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## **Lawrence, Mass. South Congregational Church records, 1868-2015.RG5323**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregational Library & Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	South Congregational Church (Lawrence, Mass.)
<b>Title:</b>	Lawrence, Mass. South Congregational Church records, 1868-2015.
<b>ID:</b>	RG5323
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1868-2015
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5.95 Cubic Feet 6 boxes (5 record cartons, 1 box) and 1 oversize folder 4.36
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The South Congregational Church was established in 1868; it was a formalization of what M. C. Andrews and J. B. Fairfield started in 1852 when they established a Sunday School. This collection contains meeting minutes and reports; financials; membership ledgers including births, deaths, and marriages; social and auxiliary groups; newsletters; and orders of worship.

### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item] in the Lawrence, Mass. South Congregational Church records, RG5323.  
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## Historical Note

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The South Congregational Church was established in 1868. It was a formalization of what M. C. Andrews and J. B. Fairfield started in 1852 when they established a Sunday School. Their first minister was Edwards A. Park. While the town of Lawrence continued to grow, so did the church. The congregation moved to larger accommodation accordingly in 1898, a structure which burned down in 1939. When the United Church of Christ formed, South Congregational joined the denomination. As Lawrence's industrial boom grew, so did the number of churches, peaking at 11 at one time. As industry faded, so, too the churches. Many consolidated through mergers or closed in the latter 20th century into the 21st century. South Congregational was not immune to this phenomena. Over the years as the membership shrank, the congregation shared their space other denominations, such as King Baptist Church, Adventist, and Assembly of God. In 2013 the church started to investigate the viability of

remaining open. The stop-gap of selling the building was not enough to keep the momentum going and the church decided to close, which they did February 14, 2015.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

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This collection has not been fully processed. The collection items are in the original order in which the records were given to the library.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

Congregational Library & Archives

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is unrestricted and open to the public.

### Custodial History

The United Church of Christ's Massachusetts Conference held the church's records from the time of its closing until 2016 when they donated the records to the Congregational Library & Archives.

## Immediate Source of Acquisition

United Church of Christ, Massachusetts Conference

## Processing Information

This collection has been minimally processed for access by Jessica Steytler, December 2016, using DACS 2nd Edition and MPLP.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Church records and registers -- Massachusetts -- Lawrence.
- Baptismal records.
- Church membership.
- Marriage records -- Massachusetts.
- Congregational churches -- Massachusetts.
- Photographs.
- Park , Edwards Amasa

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Church Manuals, Constitution, Bylaws, undated	box 1
Pastors (folders), undated	box 1
Miscellaneous, undated	box 1
Rev Lovejoy, undated	box 1
Rev Morris, undated	box 1
Rev McCloy, undated	box 1
Rev Bunker, undated	box 1
Rev Stinson, undated	box 1
Rev Woodward, undated	box 1
Rev Robinson, undated	box 1
Rev Fairfax, undated	box 1

Seminarians, undated	box 1
Centennial, Anniversaries, Dedications, undated	box 1
Rededication, 1954	box 1
Centennial , 1968	box 1
110th Anniversary , 1978	box 1
125th celebration , 1992	box 1
Church Histories, Undated	box 1
Organ, Undated	box 1
Misc Building committees and projects, Undated	box 1
List of South Congregational Church Records at Immigrant City Archives, Undated	box 1
Misc histories, Undated	box 1
Old Church , 1859	box 1
New Church , 1896-1939	box 1
Newest Church , 1940	box 1
Mission and Outreach, undated	box 1
International Institute, undated	box 1
Concerts, Shows , Suppers, undated	box 1
Collector records, 1907-1939	box 2
Collector records, 1921-1935	box 2
Collector records, 1938	box 2
Collector records, 1952-1957	box 2
Collector records, 1953	box 2
Collector records, 1957	box 2
Treasurer records, 1917-1925	box 2
Treasurer records, 1938-1951	box 2
Treasurer records, 1952-1957	box 2
Treasurer records, 1957-1960	box 2
Treasurer records, 1957-1965	box 2
Treasurer records, 1963-1965	box 2
Treasurer records, 1965-1990	box 2
Treasurer records, 1986-1991	box 2
Treasurer records, 1991	

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Building Committee minutes, 1939	box 2
Building Committee Financial Records , 1939-1945	box 2
Church Council minutes book, 1940-1954	box 1
Church Council minutes, 1954-1960	box 1
Church Council minutes, 1961-1965	box 1
Church Council minutes, 1966-1969	box 1
Church Council minutes, 1970-1979	box 1
Church Council minutes, 1980-1989	box 1
Church Council minutes, 1990-1992	box 1
Church Council minutes, 1993-1994	box 1
Church Council minutes, 2000	box 1
Church Council minutes, 2001-2002	box 1
Church Council minutes, 2003-2007	box 1
Church Council minutes notebook, 1997-1998	box 1
Church Council minutes notebook, 1999-1999	box 1
Deacons Meetings notebooks and folders, 1964-1969	box 1
Deacons Meetings notebooks and folders, 1969-1974	box 1
Deacons Meetings notebooks and folders, 1973-1988	box 1
Deacons Meetings notebooks and folders, 1992-1994	box 3
Deacons Meetings notebooks and folders, 1995-1996	box 3
Deacons Meetings notebooks and folders, 1996-1998	box 3
Deacons Meetings notebooks and folders, 1999	box 3
Deacons Meetings notebooks and folders, 2000	box 3
Deacons Meetings notebooks and folders, 2001-2009	box 3
Trustees and Property- Miscellaneous, undated	box 3
Trustees and Property-Parsonage 220 Osgood St North Andover, undated	box 3
Trustees and Property-Parsonage 105 Middlesex St North Andover, undated	box 3
Trustees and Property-Parsonage-Parsonage 40 Glen Ave Methuen, undated	box 3
Friendly Circle Minutes, 1955-1965	box 3
Friendly Circle Minutes, 1977-1998	

	box 3
Church newsletters, 1956-1979	box 3
Church newsletters, 1982 to 1997 (separate folders by year)	box 3
Church newsletters, 2001-2004	box 3
Church Surveys, undated	box 3
Closing Process Meeting , 2013-2016	box 3
Annual Meetings and Reports , 1868-1913	box 3
Annual Meetings and Reports , 1917-1940	box 3
Annual Meetings and Reports , 1940-1951	box 3
Annual Meetings and Reports , Before 1950 miscellaneous	box 3
Annual Meetings and Reports , 1950-1959	box 3
Annual Meetings and Reports , 1960-1969	box 4
Annual Meetings and Reports , 1970-1979	box 4
Annual Meetings and Reports , 1980-1989	box 4
Annual Meetings and Reports , 1990-1999	box 4
Annual Meetings and Reports , 2000-2012	box 4
Register- includes baptisms, 1868-1953	box 4
Register- includes baptisms, 1953-2002	box 4
Register- includes baptisms, 1903-1916	box 4
Register- includes baptisms, 1910-1964	box 4
Register- letters of dismissal, 1952-1954	box 4
Register- letters of dismissal, 1955-1967	box 4
Weddings, 1989-1999	box 4
Funerals, 1989-2000	box 4
Membership lists, undated	box 4
Dismissal transfers, undated	box 4
Admission transfers, undated	box 4
Baptisms, undated	box 4
Weddings, undated	box 4
Funerals, undated	box 4
Applications for Membership , 1953-1970	box 4
Remembrance Books, memorial fund, 1936-1978	box 4

In Memory Of, 1977-1988	box 4
Worship bulletins , 1903-2015	box 5
South Lawrence Senior Citizens various minutes , 1990-1994	box 5
Philomathean Society, 1898-1910	box 5
Society of Little Women, 1915-1921	box 5
Pilgrim Fellowship minutes, 1956-1968	box 5
Pilgrim Fellowship treasurer, 1965-1969	box 5
Ladies Aid Society minutes , 1870-1897	box 5
Ladies Aid Society minutes , 1910-1919	box 5
Ladies Aid Society minutes , 1920-1926	box 5
Ladies Aid Society minutes , 1927-1935	box 5
Ladies Aid Society minutes , 1936-1940	box 5
Ladies Aid Society minutes, 1940-1944	box 5
Ladies Aid Society minutes, 1945-1949	box 5
Ladies Aid Society minutes, 1949-1957	box 5
Ladies Aid Society minutes, 1966-1972	box 5
Ladies Aid Society ledger, 1919-1934	box 5
Ladies Aid Society ledger, 1935-1955	box 5
Ladies Aid Society ledger, 1956-1972	box 5
Women's Missionary Society , 1907-1910	box 6
Christian Endeavor Society , 1931-1939	box 6
Excelsiors Minutes , 1928-1932	box 6
Oversize folder of photographs, undated	box 7