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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Summerdale Community Church (Chicago, Ill.)
Title:	Chicago, Ill. Summerdale Community Church records, 1890-1954.
ID:	RG5218
Date [inclusive]:	1890-1954
Physical Description:	1.31 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Summerdale Congregational Church formed in 1899 out of a Sunday school that met in the Summerdale railway station. A year later, the Summerdale Congregational Church was organized. The records include correspondence, treasurer's reports and receipts, church and committee minutes, and vital records.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Summerdale Congregational Church formed in 1899 out of a Sunday school that met in the Summerdale railway station. A year later, the Summerdale Congregational Church was organized with Rev. Zwingle H. Smith as its minister. Construction of a physical church building on West Farragut Street began in 1893 with the help of a subscription drive and additional support from R. J. Bennet. The basement of the church was completed in 1894 and additional construction was stalled until 1899 following another subscription drive with additional support from Dr. E.P. Goodwin and Dr. F.A. Noble. The church building was finally completed in September of 1900. During the early 20th century, the church building doubled as a sewing school for young women, graduating approximately 80 girls. In 1931, the Summerdale Congregational Church merged with Argyle Community Churches to form the Summerdale Community Church. In 2016, the Summerdale Congregational Church dissolved and gifted

the church building to The Night Ministry, an organization devoted to helping the poor and homeless, following declining membership and mounting costs to maintain and fix the building.

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Scope and Contents

This Summerdale Congregational Church records document the early history of the congregation and church building. The records include correspondence, including correspondence regarding the temperance movement, treasurer's reports and receipts, building records, church and committee minutes, vital records, and attendance records.

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Arrangement

This collection is divided into two series listed below. Within each series, materials are arranged chronologically by the start date.

Series 1: Church and parish records, 1890-1954

Series 2: Financial records, 1890-1948

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Acquisition Information

Materials were received by the Congregational Library & Archives from the Summerdale Congregational Church in 2014; accession 2014-65.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Chicago (Ill.) -- Church history.
- Church finance
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers -- Illinois -- Chicago.
- Congregational churches -- Illinois -- Chicago.
- Temperance -- Societies, etc.

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Zagotta, Daniel. "Historic Summerdale Church To Be Gifted To Night Ministry And Eventually Torn Down For Development." *Edgeville Buzz*. Oct. 19, 2016. <http://www.edgevillebuzz.com/news/historic-summerdale-church-gifted-night-ministry-eventually-torn-development>.

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Collection Inventory

Church and parish records, 1890-1954

Date [inclusive]: 1890-1954

Physical Description: 11 Files (6 volumes, 5 folders)

Scope and Contents

The church and parish records cover administrative history, vital records, and official correspondence of the Summerdale Community Church. Included in the records are trustee and church minutes, building records, anti-saloon league correspondence, 50th anniversary retrospectives, and church governance materials.

Title/Description	Instances	
Record Book of the Summerdale Congregational Church, 1890-1903 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1890-1903	box 1	volume 1
Record Book of the Summerdale Congregational Church, 1903-1919 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1903-1919	box 1	volume 2
Proceedings of Summerdale Congregational Church, 1920-1936 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1920-1936	box 1	volume 3
Minute Book of the Trustees, 1892-1941 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1892-1941	box 1	volume 4
Minute Book of the Church Committee, 1902-1911 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1902-1911	box 1	volume 5
Record of Communicants, 1904-1907 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1904-1907	box 1	volume 6
Anti-Saloon League communications, 1914-1923 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1914-1923	box 1	folder 3
Smyrna Resolution, 1922 <u>Date</u> : 1922	box 1	Folder 4
Church survey and building plan, 1927-1928	box 1	folder 5

Date [inclusive]: 1927-1928

50th Anniversary Trustees retrospective, 1941

box 1

Folder 6

Date: 1941

Constitution and By-Laws, 1954

box 1

folder 7

Date: 1954[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Financial records, 1890-1948

Date [inclusive]: 1890-1948Physical Description: 9 Files (7 volumes, 2 folders)

Scope and Contents

The financial records cover the financial and transactional records of the Summerdale Community Church. Included in the records are treasurer's records, building financial documents, and records of membership pledges.

Title/Description	Instances	
Treasurer's records, 1890-1894 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1890-1894	box 1	volume 7
Treasurer's records, 1895-1914 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1895-1914	box 1	volume 8
Mortgage records, 1891-1893 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1891-1893	box 1	folder 1
Assessment receipts, 1893-1899 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1893-1899	box 1	Folder 2
Treasurer's report of receipts and expenditures for pledges, 1897-1899 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1897-1899	box 1	volume 9
Treasurer's receipts and pledges, 1899-1900 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1899-1900	box 1	volume 10
Collector's receipts and expenditures, 1900-1901 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1900-1901	box 2	volume 1
Records of payments and pledges, 1907-1912 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1907-1912	box 2	volume 2
Treasurer's records of pledges and payments, 1947-1948	box 2	volume 3

Date [inclusive]: 1947-1948

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