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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Irving Park Immanuel Congregational Church (Chicago, Ill.)
Title:	Chicago, Ill. Irving Park Immanuel Congregational Church records, 1906-1984.
ID:	RG5593
Date [inclusive]:	1906-1984
Physical Description:	0.44 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Irving Park Immanuel Congregational Church was established in 1905 and Rev. Ira Milton Grey served as the church's first minister. The church building was constructed between 1907 and 1925. A parsonage was purchased in 1950. The church joined the United Church of Christ. The church dissolved in 1998. This collection contains membership records and administrative records and includes meeting minutes, vital membership records, and correspondence.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The history of the Irving Park Immanuel Congregational Church in Chicago's East Irving Park district began with the establishment of a Sunday school in 1896. The Sunday school was established by Rev. Jesse Brooks, then the pastor of the Irving Park Reformed Church. From the Sunday school community arose a desire to establish a Congregational Church and in 1905 the Irving Park Immanuel Congregational Church was established. 35 founding members signed the church's charter in 1906. Rev. Ira Milton Grey served as the church's first minister.

The church building was constructed at the corner of West Berteau Avenue and North Troy Street. At first the congregation inhabited a temporary structure on the lot from 1907 until 1910. In 1910, the basement of the permanent building was completed and the congregation used that space for worship services until the building's construction was completed in 1925. In 1928, an Austin organ was installed in the church. The building underwent renovations between 1947 and 1949 and a parsonage was purchased at 4122 North Richmond Street in 1950.

The church joined the United Church of Christ after the denomination's formation in 1957. The church dissolved in 1998. The church building is still used as a church today.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains membership records and some administrative records related to the Irving Park Immanuel Congregational Church in Chicago, Illinois. The collection includes meeting minutes, membership registers, baptismal records, marriage records, death records, and correspondence.

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Arrangement

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

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Marriage records.
- Necrologies.
- Wills.
- Chicago (Ill.) -- Church history.
- Irving Park Immanuel Congregational Church (Chicago, Ill.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Church records, 1906-1929	box 1	volume 1
Church register, 1930-1950	box 1	volume 2
Board of deacons records, 1940-1946	box 1	volume 3
Church register, 1950-1960	box 1	volume 4
Church records, 1961-1984	box 1	volume 5

Separated Materials:

Separated Materials

Loose materials found at the start of this volume were separated and moved into a folder titled "Miscellaneous membership records, 1964, 1980-1984" for preservation purposes.

Miscellaneous membership records, 1964, 1980-1984	box 1	folder 1
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Separated Materials:

Separated Materials

Materials in this folder were removed from the front of the volume titled "Church records, 1961-1984" for preservation purposes.

Telephone directory, undated	box 1	folder 2
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