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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Creede Congregational Church (Creede, Colo.)
Title:	Creede, Colo. Creede Congregational Church records, 1892-1954.
ID:	RG5501
Date [inclusive]:	1892-1954
Physical Description:	0.18 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	In 1892, the town of Creede was incorporated. Rev. Horace Sanderson, a missionary minister from the Congregational Home Missions office, delivered the first sermon in town on January 10, 1892. Under Rev. William T. Patchell, the church was formally incorporated on August 5, 1894. The first cornerstone for the first church building was laid on May 30, 1905 and "The Red Church" had its dedication on June 30, 1912. The Creede Community Church, is a member of the United Church of Christ and continues to serve the community today. This collection contains the earliest administrative records for the Congregational church in Creede, Colorado, and includes meeting minutes, membership records, and baptismal records.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The history of Creede, Colorado, as a town, begins between 1889 and 1891 when the discovery of rich mineral deposits resulted in the settlement's population increasing from 600 to more

than 10,000. In 1892, the town of Creede was incorporated. Rev. Horace Sanderson, a missionary minister from the Congregational Home Missions office, delivered the first sermon in town on January 10, 1892. Almost a year later, the first baptism was recorded on November 20, 1892, by Rev. Milton M. Frantz. On June 10, 1893, Rev. William T. Patchell preached his first sermon. Under Patchell, the church was formally incorporated on August 5, 1894.

The first cornerstone for the first church building was laid on May 30, 1905. The sanctuary was in use by the following winter and the dedication service for the church building was held on June 30, 1912. "The Red Church" building has been the Creede Congregational Church's sole church building. The Creede Congregational Church, now known as the Creede Community Church, is a member of the United Church of Christ and continues to serve the community today.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains the earliest administrative records for the Congregational church in Creede, Colorado. The church records contain meeting minutes, a history of the first 20 years of the church, baptismal records, membership records, correspondence related to the Sunday school, and a letter related to the 50th anniversary of the church building's cornerstone laying.

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Arrangement

Materials have been arranged in chronological order.

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Church charities.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Creede Congregational Church (Creede, Colo.)
- Creede (Colo.) -- Church history.

Bibliography

"About Us." Creed Community Church, UCC. Accessed May 20. <https://www.creedcommunitychurch.org/about-us>

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Church records, 1892-1902 <u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials Loose materials from between pages 74 and 75 of this volume were removed and placed in the folder "50th anniversary letter, 1954" for preservation purposes.	box 1	volume 1
Church records, 1902-1919 <u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials Loose materials from the back of this volume were removed and placed in the folder "Sunday school correspondence, 1920-1921" for preservation purposes.	box 1	volume 2
Sunday school correspondence, 1920-1921 <u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials Materials in this folder were removed from the back of the "Church records, 1902-1919" for preservation purposes.	box 1	folder 1
50th anniversary letter, 1954 <u>Separated Materials:</u> Separated Materials Materials in this folder were removed from between pages 74 and 75 of the "Church records, 1892-1902" for preservation purposes.	box 1	folder 2