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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Monroe Street Federated Church (Chicago, Ill.)
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Title:	Chicago, Ill. Monroe Street Federated Church records, 1911-1933.
ID:	RG5594
Date [inclusive]:	1911-1933
Physical Description:	4 Folders
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Monroe Street Church in Chicago's East Garfield Park neighborhood may have been gathered in 1911 with and the church's first minister was likely Rev. Francis Little Hayes. In 1918, the Monroe Street Church and California Avenue Church federated to form the Monroe Street Federated Church. The church dissolved in 1933. This collection includes membership records, baptismal records, marriage records, yearbook reports, and some financial records.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Monroe Street Church in Chicago's East Garfield Park neighborhood may have been gathered in 1911 based on the records available. The first minister listed in the records for the church was Rev. Francis Little Hayes. The denominational affiliation of the church is unclear; Rev. Hayes maintained fellowship with the Congregationalists and Baptists and the church is not listed in the Congregational Yearbook. Rev. Hayes's obituary in the 1926 Congregational

Year Book suggests the California Avenue Church become the Monroe Street Church in 1911, however, this contradicts other sources. In 1918, the Monroe Street Church and California Avenue Church federated to form the Monroe Street Federated Church. The church dissolved in 1933.

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Scope and Contents

This collection of records for the Monroe Street Federated Church primarily contains vital membership records. This collection includes membership records, baptismal records, marriage records, listings of church ministers and officers, yearbook reports, and some financial 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 Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ in December 2024; accession number 2024-46.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Church finance.
- Baptism and church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Marriage records.
- California Avenue Congregational Church (Chicago, Ill.)
- Chicago (Ill.) -- Church history.
- Monroe Street Church (Chicago, Ill.)
- Monroe Street Federated Church (Chicago, Ill.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Church register, 1911-1933	

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	box Small 11	folder 2
Yearbook reports, 1920-1930	box Small 11	folder 3
Miscellaneous membership records, 1922-1933	box Small 11	folder 4
Miscellaneous financial records, 1927, 1932	box Small 11	folder 5