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## **Chicago, Ill. Fourth Congregational Church records, 1893-1992. RG5135**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregational Library & Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Fourth Congregational Church (Chicago, Ill.)
<b>Creator:</b>	Cortland Street Congregational Church (Chicago, Ill.)
<b>Creator:</b>	Grace Congregational Church (Chicago, Ill.)
<b>Creator:</b>	Maplewood Church (Chicago, Ill.)
<b>Creator:</b>	National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (U.S.)
<b>Title:</b>	Chicago, Ill. Fourth Congregational Church records, 1893-1992.
<b>ID:</b>	RG5135
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1893-1992
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.31 Cubic Feet (1 carton,1 document case)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Fourth Congregational Church of Chicago traces its origins back to a Congregational Sunday school which started in 1867 and met in a blacksmith shop. From this Sunday school sprang three churches, Grace, Cortland Street, and Maplewood. These three churches merged in 1916 and took the name Fourth Church. The records include finances, youth education and outreach, membership records, correspondence, reports, and church newsletters.

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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The Fourth Congregational Church of Chicago traces its origins back to a Congregational Sunday school which started in 1867 and met in a blacksmith shop. From this Sunday school sprang three churches (Grace Church [1867], Cortland Street Church [1888], and Maplewood Church [1892]). These

three churches merged in 1916 and took the name Fourth Church. Their building was destroyed by fire on January 27, 1925. A new building was proposed and building began in November of 1925 on Talman Avenue, the site of the old Maplewood church. The church joined the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches in 1962. In 1992, on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Sunday school which started it all, the Fourth Congregational Church was thriving, with a well-attended Sunday school, and a music program. The church was active in the Midwest Association of Congregational Christian Churches and the National Association Pilgrim Fellowship.

## Ministers

- Walter A. Briggs: 1917-1920
- Carl Stackman: 1920-1923
- F. E. Stillwell: 1924-1927
- Ernest A Reese: 1927-1933
- John Bayne: 1934-1940
- Rev. MilesL 1940-1941 (interim)
- Edgar Bell: 1941-1943
- Reuben A. Strauss: 1944-1951
- Guy D. Yoakum: 1951-1953
- Warren Eugene Cotton 1953-1956
- George Millar: 1957-1959
- Edward F. White: 1959-1961
- Rev. Pruter: 1961-1962 (interim)
- Robert Hanna: 1962-1965
- Harold Finley: 1965-1966
- Harold FinleyL 1965-1966
- Roger E. Dallwig: 1966-1974
- Donald Mullen: 1975-1979
- Bruce Goettsche: 1979-1980 (interim)
- David Henry: 1980-1999
- Mark Shelton: 1999-2003
- Dan Wood: 2005-present

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## Scope and Contents

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The Fourth Congregational Church records document the history of the organization, including finances, youth education and outreach, membership, and church life. Included in the records are correspondence, ledgers, reports, minutes, directories, newsletters and bulletins.

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## Arrangement

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The Fourth Congregational Church records are arranged in three series, Church Records, Printed Material & Ephemera, and Ledger Book. The records are in chronological order within the series.

**Series 1:** Church Records, 1893-1992

**Series 2:** Printed Material and Ephemera, 1916-1975

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Aquisition Information

Materials were donated to the Congregational Library & Archived, May 2011, by the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

## Processing Information

Processed by Sari Mauro, 2011, using DACS Second Edition. Rearranged by Zachary Bodnar, December 2017.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Material from Fourth Congregational Church's youth outreach in Logan Square can be found at the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Chicago (Ill.) -- Church history.
- Church group work with youth.
- Church newsletters.
- Church records and registers.
- Congregational churches -- Illinois -- Chicago.

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## Collection Inventory

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### Church Records, 1893-1992

Date [inclusive]: 1893-1992

#### Scope and Contents

Church Records include records produced by the church and its organizations and committees and document the history and running of the church as a whole. Included are Annual reports, by-laws, committee reports, correspondence, financial records, and organization records.

Title/Description	Instances
Deeds, Mortgages and Contracts, 1893-1934, 1969	box 1      folder 1

Date [inclusive]: 1893-1934, 1969

Letters of Dismissal, 1895-1910 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1895-1910	box 1	folder 2
Correspondence, 1897-1962 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1897-1962	box 1	folder 3
Correspondence, 1963-1969 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1963-1969	box 1	folder 4
Correspondence, 1970-1975, undated <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1970-1975, undated	box 1	folder 5
Plat of Survey, 1902 <u>Date:</u> 1902	box 1	folder 6
Inventories, 1912, undated <u>Date:</u> 1912, undated	box 1	folder 7
Reports, 1915-1949 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1915-1949	box 1	folder 8
Bible School minutes and notes, 1918-1923 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1918-1923	box 1	folder 9
Cornerstone Committee, 1925 <u>Date:</u> 1925	box 1	folder 10
Talman Avenue Building, 1925-1928 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1925-1928	box 1	folder 11
Ledger of the Building Fund, 1927-1931 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1927-1931	box 2	volume 1
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
The ledger book consists of the records from Fourth Congregational Church's Building Fund.		
Pilgrim Fellowship, 1941-1968 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1941-1968	box 1	folder 12
Bradford (Youth) League, 1960-1964 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1960-1964	box 1	folder 13
Annual Reports, 1966-1970 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1966-1970	box 1	folder 14
Anniversary Materials, 1967, 1992	box 1	folder 15

Date [inclusive]: 1967, 1992

Constitution and Amendments, undated

box 1

folder 16

Date: undated[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)**Printed Material and Ephemera, 1916-1975**Date [inclusive]: 1916-1975**Scope and Contents**

Printed Material contains materials printed by the church intended for wider distribution. Included are booklets, plays, directories, bulletins and the church newsletter "Life and Work." For some time between 1933 and 1937, "Life and Work" was published weekly and served as both the bulletin and newsletter before again becoming a monthly publication.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Ephemera, 1915-1965, undated <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1915-1965, undated	box 1	folder 17
"Life and Work", 1916-1932 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1916-1932	box 1	folder 18
"Life and Work", 1933-1937 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1933-1937	box 1	folder 19
"Life and Work", 1938-1940 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1938-1940	box 1	folder 20
"Life and Work", 1941-1951 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1941-1951	box 1	folder 21
"Life and Work", 1952-1959 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1952-1959	box 1	folder 22
"Life and Work" and other mailings, 1961-1971 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1961-1971	box 1	folder 23
Special Events, 1918-1967 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1918-1967	box 1	folder 24
Bulletins, 1919; 1947-1975 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1919; 1947-1975	box 1	folder 25
Directories, 1924-1955 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1924-1955	box 1	folder 26
Directories, 1957-1974	box 1	folder 27

Date [inclusive]: 1957-1974

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Cookbook, 1925 <u>Date: 1925</u>	box 2	folder 1
Photographs and news clippings, 1925-1970, undated <u>Date [inclusive]: 1925-1970, undated</u>	box 2	folder 2
Scripts and Programs, 1943; undated <u>Date: 1943; undated</u>	box 2	folder 3

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