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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	38th Street Open Door Congregational Church (Minneapolis, Minn.)
Creator:	38th Street Union Church (Minneapolis, Minn.)
Title:	Minneapolis, Minn. 38th Street Open Door Congregational Church records, 1896-1963.
ID:	RG0706
Date [inclusive]:	1896-1963
Physical Description:	1.04 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The origins of the 38th Street Open Door Congregational Church of Minneapolis, Minn., began in 1896. The church dissolved in 1962. This collection contains administrative records including financial reports, and committee and pastor's reports.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The origins of the 38th Street Open Door Congregational Church began at the corner of Fourth Avenue and 38th Street in Minneapolis as a Sunday school and mission. In 1896, it was decided to organize into a full church, the 38th Street Union Church. The following year, they became the 38th Street Congregational Church. The church merged with the Church of the Open Door Congregational in 1950. The church voted to join the United Church of Christ in 1961. The following year, the church sold its real estate and dissolved as a corporation, with most of the congregation voting to join the Lynnhurst Congregational Church.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains administrative records of the 38th Street Open Door Congregational Church and one of its immediate predecessors, the 38th Street Congregational Church. Those records include admission and dismissal correspondence, meeting minutes, financial reports, and committee and pastor's reports. Notable documents include votes to join the United Church of Christ and records pertaining to the dissolution of the church as a corporation and sale of its real estate.

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Arrangement

Records in this collection have been arranged chronologically by start date.

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Acquisition Information

No acquisition information is available for this collection.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church records and registers.
- Church finance.
- Church closures
- Church membership.
- Church committees
- 38th Street Open Door Congregational Church (Minneapolis, Minn.)
- 38th Street Union Church (Minneapolis, Minn.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Church records, 1896-1916	box 1	volume 1
Church records, 1915-1953	box 1	volume 2
Removed from church records, 1915-1953	box 1	folder 1
Inactive list, 1925-1957	box 2	Item 1
Membership records, 1927-1962	box 2	Item 2
Membership records, 1929-1962	box 2	Item 3

Church records, 1934-1963	box 2	folder 1
Removed from church records, 1934-1963	box 1	folder 2
Newspaper clippings, 1937-1962	box 1	folder 3
Letters of dismissal, 1955-1963	box 1	folder 4
Various committee records, 1956-1960	box 1	folder 5
Admission and dismissal correspondence, 1956-1962	box 1	folder 6
Annual meeting minutes, 1956-1962	box 1	folder 7
Pastor's reports, 1956-1963	box 1	folder 8
Board of Deacons and Deaconess reports, 1957-1962	box 1	folder 9
Nominating Committee reports, 1957-1962	box 1	folder 10
Financial reports, 1957-1963	box 1	folder 11
Meeting on real estate sale, 1958	box 1	folder 12
Benevolence Giving reports, 1958-1961	box 1	folder 13
Board of Trustees reports, 1958-1961	box 1	folder 14
Flower Committee reports, 1958-1961	box 1	folder 15
Women's Guild reports, 1958-1962	box 1	folder 16
Merger proposal meeting, 1960	box 1	folder 17
United Church of Christ affiliation vote letter and meeting notes, 1960-1961	box 1	folder 18
Special meeting minutes, 1960-1962	box 1	folder 19
Rev. Flugum resignation meeting, 1961	box 1	folder 20
Sunday service programs, 1961-1962	box 1	folder 21
Church reaffiliation ballot, 1962	box 1	folder 22
Dissolution of church and sale of property, 1962	box 1	folder 23
Local church report, 1962	box 1	folder 24
Letter of termination of interim Pastor Hulbert, 1962	box 1	folder 25
Dismission preliminary notes, undated	box 1	folder 26
Irregular meetings and activities, undated	box 1	folder 27