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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregational Library & Archives
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<b>Title:</b>	The Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church Merger Collection, 1945-1965
<b>ID:</b>	RG5387
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1945-1965
<b>Physical Description:</b>	9 Cubic Feet 9 Record boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Records, correspondence, legal briefs, and publications that pertain to the merger between the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church during the 1950's that resulted in the creation of the United Church of Christ.

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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The Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical Christian Church Merger Collection was intentionally collected during and after the events that created the United Church of Christ. As it was collected over a period of twenty-five years, it remained separate and not as accessible as General Council documentation covering the same period. While at times it mimics documentation found in other parts of the Congregational Library and Archives, its singular focus allows greater detail and access for research into the very important part of American religious history. The merger of the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church, first proposed in 1943, resulted in the

creation of the United Church of Christ, one of the largest church bodies in the United States. Though the initial vote for the Basis of Union between the two congregations occurred in 1948, it was not until 1961 that the merger was deemed complete with the United Church of Christ running as a single body, and the General Council and General Synod of the respective churches dissolved. During this entire process, extensive documentation was created and collected by individuals and official bodies such as Helen Kenyon, Douglas Horton, the Executive Committee, and the Congregational Historical Society. It was an ask from the Historical Society during the 1960's to involved parties that brought in much of the correspondence from Helen Kenyon and opposition leader Malcom K. Burton. Ms. Kenyon was also able to provide her personally notated copies of General Council reports, committee minutes, legal documents, and opposition publications, adding value to similar items collected as official archives. The Historical Society's proactive approach also brought in a considerable amount of published material that was distributed to churches, arguing for and against the union. A very dedicated anti-merger front, led ostensibly by Malcolm K. Burton, stalled the initial vote with publications, speeches, and several lawsuits. The first, and most covered in the press, came from the Cadman Memorial Church in Brooklyn, New York against the Congregational Christian Church Moderator, Helen Kenyon. This case was at first successful as the presiding judge sided with Cadman Memorial Church's argument and put a legal stop to any more merger proceedings. An appeal from the Congregational Christian Church followed and the decision was reversed; that judge's ruling reprinted and distributed to show there were no longer legal barriers to the merger. Another suit followed, brought by four Congregational churches and ten individuals (Malcolm K. Burton amongst them) from across the United States against the Evangelical and Reformed church and its Treasurer. This second attempt to stop the merger also failed. While the merger was eventually approved and carried out, it did result in many congregations not joining the UCC and forming new groups like the National Association of Congregational Churches and the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference. The very beginnings of these groups, and their arguments, can be seen via the various correspondence and publications put forth by the anti-merger groups like the Committee for the Continuation of the Congregational Christian Church and the League to Uphold Congregational Principles.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical Church Merger Collection consists of extensive correspondence and publications of Congregational Christian Church councils, committees, and appointed individuals including The General Council, International Congregational Council, State and Local conferences, Helen Kenyon, Arthur Bradford, Albert Palmer, Stanley North, and Douglas Horton. The Collection also contains considerable correspondence and literature from the anti-Merger side of the process; committees and individuals pushing against the creation of the United Church of Christ. The Collection prominently features the Committee for the Continuation of the Congregational Christian Church, League to Uphold Congregational Principles, National Association of Congregational Churches, and Malcom K. Burton, Charles Merrill, Robert Richardson, as well as responses from average parishioners. The Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church Merger Collection also contains extensive legal documentation for the Basis of Union, Cadman Memorial Church v. Helen Kenyon, First Congregational of Burlington , Iowa et. al. v. the Evangelical and

Reformed Church, and several other court cases over the creation of the United Church of Christ. Coverage of these cases, and the merger process, are well documented view newspaper clippings collected by Helen Kenyon and the Congregational Historical Society. There are also several manuscripts detailing the process of the merger from after the official creation of the United Church of Christ.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in five series, the fourth series containing one sub series. The records in each series and sub series have been primarily left in existing order, with secondary alphabetical arrangement by topic for larger sections.

**Series 1:** Church Councils, Committees, and other Organization Records, 1946-1964

**Series 2:** Basis of Union, 1944-1960

**Series 3:** Correspondence by Individual, 1947-1960

**Series 4:** Pamphlets and Publications, 1950-1962

**Subseries 1:** Manuscripts, 1949-1988

**Series 5:** Newspaper Clippings and Photographs

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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## Acquisition Information

The materials were acquired by the Congregational Library, Historical Society, and from solicitations to those involved.

## Processing Information

Re-processed and described by Brett Freiburger, August 2018. Duplicate materials held in the main General Council records were weeded.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Additional content can be found in General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches of the United States. Records, 1865-1962, RG0045.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Congregational churches -- United States -- History.
- General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches.
- Kenyon, Helen
- Burton, Malcom K.
- United Church of Christ
- Evangelical and Reformed Church

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## Physical Access

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Contains oversized items. Newspaper clippings are viewed as surrogates of originals.

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## Bibliography

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Bendroth, Margaret. *The Last Puritans, Mainline Protestants and the Power of the Past*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2015. 9.3.367 c. 1

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Congregational Christian Church Councils, Committees, and other Organizational Records, 1946-1963

Date [inclusive]: 1946-1963

#### Scope and Contents

Series I contains minutes, reports, and correspondence from the General Council's Advisory Committee, Executive Committee, Committee of Fifteen, Committee on Free Church Polity, Finance Committee; state and local committees are also documented in the Series, along with church bodies that fought to prevent the merger such as the Committee for the Continuation of the Congregational Christian Church and the League to Uphold COngregational Principles.

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## Series II: Basis of Union, (1944-1960)

Date [bulk]: 1944-1960

### Scope and Contents

Series II details the specifics surrounding the Basis of Union that was the first proposal for merging the church bodies. The Series includes correspondence and reports on the historical background of the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church; discussion of how to educate the congregations on the postivities of the union; correspondence and research on how the new church will be organized and how to merge the existing councils; reports on votes taken. The Series also contains correspondence and legal documentation on the Cadman v. Kenyon case, First Congregational et al. v. The Evangelical and Reformed Church, and the Andover Newton case.

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### Series III: Correspondence, (1947-1960)

Date [bulk]: 1947-1960

#### Scope and Contents

Series III contains extensive professional and personal correspondence of Helen Keyon, Malcolm K. Burton, Howard Conn, Charles Merrill, Stanley North, Albert Palmer, Marion Bradshaw, and responses from lay people both for and against the proposed merger.

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### Scope and Contents

Series IV reflects the extensive publications distributed to inform church congregations on the pro and anti-merger arguments. Pamphlets and publications from Malcolm K. Burton, the Committee for the Continuation of the COngregational Christian Church, the Conservative Congregational Christian Council, the United Church of Christ, the General Council, the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. The Series also includes much of the published legal documents. The Sub Series contains manuscripts of published and unpublished materials that examine the merger from during the process and after, and from insiders and those outside the process.

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