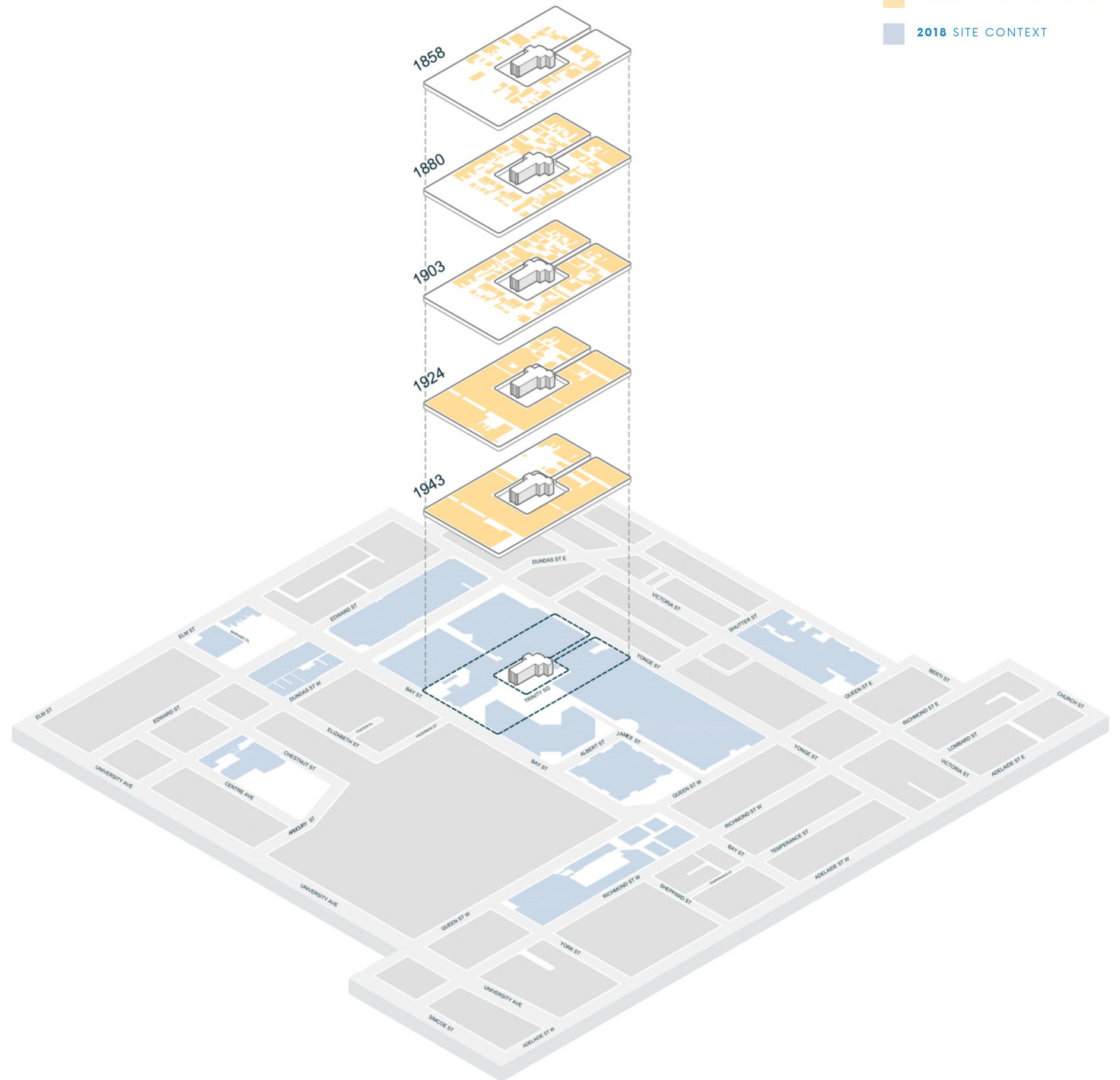
1870 URBAN TORONTO.
Photograph of the church's East Front from 1870.

The 130-year-old, fire-ravaged Holy Trinity Anglican Church is being restored just like old.

As workmen cling to scaffolding inside and out, the water, smoke and flame stains stand out in the gloom of the nearly wrecked church, one of the city's oldest.

1977 GLOBE AND MAIL, PROQUEST.
An article from the Globe and Mail reporting on efforts to repair the church after the damage it sustained from the Eaton Warehouse fire.

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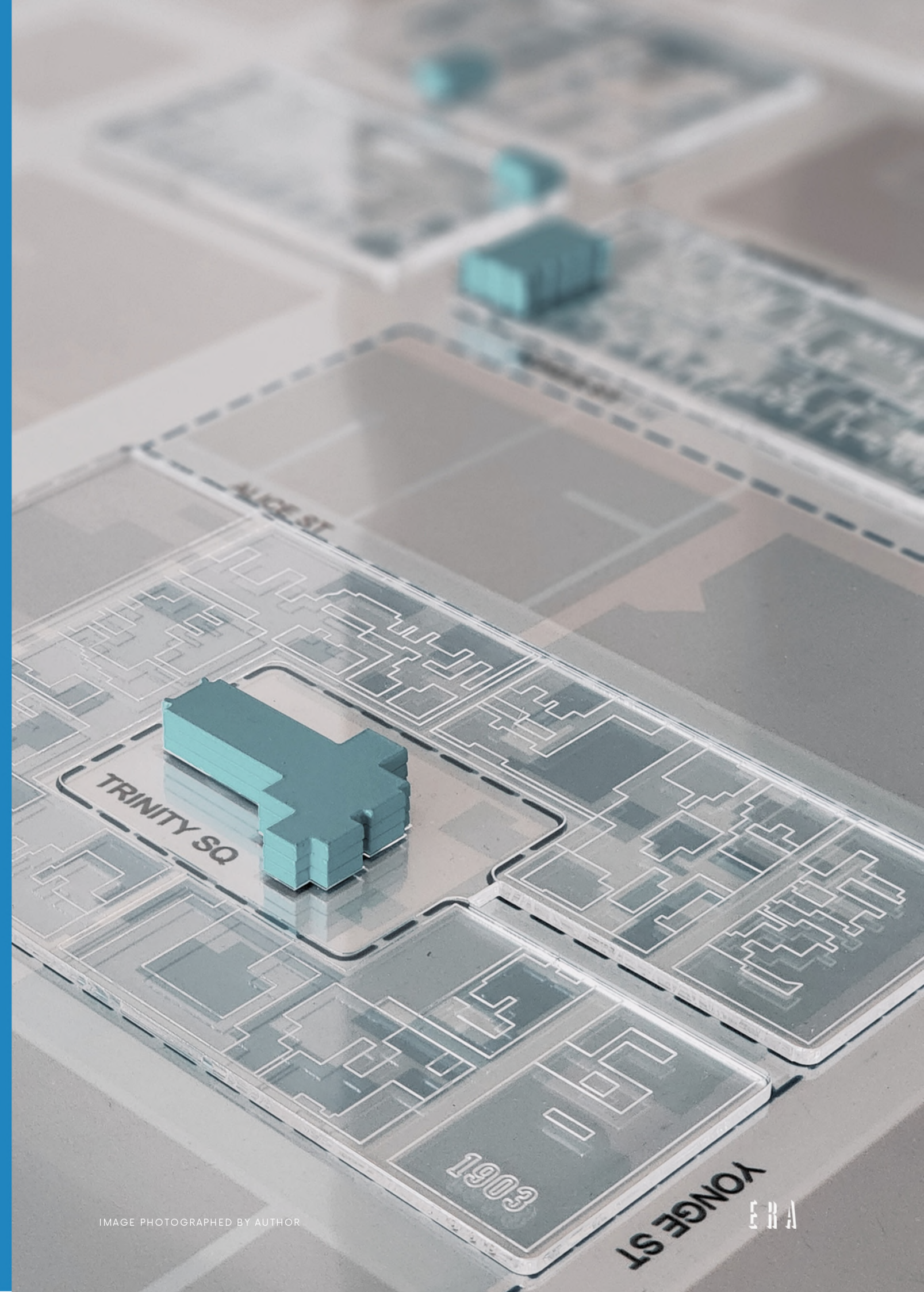


PHYSICAL MODEL INTERACTIVE RESEARCH DISPLAY

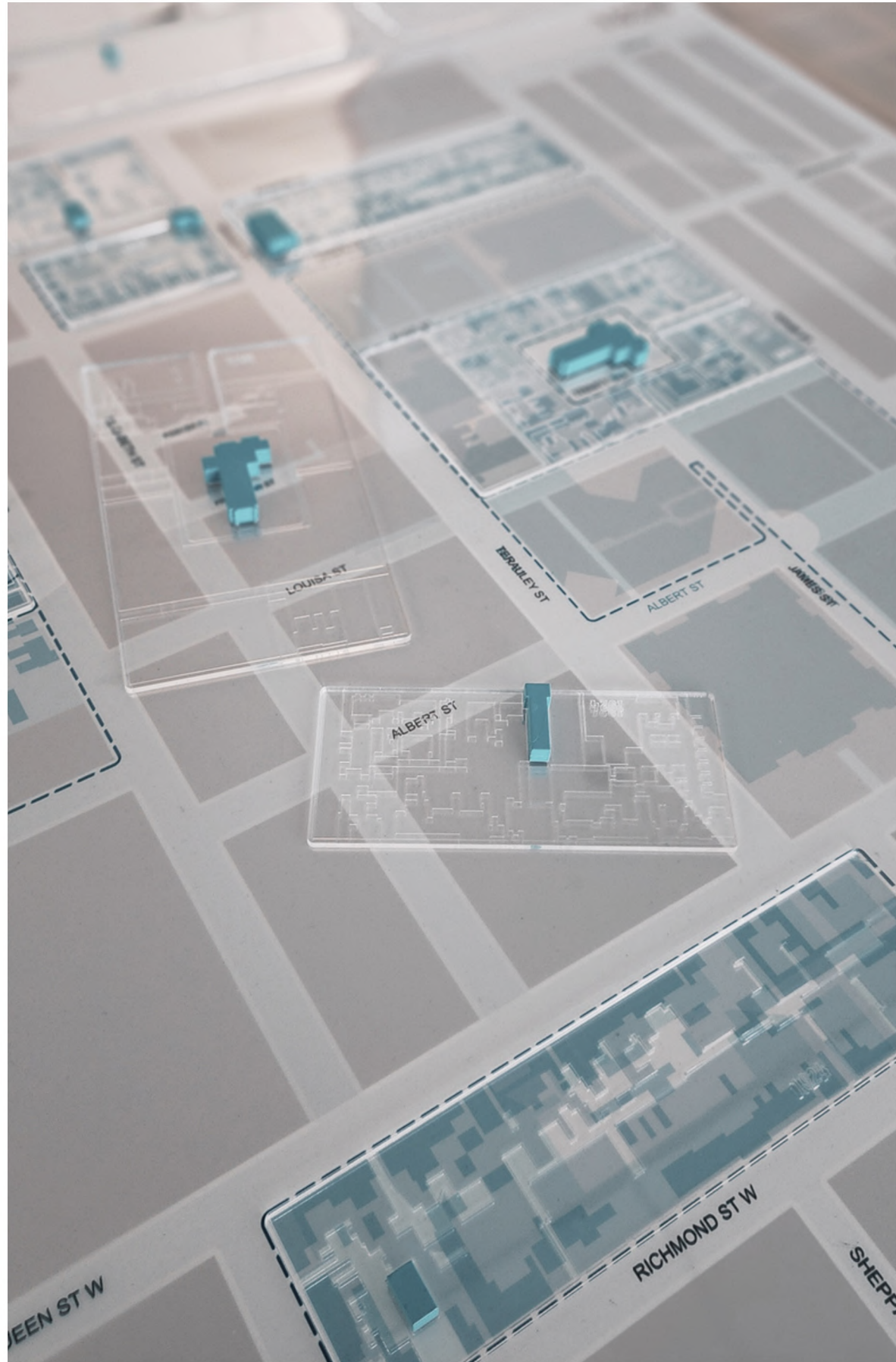
The research findings documented in the previous pages are paired with an interactive site model that displays the information in a tangible and engaging format.

There are four layers to the base of the model, each is a semi-transparent sheet containing the city outline and building footprints from 1858, 1903, 1924, and 2018. The model also includes eighteen removable components, each depicting one of the churches and the surrounding context in 1858, 1903, and 1924. These components are made with translucent plexiglass, allowing them to be layered on the site plans. The clear site plans could similarly be removed and realigned, allowing the participant have agency in guiding the activity.

On the site plans, dotted lines suggest the placement of the translucent blocks, encouraging a simple but intuitive engagement process. This design invites users to tangibly visualize the timeline of each church and the changes that occurred to them. As an alternative method of presentation for heritage research, this interactive display aims to promote an accessible and intuitive learning process that would cultivate community dialogue on the research topic.



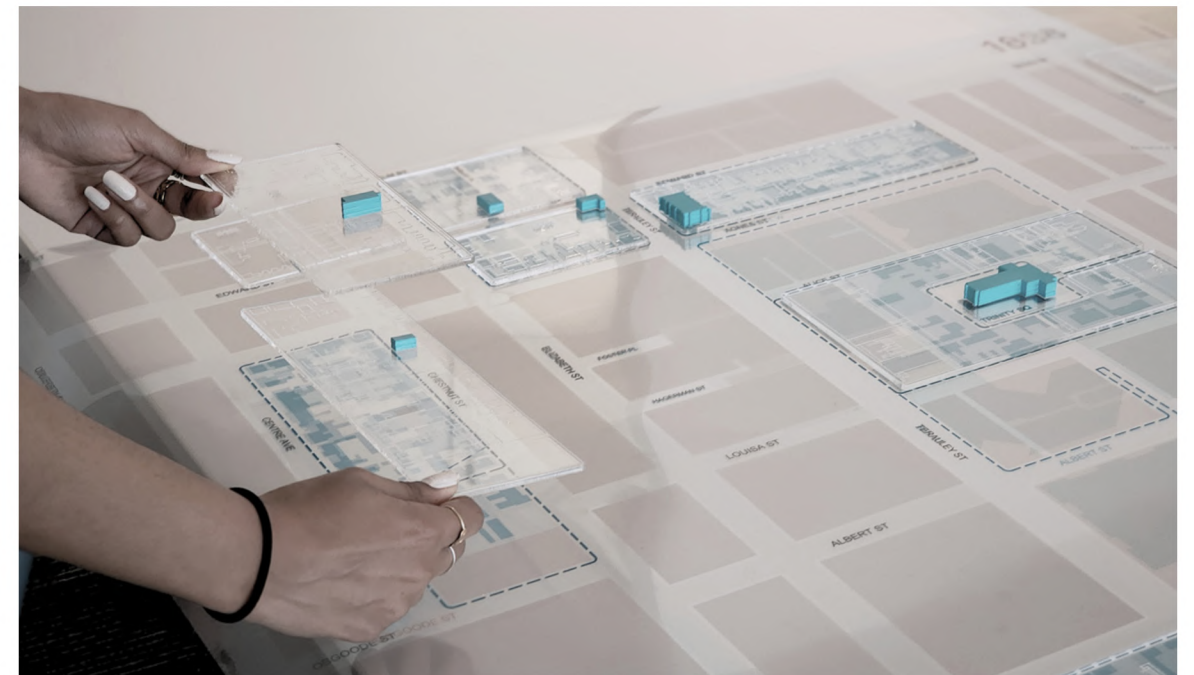




PROJECT OUTLOOK NEXT STEPS

The narrow timeline of this project has constrained the means achieved in the research and production processes; however, for the ISTH research team, this collaboration with the DRIP program marks the start of broader research into the history and heritage of Black churches. This phase of the research project concludes with both a written and visual timeline established for each church, and the research team will refer to this information when designing their subsequent research activities.

In response to the research being continued, the physical model will subsequently be expanded upon. The model was designed to allow new layers of information to be created and added to the existing composition. The ISTH research team is also interested in presenting the current model to a community and understanding how it is used in a real context. There may be opportunities to improve aspects of the model depending on its true usability and accessibility.



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