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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Warren Avenue Congregational Church (Chicago, Ill.)
Title:	Chicago, Ill. Warren Avenue Congregational Church records, 1913-1953.
ID:	RG5582
Date [inclusive]:	1913-1953
Physical Description:	0.22 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Warren Avenue Congregational Church in Chicago, Illinois, began as a mission branch church before being gathered as an independent church in 1889. The church building was constructed in 1886 and it underwent renovations and expansions in 1896 and 1901. The church merged with the Central Presbyterian Church to become the Warren Central United Church in 1968. After a merger with the Faith Presbyterian Church in 1977, the church became the Pine Avenue United Church. The church exists today as the Pine Avenue United Church Presbyterian. This collection contains membership and other vital records related to the Warren Avenue Congregational Church.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Warren Avenue Congregational Church in Chicago, Illinois, began as a small branch mission of the First Congregational Church in the East Garfield Park neighborhood. The mission first founded a Sunday school in 1879 and then a branch church in 1880. A church

building was constructed in 1886 at the modern corners of W Warren Boulevard and N. Albany Avenue. The Warren Avenue Congregational Church was formally gathered as an independent church in 1889. Rev. James A. Adams was the first minister of the independent church. In 1896, the church building was enlarged. Additional renovations were completed in 1901.

In 1934, the Monroe Street Federated Church, merged into the Warren Avenue Congregational Church. By the 1950s, due to demographic changes in the neighborhood, the church had a significant Spanish speaking population. The church was a member of the United Church of Christ after the denomination's formation. In 1968, the church merged with the Central Presbyterian Church to form the Warren Central United Church. In 1971, the Calvary Presbyterian Church merged into the church. In 1977, the church merged with the Faith Presbyterian Church to form the Pine Avenue United Church. The church exists today as the Pine Avenue United Church Presbyterian.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains membership related records for the Warren Avenue Congregational Church. The records include membership lists as well as two registers which include lists of membership transfers, baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

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Arrangement

Materials in this collection have been arranged into chronological order by start date.

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Acquisition Information

Materials were donated to the Congregational Library & Archives by the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ in December 2024; accession number 2024-46.

Custodial History

Some materials in this collection were given to the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ. There is no further documentation on how the materials arrived at the Illinois Conference.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Zachary Bodnar, January 2026, according to the rules of Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Marriage records.
- Necrologies.
- Chicago (Ill.) -- Church history.

- Warren Avenue Congregational Church (Chicago, Ill.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Membership records, 1913-1939	box 1	volume 3
Church register, 1914-1939	box 1	volume 1
Church register, 1940-1953	box 1	volume 2