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## Summary

**Creator:** United Church of Pelham (Pelham, Mass.)  
Federated Church of Pelham (Pelham, Mass.)  
First Congregational Church of Pelham (Pelham, Mass.)  
Congregational Parish of Pelham (Pelham, Mass.)

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**Abstract:** The United Church of Pelham was incorporated on June 8, 1959, superseding the Federated Church of Pelham. This collection includes annual reports, minutes, financial papers, pastor papers, Sunday school, woman's guild, and bulletins. Note: This collection has been **minimally processed** for access and is available for researcher access.

## Collection History and Status

**Acquisition Information:** Donated by the Pelham United Church as a gift October 2013.

**Repository:**

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Boston, MA 02108  
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**Processing Information:** Collection accessioned by Jessica Steytler October 2013. ***This collection has been minimally processed for access. Please contact the archivist or librarian for more information.***

## Accessing and Using the Collection

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**Additional Resources:** This collection was originally processed in 1988 by Robert Lord Keyes. The Congregational Library & Archives retains this original guide in its collection file. It is available upon request.

## Description

**Historical Note:** The United Church of Pelham was incorporated on June 8, 1959, superseding the Federated Church of Pelham. Papers and documents dated before June 8, 1959, refer to the Federated Church of Pelham, while those after that date refer to the United Church of Pelham. The Federated Church of Pelham was formed in 1936, and joined together the following existing congregations: the Methodist-Episcopal Church of West Pelham (est. 1831), the First Congregational Church of Pelham (est. 1837), also known as First Congregational Parish of Pelham, the Union Church Society of North Belchertown (Dwight Chapel, est. 1886). The United Church of Pelham did join the United Church of Christ in 1959 and closed in 2013.

**Scope of Collection:** This collection includes annual reports, minutes, financial papers, pastor papers, Sunday School, woman's guild, and bulletins. The time-frame for the records starts in 1920 when the church was known as Pelham First Church and also includes records from when it was Pelham Federated. The bulk of the records are between 1950-1980.

### Further Searches

#### Subject Headings:

United Church of Pelham (Pelham, Mass.)  
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 Congregational Parish of Pelham (Pelham, Mass.)  
 Hampshire-Franklin Meeting House Fellowship  
 Pelham Rural Fellowship (Pelham, Mass.)  
 Church membership.  
 Church records and registers - Massachusetts - Pelham.  
 Women - Societies and clubs.  
 Christian education.  
 Sunday school.

**Related Materials:** Please search the library's online catalog for related materials.

**Arrangement:** This collection has not been fully processed by the Congregational Library and Archive. The collection was originally organized by the church in 1988 and had a number of additions between then and when the church closed in 2013. Items are in the original order in which the records were given to the library, although some material was removed before donation and several of the boxes have been compressed. Researchers will find that this collection does have a significant amount of detail not present in other minimally processed collections. While there are no formal series, the material breaks down in the following sections:

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