

Congregational Library & Archives General Conference of the German
Evangelical Congregational Churches of the United States papers, 1883 -1971.
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Summary

Creator: General Conference of the German Evangelical Congregational Churches of the United States

Title: General Conference of the German Evangelical Congregational Churches of the United States papers, 1883 -1971.

Dates: 1883 -1971 (bulk 1950-1964)

Extent: 3 document cases (1.14 cubic feet)

Collection ID Number: RG0779

Language: English and German

Abstract: The General Conference of the German Evangelical Congregational Churches of the United States of America was founded in Crete, Nebraska in 1883, with the goal of improving communication and collaboration among German churches across the American west. This collection includes the incorporation records, minutes, correspondence, and some publications of the General Conference.

Collection History and Status

Acquisition Information: Materials previously donated to the Congregational Library & Archives.

Repository: Congregational Library & Archives

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Accruals: Record book from 1891-1921 transmitted from Chicago Theological Seminary in January, 2011; added to Box 2 of this collection in February, 2014.

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Accessing and Using the Collection

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Description

Historical Note: The General Conference of the German Evangelical Congregational Churches of the United States of America was founded in Crete, Nebraska in 1883, with the goal of improving communication and collaboration among German churches across the American west. The Conference filed papers of incorporation in Chicago, Illinois in 1910. The association officially changed its name to the General Conference of Congregational Churches of America in 1949. In 1950 the General Conference relocated to Yankton, South Dakota. Membership included Congregational Churches in the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. The General Conference sponsored missionaries to Brazil and Argentina, the School of Theology at Yankton College, and the Pioneer Press. The General Conference was dissolved in 1964, and their papers were donated to the Congregational Library in 1971.

Scope of Collection: This collection includes the incorporation records, minutes, correspondence, and some publications of the General Conference. The Nebraska State Historical Society has some items of this collection available on microfilm (see <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/libarch/research/manuscripts/church/germancca.htm>). The Congregational Library also has *The Christian Messenger*, the Conference's official newspaper, in its holdings (see separate catalog listing). Many of the early records and correspondence in this collection are in German.

Further Searches

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General Conference of the German Evangelical Congregational Churches of North America

Related Materials:

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The origin of the German Evangelical Synod of North America / Carl Edward Schneider 16.7.1.68

Chicago Theological Seminary collection on Illinois, Nebraska, Ohio, and Pennsylvania Congregational Church records, 1839-1978. RG5121

Arrangement: No changes to arrangement made with addition of 2014 accrual added to Box 2.

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