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## **Boston, Mass. Young Men's Congregational Club records, 1896-1912. RG1073**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregational Library & Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Young Men's Congregational Club (Boston, Mass.)
<b>Title:</b>	Boston, Mass. Young Men's Congregational Club records, 1896-1912.
<b>ID:</b>	RG1073
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1896-1912
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.09 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>The Young Men's Congregational Club was founded in 1896 with the goal of advancing Congregationalism in the greater Boston area through monthly meetings addressing current social, moral, and religious issues facing the community. The first meeting was held at the American House on November 11, 1896, and following meetings were held on the first Wednesday evening of every month, 7 months out of the year. Dates for this collection span 1896-1912, but it is unknown whether the club continued or dissolved after the latest date appearing in this collection. The Young Men's Congregational Club records include bound volumes of club records, including club constitution and by-laws, membership lists, meeting minutes, attendance lists, ballots, correspondence, and a copy of the club's charter. Among the bound volumes are two scrapbooks containing those materials, as well as news clippings, event and lecture programs, meeting menus, membership cards and applications, and treasurer reports.</p>

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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The Young Men's Congregational Club was founded in 1896 with the goal of advancing Congregationalism in the greater Boston area through monthly meetings addressing current social, moral, and religious issues facing the community. The first meeting was held at the American House on November 11, 1896, with 65 attendees. The following meetings were held at 5:30 pm on the first Wednesday evening of every month except January, June, July, August, and September. Each meeting included prayer, minutes from the previous meeting, Committee reports, ongoing business, and the current evening's itinerary. Meetings also commonly included seated dinners and chosen speakers. The club held regular elections to determine leadership roles including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and auditor, and had several committees such as Executive Committee, The Membership Committee, the Outlook Committee, and the Social Committee. Club membership was restricted to male members of Trinitarian Congregational tradition over the age of 21, and membership was considered upon formal proposal at previous meetings and recommendation by the Membership Committee. Membership was limited to a total of 150 members.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

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The materials have been arranged chronologically by date created.

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## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Information

No acquisition information is available for this collection.

### Processing Information

The collection was processed by Randall Seder in November 2025 using Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Correspondence.
- Private clubs.
- Programs
- Scrapbooks.
- Boston (Mass.) -- Church history.
- Young Men's Congregational Club (Boston, Mass.)

## Bibliography

Scapbook, 1896-1906, in the Boston, Mass. Young Men's Congregational Club, 1896-1912, RG1073. The Congregational Library & Archives, Boston, MA.

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## Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Miscellaneous programs, 1896, undated	box 1	folder 1
Club records, 1896-1902	box 1	volume 1
<u>Separated Materials:</u> <b>Separated Materials</b>		
Items were removed from this volume and placed in folders titled "Attendance Lists 1899-1902" (B1, F2) and "Constitution and by-laws, undated" (B1/F3) for preservation purposes.		
Scrapbook, 1896-1906	box 1	volume 2
Club records, 1896-1911	box 1	volume 3
<u>Separated Materials:</u> <b>Separated Materials</b>		
Items were removed from this volume and placed in folder titled "Attendance Lists 1899-1902" (B1, F2) for preservation purposes.		
Attendance lists, 1899-1902	box 1	folder 2

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Roll book, 1902-1908	box 1	volume 4
Scrapbook, 1906-1912	box 1	volume 5
Club records, 1911	box 1	volume 6
Constitution and by-laws, undated	box 1	folder 3

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