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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Faith Congregational Church (Glen Ellyn, Ill.)
Title:	Glen Ellyn, Ill. Faith Congregational Church records, 1957-1992.
ID:	RG5241
Date [inclusive]:	1957-1992
Physical Description:	0.92 Cubic Feet (3 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Twenty-three miles west of Chicago there was an area known as Glen Ellyn Countryside (2.5 miles away from nearby Glen Ellyn). In 1956, several members of the community believed it was time to build a community church. By March of 1957, the tiny church had launched under the name "Countryside Community Church". Near the end of March, it was decided to hold services and Sunday School at the new addition of the Queen Bee School. Walter Ashley, one of the original community members trying to establish a church, would rely on help from the Congregational extension board to procure funds and ministers. In June of 1957 the by-laws were drawn up and the name of the church officially became "Faith Congregational Church". Reverend Ken Strokes would be hired as the first minister, moving to Glen Ellyn with his family. On November 2, 1958, the new chapel/parsonage was dedicated (although not completely finished). In 1961 and 1968, Faith Congregational Church saw its location expanded upon with two new buildings. The church continued to function through 1992, when it is believed to have closed down for good. This collection includes council meeting minutes, annual and project reports, by-laws, transfer letters, membership information and printed materials.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes council meeting minutes, vital membership records, including baptismal records, marriage records, and death records, annual and project reports, by-laws, transfer letters, membership information and printed materials.

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Arrangement

Materials in this collection have been arranged into chronological order by start date. Closely related materials that continue between multiple folders have been grouped together within the arrangement.

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Revision Description

Zachary Bodnar: Added materials from accession 2024-46. Restructured collection's arrangement. 2026-04-16

Restrictions on Access

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Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to the Congregational Library & Archives by the Chicago Theological Seminary in April 2014; Accession: 2014-88. An accrual of two record volumes (Church records, 1958-1972 and Church register, 1971-1990) was donated by the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ in December 2024; accession number 2024-46.

Custodial History

Items originally held by the Chicago Theological Seminary Library.

Processing Information

First processed by William McCarthy, March 2017, using MPLP. In September 2018, the collection was fully processed using DACS Second Edition. Materials added to the collection alongside a revision of the arrangement by Zachary Bodnar, April 2026.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Church finance.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Clergy -- Appointment, call, and election.
- Marriage records.
- Necrologies.
- Newsletters.
- Faith Congregational Church (Glen Ellyn, Ill.)
- Glen Ellyn (Ill.) -- Church history.

Bibliography

Edmondson, Gloria. Faith Church, United Church of Christ, Our First 25 Years. Self-published. 1982.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
North Glen Ellyn project, 1957	box 2	folder 18
Countryside Community Church project, 1957	box 2	folder 19
Countryside Chatter, 1957	box 2	folder 15
Transfers and dismissions, 1957-1962	box 2	folder 5

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By-Laws, 1957-1964, 1979	box 3	folder 1
Pamphlets and handouts, 1957-1967	box 2	folder 16
Calls for pastors, 1958-1963	box 2	folder 6
Church records, 1958-1972	box 1	volume 1
Letters of dismissal, 1960-1969	box 2	folder 7
Installation paper, October 27, 1963	box 2	folder 8
Transfers and dismissions, 1963-1965	box 2	folder 9
Received into membership, April 1965-April 1966	box 2	folder 10
Our Church Covenant, 1965-1992	box 2	folder 11
Transfers and dismissions, 1966-1968	box 2	folder 12
Annual reports, 1967-1973	box 2	folder 20
Annual reports, 1975-1982	box 2	folder 1
Annual reports, 1983-1988	box 2	folder 3
Annual reports, 1989-1992	box 2	folder 4
Transfers and dismissions, 1969-1972	box 3	folder 2
Council meeting minutes, 1969-1975	box 1	folder 1
Council meeting minutes, 1971-1972	box 1	folder 2
Council meeting minutes, 1976-1980	box 3	volume 1
Council meeting minutes, 1980-1982	box 1	folder 3
Council meeting minutes, 1983-1985	box 1	folder 4
Council meeting minutes, 1986-1988	box 1	folder 5
Council meeting minutes, 1988-1989	box 1	folder 6
Council meeting minutes, 1990-1992	box 1	folder 7
Church register, 1971-1990	box 3	volume 2
Glen Ellyn loan, 1981-1986	box 2	folder 2
Transfers and dismissions, 1985-1988	box 2	folder 13
Membership memorandum, undated	box 2	folder 14
History, 1982, undated	box 2	folder 17