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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
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Title:	Worcester, MA. Adams Square Congregational Church records, 1897-2011.
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Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Adams Square Congregational Church was established in 1898 as a missionary church to serve residents in the Burncoat-Lincoln area. The final days of the church came in 2011, when the building was sold. This collection contains records related to the Adams Square Congregational Church. This includes historical information, vital statistics, deacon and pastor notes, church records, meeting minutes, standing committee reports and various handouts. Financial information includes donations, deeds, receipts, budgets and records discussing the sale of the church building. Also included are organizations like the Ladies Missionary Society, Ladies Aid Society, Women's Fellowship, Lincoln-Burncoat Men's Club, Women's Association, the Brotherhood, North Park Circle and Sarah Club.

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Historical Note

Adams Square Congregational Church was established in 1898 as a missionary church to serve residents in the Burncoat-Lincoln area. They were a member of the United Church of Christ. At the end of 2009,

the congregation unanimously voted to call it quits. The final days of the church came in 2011, when the building was sold.

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Arrangement

This collection has been arranged into three series and thirteen subseries. The series and subseries are further arranged by topic and chronologically.

Series 1: Church and Committee records, 1897-2011.

Subseries 1: Historical Information, 1897-1964.

Subseries 2: Vital Statistics, 1898-1990.

Subseries 3: Deacon and Pastor Notes, 1898-2009.

Subseries 4: Church Records and Meetings, 1898-2011.

Subseries 5: Standing Committee, 1904-1998.

Subseries 6: Annual Reports, 1920-2009.

Subseries 7: Handouts and Ephemera, 1975-2011.

Series 2: Finances, 1897-2011.

Series 3: Church Organizations, 1899-1993.

Subseries 1: Ladies Missionary Society, 1899-1914.

Subseries 2: Ladies Aid Society, 1901-1922.

Subseries 3: Other Groups, 1910-1962.

Subseries 4: Women's Fellowship, 1921-1993.

Subseries 5: Lincoln-Burncoat Men's Club, 1928-1952.

Subseries 6: Women's Association, 1930-1963.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to the Congregational Library and Archives in 2012; Accession: 2012-12.

Processing Information

Collection was accessioned and minimally processed in 2012. Fully processed by William McCarthy in June 2018.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church records and registers.
- Worcester County (Mass.) -- Church history.
- Congregational churches -- Massachusetts -- Membership.
- Church finance
- Church Membership -- Handbooks, manuals, etc.
- Education -- Massachusetts.
- Adams Square Congregational Church (Worcester, Mass.)

Collection Inventory

Church and Committee records, 1897-2011

Date [inclusive]: 1897-2011

Physical Description: 68 Items (55 folders, 12 volumes, 1 item)

Scope and Contents

This series contains records related to the church and committees. This includes historical information, vital statistics, deacon and pastor notes, church records, meeting minutes, standing committee reports and various handouts.

Historical Information, 1897-1964

Date [inclusive]: 1897-1964

Physical Description: 8 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains information related to the history of the church, including written histories, brochures and a historical skit.

Title/Description	Instances	
Early Beginnings of the Church, 1897-1918 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1897-1918	Box 2	Folder 21
Skits, 1897-1925 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1897-1925	Box 2	Folder 22
Charter, 1898 <u>Date:</u> 1898	Box 2	Folder 23
Charter Members, Honor Roll and History, 1901-1951, undated <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1901-1951, undated	Box 2	Folder 24
Notes on History and Annual Reports, 1946-1996 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1946-1996	Box 2	Folder 25
Adams Square Brochures, 1960-1964 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1960-1964	Box 2	Folder 26
A Look at Adams Square, 1970 <u>Date:</u> 1970	Box 2	Folder 27
City of Worcester Proclamation, 1997 <u>Date:</u> 1997	Box 2	folder 59

Vital Statistics, 1898-1990

Date [inclusive]: 1898-1990

Physical Description: 5 Items (4 volumes, 1 item)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains information related to the vital statistics of the church, including baptisms, marriages, and membership.

Title/Description	Instances	
Charter Members List, April 6, 1898 <u>Date:</u> April 6, 1898	box 6	Item 1
Index of Members, 1898-1917 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1898-1917	Box 3	Volume 2
Members and Newscippings, 1898-1923 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1898-1923	Box 5	Volume 5
Members and Baptisms, 1916-2010	Box 5	Volume 6

Date [inclusive]: 1916-2010

Members, Marriages and Baptisms, 1904-1990

Box 5

Volume 7

Date [inclusive]: 1904-1990

Deacon and Pastor Notes, 1898-2009

Date [inclusive]: 1898-2009

Physical Description: 9 Items (6 folders, 3 volumes)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains information on the Reverends and Deacons over Adams Square history. Includes ordinations, deacon's meeting minutes, manual and correspondences.

Title/Description	Instances	
Services, 1898-1948 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1898-1948	Box 2	Folder 15
Church Correspondence and Records, 1904-1935 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1904-1935	Box 3	Volume 1
Board of Deacons Meeting Minutes, 1944-1954 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1944-1954	Box 4	Volume 3
Deacon Funds, 1945-1967 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1945-1967	Box 2	Volume 1
Resignation of Reverend George E. Seale, 1966-1967 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1966-1967	Box 2	Folder 16
Ordination of David M. Erickson, May 23, 1971 <u>Date</u> : May 23, 1971	Box 2	Folder 17
Deacon's Meetings, 1990-1994 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1990-1994	Box 2	Folder 18
Manual of the Diaconate, 1994 <u>Date</u> : 1994	Box 2	Folder 19
Review of Membership by Board of Deacons, 2009 <u>Date</u> : 2009	Box 2	Folder 20

Church Records and Meetings, 1898-2011

Date [inclusive]: 1898-2011

Physical Description: 16 Items (15 folders, 1 volume)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains church records, annual meeting minutes, covenant and by-law changes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Church Records, 1898-1923 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1898-1923	Box 3	Volume 4
Local Church Reports for Yearbook of Congregational Churches, 1906-1958 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1906-1958	Box 2	Folder 5
Church Records, 1924-1933 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1924-1933	Box 1	Folder 11
Church Records, 1933-1943 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1933-1943	Box 1	Folder 12
Covenant and By-Laws, 1935, 1954 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1935, 1954	Box 2	Folder 6
Church Records, 1943-1959 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1943-1959	Box 1	Folder 13
Church Records, 1960-1976 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1960-1976	Box 1	Folder 14
Church Records, 1976-1998 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1976-1998	Box 1	Folder 15
Special Meeting, April 2, 1978 <u>Date:</u> April 2, 1978	Box 3	Folder 1
Covenant and By-Laws, 1983, 2009, undated <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1983, 2009, undated	Box 2	Folder 8
Annual Meeting Minutes, 2002-2010 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2002-2010	Box 2	Folder 9
Church Options Meeting, February - June 2009 <u>Date:</u> February - June 2009	Box 2	Folder 10
Meeting to Discuss Church Future, June 7, 2009 <u>Date:</u> June 7, 2009	Box 2	Folder 11
Mailing to Members, 2009 <u>Date:</u> 2009	Box 2	Folder 12
By-Laws Changes and Vote, 2009 <u>Date:</u> 2009	Box 2	Folder 13
Church Closing Notice, 2011		

Date: 2011

Box 2

Folder 14

Standing Committee, 1904-1998Date [inclusive]: 1904-1998Physical Description: 17 Items (16 folders, 1 volumes)**Scope and Contents**

This sub-series contains the records of the standing committee, including meetings which discuss the church's closing.

Title/Description	Instances	
Standing Committee, 1904-1917 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1904-1917	Box 4	Volume 2
Standing Committee, May 1917 - November 1920 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : May 1917 - November 1920	Box 1	Folder 16
Standing Committee, January 1921 - December 1925 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : January 1921 - December 1925	Box 1	Folder 17
Standing Committee, January 1926 - April 1928 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : January 1926 - April 1928	Box 1	Folder 18
Standing Committee, 1929-1934 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1929-1934	Box 1	Folder 19
Standing Committee, 1940-1942 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1940-1942	Box 1	Folder 20
Standing Committee, 1947-1958 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1947-1958	Box 1	Folder 21
Standing Committee, 1958-1966 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1958-1966	Box 1	Folder 22
Standing Committee, 1967-1973 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1967-1973	Box 1	Folder 23
Standing Committee, 1974-1980 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1974-1980	Box 1	Folder 24
Standing Committee, 1981-1992 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1981-1992	Box 1	Folder 25
Standing Committee, 1992-1994 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1992-1994	Box 1	Folder 26
Standing Committee, 1995-1998	Box 1	Folder 27

Date [inclusive]: 1995-1998

Standing Committee, January 1999 - December 2000 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : January 1999 - December 2000	Box 2	Folder 1
Standing Committee on Church Sale, June 14, 2009 <u>Date</u> : June 14, 2009	Box 2	Folder 2
Standing Committee, March 2009 - November 2010 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : March 2009 - November 2010	Box 2	Folder 3
Standing Committee on Closing Church, 2009-2010 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 2009-2010	Box 2	Folder 4

Annual Reports, 1920-2009

Date [inclusive]: 1920-2009

Physical Description: 13 Items (10 folders, 3 volumes)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the annual reports from Adams Square Congregational Church.

Title/Description	Instances	
Annual Reports, 1920-1923 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1920-1923	Box 1	Volume 1
Annual Reports, 1924-1929 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1924-1929	Box 1	Volume 2
Annual Reports, 1930-1932 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1930-1932	Box 1	Volume 3
Annual Reports, 1936-1943 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1936-1943	Box 1	Folder 1
Annual Reports, 1944-1948 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1944-1948	Box 1	Folder 2
Annual Reports, 1949-1953 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1949-1953	Box 1	Folder 3
Annual Reports, 1954-1958 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1954-1958	Box 1	Folder 4
Annual Reports, 1959-1963 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1959-1963	Box 1	Folder 5
Annual Reports, 1964-1968 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1964-1968	Box 1	Folder 6
Annual Reports, 1969-1978	Box 1	Folder 7

Date [inclusive]: 1969-1978

Annual Reports, 1979-1988 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1979-1988	Box 1	Folder 8
Annual Reports, 1989-1999 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1989-1999	Box 1	Folder 9
Annual Reports, 2000-2009 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 2000-2009	Box 1	Folder 10

Handouts and Ephemera, 1975-2011

Date [inclusive]: 1975-2011

Physical Description: 5 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains small handouts and newsclippings which were either produced for or given to Adams Square Congregational Church.

Title/Description	Instances	
Service News, January 1, 1975 <u>Date</u> : January 1, 1975	Box 2	Folder 28
Profile Brochure, 1977 <u>Date</u> : 1977	Box 2	Folder 29
Christmas Fair, 1984 <u>Date</u> : 1984	Box 2	Folder 30
Interfaith Hospitality Network, 2010 <u>Date</u> : 2010	Box 2	Folder 31
Newsclippings, 2011 <u>Date</u> : 2011	Box 2	Folder 32

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Finances, 1897-2011

Date [inclusive]: 1897-2011

Physical Description: 17 Items (12 folders, 5 volumes)

Scope and Contents

This series contains the financial information for the Adams Square Congregational Church. Included are donations, deeds, receipts, budgets and records discussing the sale of the church building.

Title/Description	Instances	
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Founding Members and Donations, 1897 <u>Date</u> : 1897	Box 4	Volume 1
Deeds and Insurance, 1898-1922, 1953 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1898-1922, 1953	Box 3	Folder 3
Receipts, 1921-1938 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1921-1938	Box 3	Volume 3
Finances and Donations, 1923-1936 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1923-1936	Box 4	Volume 9
Food Account Book, 1930-1935 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1930-1935	Box 2	Volume 2
Finances, 1956 <u>Date</u> : 1956	Box 4	Volume 10
Steeple Cross Gift, May 7, 1961 <u>Date</u> : May 7, 1961	Box 2	Folder 33
Proposed Budget, 1976 <u>Date</u> : 1976	Box 2	Folder 34
Project Plan, June 21, 2009 <u>Date</u> : June 21, 2009	Box 2	Folder 35
Kelleher and Sadowsky's Work on Selling Property, 2009-2010 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 2009-2010	Box 2	Folder 36
Emails on Building, 2009-2010 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 2009-2010	Box 2	Folder 37
Finance Committee, 2009-2010 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 2009-2010	Box 2	Folder 38
Subsurface Sewage Disposal Forms, 2010 <u>Date</u> : 2010	Box 2	Folder 39
Lease and Sale Agreements, 2010 <u>Date</u> : 2010	Box 2	Folder 40
Finances and Accounts, 2010-2011 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 2010-2011	Box 2	Folder 41
Transaction with Southern New England Conference Association of Seventh-Day Adventists, 2011 <u>Date</u> : 2011	Box 2	Folder 42
Adams Square vs. Martha Coakley, 2011	Box 2	Folder 43

Date: 2011

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Church Organizations, 1899-1993

Date [inclusive]: 1899-1993

Physical Description: 31 Items (16 folders, 15 volumes)

Scope and Contents

This series contains records related to church organizations. Organizations include the Ladies Missionary Society, Ladies Aid Society, Women's Fellowship, Lincoln-Burncoat Men's Club, Women's Association, the Brotherhood, North Park Circle and Sarah Club.

Ladies Missionary Society, 1899-1914

Date [inclusive]: 1899-1914

Physical Description: 3 Volumes

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains meeting minutes and records for the Ladies Missionary Society.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1899-1909 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1899-1909	Box 4	Volume 6
Records, 1909-1918 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1909-1918	Box 4	Volume 7
Records, 1899-1914 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1899-1914	Box 4	Volume 8

Ladies Aid Society, 1901-1922

Date [inclusive]: 1901-1922

Physical Description: 4 Volumes

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains the records of the Ladies Aid Society from 1901 to 1922.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1901-1907 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1901-1907	Box 5	Volume 1
Records, 1907-1911 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1907-1911	Box 5	Volume 2
Records, 1912-1916		

Date [inclusive]: 1912-1916 Box 5 Volume 3

Records, 1917-1922 Box 5 Volume 4

Date [inclusive]: 1917-1922

Other Groups, 1910-1962

Date [inclusive]: 1910-1962

Physical Description: 3 Volumes

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains single volumes of individual church affiliated organizations such as the Sarah Club, the Brotherhood and North Park Circle.

Title/Description	Instances	
Brotherhood Records, 1910-1916 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1910-1916	Box 4	Volume 5
North Park Circle, 1933-1940 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1933-1940	Box 2	Volume 4
Sarah Club, 1957-1962 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1957-1962	Box 4	Volume 4

Women's Fellowship, 1921-1993

Date [inclusive]: 1921-1993

Physical Description: 8 Items (5 folders, 3 volumes)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains information on the Women's Fellowship, including meeting records, secretary reports, finances and officer lists.

Title/Description	Instances	
Records, 1921-1925 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1921-1925	Box 4	Volume 11
Records, 1925-1930 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1925-1930	Box 4	Volume 12
Finances, 1951-1969 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1951-1969	Box 4	Volume 13
Meeting Minutes, 1967-1974 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1967-1974	Box 2	Folder 51
Meeting Minutes, 1974-1994	Box 2	Folder 52

Date [inclusive]: 1974-1994

Secretary Minutes, 1980-1988 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1980-1988	Box 2	Folder 53
Meetings and Notes, 1980-1990 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1980-1990	Box 2	Folder 54
Officers and Notes, 1981-1993 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1981-1993	Box 2	Folder 55

Lincoln-Burncoat Men's Club, 1928-1952

Date [inclusive]: 1928-1952

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains records related to the Lincoln-Burncoat Men's Club, including secretary notes, treasurer reports and annual reports.

Title/Description	Instances	
Men's Club, 1928-1935 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1928-1935	Box 3	Folder 2
Secretary Notes, May 1935 - December 1951 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : May 1935 - December 1951	Box 2	Folder 56
Treasurer's Reports, 1935-1952 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1935-1952	Box 2	Folder 57
Annual Reports, 1935-1952 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1935-1952	Box 2	Folder 58

Women's Association, 1930-1963

Date [inclusive]: 1930-1963

Physical Description: 9 Items (7 folders, 2 volumes)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains information related to the Women's Association, including annual reports, programs, soliciting list and constitution.

Title/Description	Instances	
Soliciting List for the Women's Association, 1930-1931 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1930-1931	Box 2	Volume 3
Annual Reports, 1930 - October 1933 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1930 - October 1933	Box 2	Folder 44
Annual Reports, November 1933 - November 1935	Box 2	Folder 45

Date [inclusive]: November 1933 - November 1935

Executive Board, 1933-1938 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1933-1938	Box 2	Folder 46
Annual Reports, December 1935 - December 1938 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : December 1935 - December 1938	Box 2	Folder 47
Programs, 1935-1945 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1935-1945	Box 2	Folder 48
Annual Reports, 1939-1944 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1939-1944	Box 2	Folder 49
Women's Association, 1943-1952 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1943-1952	Box 4	Volume 14
Constitution, 1963, undated <u>Date</u> : 1963, undated	Box 2	Folder 50

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