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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Colorado Congregational Conference
Creator:	United Church of Christ. Rocky Mountain Conference
Title:	Rocky Mountain Conference records, 1876-2010.
ID:	RG5424
Date [inclusive]:	1876-2010
Physical Description:	3.37 Cubic Feet (4 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English , German .
Abstract:	<p>The Colorado Congregational Conference was founded in the 19th century and functioned as the primary state-level Congregational organization within Colorado. Numerous ministerial associations formed within Colorado and included the Eastern Association, the Arkansas Valley Association, the Denver Association, the Northwestern Association, and the Western Colorado Association. During the 1960s, the Colorado Conference merged with state level conferences from Utah and Wyoming to form the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Church of Christ. This collection contains records related to the Rocky Mountain Conference, its predecessor conferences, especially the Colorado Congregational Conference, related state Congregational conferences, and regional associations within Colorado. The majority of records are meeting minutes for conferences and associations, programs for conference and association activities, financial records, correspondence and communications, and legal records.</p>

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Colorado Congregational Conference was founded in the 19th century and functioned as the primary state-level Congregational organization within Colorado. The Colorado Congregational Conference also worked closely with the Board of Home Missions and the Extension Board to support and supply the churches within Colorado. Numerous ministerial associations formed within Colorado and included the Eastern Association, the Arkansas Valley Association, the Denver Association, the Northwestern Association, and the Western Colorado Association. The Colorado Conference also included numerous German Background Congregational churches. During the 1960s, the Colorado Conference merged with state level conferences from Utah and Wyoming to form the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Church of Christ. The Rocky Mountain Conference continues today and has its headquarters in Denver. Under the Rocky Mountain Conference are modern day equivalents to the associations that existed in the past: the Metro Denver Association, the Platte Valley Association, the Western Colorado Association, the Southeast Association, and the Intermountain Association.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains records related to the Rocky Mountain Conference, its predecessor conferences, especially the Colorado Congregational Conference, related state Congregational conferences, and regional associations within Colorado. The records document the proceedings of these conferences and associations. The majority of records are meeting minutes for conferences and associations, programs for conference and association activities, financial records, correspondence and communications, and legal records. The collection contains records specifically related to the German Congregational churches within Colorado. The collection also contains a scrapbook documenting the local activities of the women's fellowship of the Rocky Mountain Conference.

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Arrangement

Materials within this collection have been arranged into the three series listed below. Materials within the Colorado Congregational Conference records have been further organized into three subseries. Within each series, materials have generally been organized into chronological order. Directly related materials have been arranged together. Original order has largely been

maintained for materials within each folder; as a result, contents within folders are rarely in chronological order.

Series 1: Colorado Congregational Conference records, 1877-2010

Subseries 1: Colorado State Conference records, 1877-1967

Subseries 2: Regional association records, 1901-1962

Subseries 3: German Congregational records, 1908-2010

Series 2: Other state conferences and associations, 1892-1983

Series 3: Rocky Mountain Conference records, 1969-2000

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Materials were donated to the Congregational Library & Archives by the Rocky Mountain Conference, August 2021; 2021-07, 2021-10.

Processing Information

Processed by Zachary Bodnar, September 2024, using Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Clergy conferences.
- Scrapbooks.
- Colorado Congregational Conference
- United Church of Christ. Rocky Mountain Conference

Collection Inventory

Colorado Congregational Conference records, 1876-2010

Physical Description: 8 Volumes

Physical Description: 45 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains records related to the Colorado Congregational Conference as well as the regional Associations that worked under the state Conference. The series also contains records specifically related to the German Background churches which were a part of the Colorado Congregational Conference. The collection contains meeting minutes, reports, correspondence, and programs.

Colorado State Conference records, 1876-1967

Physical Description: 3 Volumes

Physical Description: 27 Folders

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains records related to the Colorado Congregational Conference, and some other state-level Congregational records for the state of Colorado. This subseries contains meeting minutes, reports, board of directors' records, financial records, legal records, especially land deeds, records from

the Colorado Home Missionary Society, records from the Extension Board, and communications with some churches.

Title/Description	Instances	
Colorado Congregational Conference programs, 1876-1958	box 3	folder 27
Colorado Congregational Association meeting clipping, 1877	box 2	folder 26
Colorado legal records, 1883-1963	box 1	folder 8
Colorado legal records, 1893-1919	folder 6	
Colorado Congregational Association Board of Directors records, 1895-1917	box 2	volume 1
Colorado Congregational Association annual meeting minutes, 1901	box 2	folder 24
Colorado Home Missionary Society records, 1905-1913	box 2	volume 3
Third Church, Denver, communications and clippings, 1911, 1936-1942	box 1	folder 13
Colorado Conference State Board minutes, 1913-1927	box 2	folder 1
Extension Board schedules for work, 1919-1930	box 1	folder 15
Second Church, Denver, communications and clippings, 1926-1955	box 1	folder 14
Colorado Congregational Conference meeting minutes, 1926-1928	box 1	folder 1
Colorado Congregational Conference meeting minutes, 1928-1931	box 1	folder 2
Colorado Congregational Conference meeting minutes, 1931-1933	box 1	folder 3
Colorado Congregational Conference meeting minutes, 1933-1936	box 1	folder 4
Colorado Congregational Conference meeting minutes, 1936-1938	box 1	folder 5
Colorado Congregational Conference meeting minutes, 1938-1940	box 1	folder 6
Extension Board applications for aid, 1927-1941	box 3	folder 1
History committee records, 1931-1965	box 3	folder 2
Colorado State Conference reports, 1933-1938	box 2	folder 2
Synodical record book, 1937-1963	box 4	volume 3
Colorado Congregational Conference records, 1940-1947	box 2	folder 3

Colorado Conference board of directors minutes, 1941-1965	box 2	folder 4
McCoy Community Church communications, 1942-1945	box 2	folder 23
Colorado Congregational Conference reports, 1943	box 2	folder 5
Colorado Congregational Conference annual report, 1946	box 2	folder 6
Colorado Congregational Conference meeting minutes, 1946-1955	box 2	folder 7
Colorado Congregational Conference treasurer's reports, 1947-1952	box 2	folder 8
Commission on the Ministry minutes, 1966	box 3	folder 4
Colorado Conference annual reports, 1967	box 2	folder 9

Regional association records, 1901-1962

Physical Description: 2 Volumes

Physical Description: 14 Folders

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains records from the regional associations that functioned under the Colorado Congregational Conference. The associations represented in this subseries include the Arkansas Valley Association, Denver Association, Eastern Association, Northwestern Association, and Western Association. The records largely contain meeting minutes, programs, reports, and a significant collection of correspondence from the Denver Association.

Title/Description	Instances	
Eastern Association records, 1901-1959	box 1	volume 1
<u>Separated Materials:</u>		
Separated Materials		
Loose materials found within this volume were removed and placed into the folder titled "Northwestern Association records, 1933-1956" for preservation purposes.		
Arkansas Valley Association programs, 1910-1927	box 2	folder 18
Denver Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers records, 1912-1940	box 2	folder 10
Arkansas Valley Association records, 1913-1943	box 1	folder 9
Arkansas Valley Association records, 1944-1961	box 1	folder 10
Colorado Western Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches records, 1924-1951	box 2	volume 4
Denver association records, 1924-1954	box 2	folder 11
Denver Association annual meeting programs, 1926-1939	box 2	folder 12

Northwestern Association programs, 1927-1932	box 2	folder 19
Northwestern Association records, 1933-1956	box 1	folder 11
<u>Separated Materials:</u>		
Separated Materials		
Materials within this folder were removed from the volume titled "Eastern Association records, 1901-1959" for preservation purposes.		
Western Colorado Association records: Union Congregational Church on Montrose, 1946, 1950	box 2	folder 20
Denver Association correspondence: miscellaneous, 1946-1948	box 2	folder 13
Denver Association correspondence: A-C, 1949-1955	box 2	folder 14
Denver Association correspondence: D-M, 1946-1953	box 2	folder 15
Denver Association correspondence: N-W, 1946-1953	box 2	folder 16
Denver Association correspondence, 1955-1962	box 2	folder 17

German Congregational records, 1908-2010

Physical Description: 3 Volumes

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains records specifically related to the German Background churches which were a part of the Colorado Congregational Conference. The subseries also contains communications with the Zion German Church in Montrose, Colorado, as well as records related to mission work with the German background churches.

Title/Description	Instances	
Colorado Congregational Church (German background) records, 1908-1930	box 2	volume 2
Zion German Church, Montrose, communications, 1929-1940	box 2	folder 22
Colorado German Congregational Conference records, 1931-1952	box 1	volume 2
Northeastern association of the Colorado Conference annual reports, 1952-1966	box 1	folder 12
Northeastern Association financial records, 1952-2010	box 4	volume 2
Colorado Conference German mission work, 1957-1962	box 3	folder 3
Colorado Congregational Conference (German Background Churches) minutes, 1963	box 2	folder 21

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Other state conferences and associations, 1892-1983

Physical Description: 1 Volume

Physical Description: 10 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains records of Congregational conferences and associations from Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming. The Rocky Mountain Conference of the UCC today includes Colorado, Utah, Wyoming. This series includes legal records, especially land deeds, financial records, records of conference and association meetings, constitutions, and programs.

Title/Description	Instances	
Oregon legal records, 1892-1912	box 1	folder 19
Utah legal records, 1909-1914, 1956	box 1	folder 20
Idaho legal records, 1912-1934	box 1	folder 16
Wyoming Conference constitution and incorporation, 1944, 1956	box 1	folder 22
Wyoming Conference programs, 1945-1983	box 3	folder 5
Idaho subsidiary account book, 1946-1947	box 1	volume 3
Rocky Mountain Synod minutes, 1946-1959	box 3	folder 6
Idaho and Utah Conference financial records, 1947-1952	box 1	folder 17
Intermountain Conference records, 1953-1974	box 1	folder 21
Idaho Conference constitution, 1954	box 1	folder 18
Rocky Mountain Synod program, 1954	box 2	folder 25

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Rocky Mountain Conference records, 1969-2000

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Physical Description: 1 Volume

Physical Description: 1 Object

Scope and Contents

This series contains records related to the Rocky Mountain Conference. The series includes one volume of financial records, a scrapbook documenting the local activities, at the church level, of the Women's Fellowship of the Rocky Mountain Conference, and a gavel related to the Women's Fellowship.

Title/Description	Instances
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Financial records, 1969-1983	box 1	folder 7
Women's Fellowship scrapbook, 1975-2000	box 4	volume 1
Women's Fellowship gavel, undated	box 4	object 1

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