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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Grand Avenue Congregational Church (Chicago, Ill.)
Title:	Chicago, Ill. Grand Avenue Congregational Church records, 1911-1929.
ID:	RG5262
Date [inclusive]:	1911-1929
Physical Description:	0.22 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Grand Avenue Congregational Church began as the Central Sunday School at Grand and Lawndale avenues in Chicago circa 1890. On March 6, 1929, the church voted to absorb the Pacific Congregational Church. The church merged with fellow Chicago church Pilgrim German Congregational Church to form the United Congregational Church in 1943, which itself closed in 1976. Included in this collection are meeting minutes, listings of church officers, a brief church history, and membership records.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

The Grand Avenue Congregational Church began as the Central Sunday School at Grand and Lawndale avenues in Chicago circa 1890. It began holding Sunday services above a feed store on that same corner in September 1892, under the leadership of Chicago Congregational Theological Seminary student J. U. Stotts. In 1894, the church rented and rehabilitated an abandoned store building nearby. The church would obtain a permanent location in the next decade when it purchased a lot in 1907 and built a building there. The church dedicated the completed building on June 4, 1911. The church, experiencing significant growth, constructed

a new addition called the Church House beginning in 1923. On March 6, 1929, the church voted to absorb the Pacific Congregational Church. The church merged with fellow Chicago church Pilgrim German Congregational Church to form the United Congregational Church in 1943. The United Congregational Church closed in 1976.

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Scope and Contents

These church records consist of a single volume and six loose pages which include meeting minutes, listings of church officers, a brief church history, and membership records.

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Arrangement

Materials in this collection have been arranged in chronological order by start date.

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Acquisition Information

Materials were donated to the Congregational Library & Archives by the Chicago Theological Seminary in April 2014; accession number 2014-109.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church records and registers.
- Sunday schools.
- Chicago (Ill.) -- Church history.
- Grand Avenue Congregational Church (Chicago, Ill.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Church records, 1911-1929	box 1	volume 1
Removed from church records, 1911-1929	box 1	folder 1