

Title: Indiana-Kentucky Conference, Records, 1857-1947

Creator: Eel River Christian Conference
Western Indiana Christian Conference
Eastern Indiana Christian Conference
Indiana State Christian Conference

Dates: 1857-1947

Physical Description: 14 volumes (unboxed), 1 document box. 3.3 linear feet.

Collection number: RG 4961

Access Restrictions: None.

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Language: Records chiefly in English

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Abstract:

This collection contains records from five conferences of the Kentucky-Indiana Conference (Christian Church [Denomination]). The records document the proceedings, officers, and annual meetings of the Eel River Christian Conference, the Western Indiana Christian Conference, the Eastern Indiana Christian Conference, and the Indiana State Conference.

Acquisition Information:

The Indiana-Kentucky Conference Records were given to the Congregational Library and Archive by the Indiana-Kentucky Conference, United Church of Christ, in August of 2010.

Organizational History:

The Christian Denomination traces its roots back to three separate and distinct branches which spontaneously arose in various portions of the country and from various denominational heritages. Each of these three branches eschewed denominational hierarchy. They claimed the Bible as their only creed and rejected any descriptive title other than "Christian." To avoid the appearance of denominationalism, they most often referred to themselves as the "Christian Connection" rather than "Christian denomination." As with many self-governing bodies, the Christians formed regional conferences. The regional conferences formed in Indiana are represented in this collection. More individualized Histories and Scope Notes accompany each series listing below.

Scope of Collection:

The collection contains material from various conferences within the Kentucky-Indiana Conference. Records document the officers, proceedings, meetings, and statistics of the five conferences and their committees. Included are ledger books and loose material, including certificates, publications, pamphlets, correspondence, and accounting records, removed from the bound volumes.

Arrangement:

The records of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference are arranged in 4 series. The records are listed here in as close to original order as possible, with material from the same volumes listed together despite their physical arrangement. Physically, volumes are arranged in order of volume number, un-boxed, while folders can be found in Box 1.

Series I: Eel River Christian Conference

Series II: Western Indiana Christian Conference

Series III: Eastern Indiana Christian Conference

Series IV: Indiana State Christian Conference

Related Material:

Constitution and by-laws of Eel River Christian Conference 16.7.5.82

History of the Eel River Christian Conference from its organization to the present time – August 15, 1902 – also history of all the churches of the Conference from their organization to present time, together with biographical sketches of ministers and laymen, and much other important matter 16.7.5.85

Access Terms:

Christian Church (Denomination)

Eel River Christian Conference

Detailed Description and Container List:

Series I: Eel River Christian Conference, 1880-1934

The Eel River Christian Conference was incorporated in 1876 and covered the following Indiana counties: Adams, Allen, Blackford, DeKalb, Elkhart, Kosciusko, Huntington, LeGrange, Noble, Stuben, Wells, Wabash, and Whitley. Loose items found in volumes have been removed to folders and are located in Box 1.

Volume 1: Record Book, 1880-1892

Folder 1: Certificate of Ordination (1873)

Volume 2: Record Book, 1893-1899

Volume 3: Record Book, 1900-1908

Folder 2: Sunday school statistics (1906), "Prospectus of the Eel River Conference" (n.d.), Meeting Announcement (n.d.)

Volume 4: Record Book, 1909-1912

Folder 3: "Prospectus of the Eel River Christian Conference" (n.d.), Letter (1918)

Volume 5: Minutes, Eel River Christian Conference, 1913-1915

Folder 4: Minutes (1915)

Folder 5: Volume 6 (disbound) – Ministerial Institute of the Eel River Christian Conference, 1930-1934

Volume 7: Record of the Trustees of the Eel River Christian Conference, 1875-1923

Series II: Western Indiana Christian Conference (1874-1932)

The Western Indiana Christian Conference was organized in 1830 and incorporated in 1874. Loose items found in volumes have been removed to folders and are located in Box 1.

Volume 8: Western Indiana Christian Conference Minutes, 1874-1895

Folder 6: Certificate of Ordination (1902), Program for Annual Meeting (1912), Clipping (n.d.)

Volume 9: Conference Record, 1896-1911

Folder 7: Statement of Conference Name Change (1932), Agreement between Western Indiana Christian Conference and The Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief (1932), Church Report form (blank)(n.d.)

Volume 10: Conference Record, 1912-1932

Folder 8: Agreement between Western Indiana Christian Conference and The Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief (1932), Receipts (1913, 1921), Minutes and Yearbook (1935), Loose pages from Yearbooks (1928, 1934-1935), Letter (n.d.), Clergyman's License (n.d.)

Series III: Eastern Indiana Christian Conference (1857-1947)

The Eastern Indiana Christian Conference started as Antioch Christian Conference. In 1865 Antioch Christian Conference joined Bluffton Christian Conference and was known by that name until a new constitution as passed in August of 1875 renaming the organization Eastern Indiana Christian Conference. Loose items found in volumes have been removed to folders and are located in Box 1.

Volume 11: Minutes of the Eastern Indiana Christian Conference, 1857-1896

Volume 12: Record Book, Eastern Indiana Christian Conference, 1914-1931

Folder 9: "Report of the Eastern Indiana Christian Conference" – Listing of Officers (1921), Annual Membership Certificate for J.D. Scarborough (1926), Motion by A. E. Cortuer (n.d.),

Receipt from United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company (1925), Funeral
Announcement for Rev. Fred Stovenour (1923), "Conference Course" (n.d.)
Volume 13: Book III Conference Minutes, 1925-1947
Folder 10: Programs for Quarterly Conference Sessions (1931-1934)

Series IV: Indiana State Christian Conference (1877-1917)

The concept of the Indiana State Christian Conference was first explored in 1867. The Conference was founded a year later. Loose items found in volumes have been removed to folders and are located in Box 1.

Volume 14: Indiana State Christian Conference, 1877-1894

Volume 15: Indiana State Christian Conference, Records Volume B, 1878-1917

Folder 11: Statements swearing in Conference Officers John T. Stanley Jr. and Joel B Henderson
(1906, 1910), Expense Sheet (n.d.), Indiana State Christian Conference Report (blank)
(n.d.)

Folder 12: Volume 16 (disbound) – Indiana State Missionary Board & Northwestern Indiana Christian
Conference Minutes, Folder 1 of 2, 1896-1911

Folder 13: Volume 16 (disbound) - Indiana State Missionary Board & Northwestern Indiana Christian
Conference Minutes, Folder 2 of 2, 1896-1911