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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Watson Park Church (Chicago, Ill.)
Title:	Chicago, Ill. Watson Park Church records, 1917-2001.
ID:	RG5597
Date [inclusive]:	1917-2001
Physical Description:	0.53 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Watson Park Church was gathered in 1912 in the Dunning neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois. The church dissolved around 2014 or 2015. The collection contains vital membership records such as baptismal records, confirmation records, a membership register, wedding records, and funeral remembrances.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Watson Park Church, also known as the Watson Park Congregational Church, was gathered in 1912 in the Dunning neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois. It was located at 6337 West Cornelia Avenue. The church joined with the United Church of Christ after the denomination's formation in 1957. The church dissolved around 2014 or 2015.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains vital membership records for the Watson Park Church in Chicago, Illinois. The collection includes an early church register, membership records, baptismal records, marriage records, records of deaths and remembrances, programs for baptismal and wedding services, confirmation records, and a proposed constitution.

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Arrangement

Materials in this collection have been arranged into chronological order by start date. Materials which are contiguous between folders have been grouped together.

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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

This collection was processed by Zachary Bodnar, May 2026, according to the rules of Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Baptismal records.
- Church membership.
- Church records and registers.
- Confirmation records.
- Marriage records.
- Necrologies.
- Chicago (Ill.) -- Church history.
- Watson Park Church (Chicago, Ill.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Church register, 1917-1947	box 1	volume 1
Confirmation service programs, 1930-1951	box 1	folder 1
Congregational Church Building Society application materials, 1931	box 1	folder 2
Miscellaneous membership records, 1951-2001	box 1	folder 3
Proposed constitution , 1958	box 1	folder 4
Membership lists, 1961-1965	box 1	folder 5
Marriage records, 1976-1989	box 1	folder 6

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Marriage records, 1990-1993	box 1	folder 7
Marriage records, 1994-1997	box 1	folder 8
Confirmations and picture, 1977, 1987, undated	box 2	folder 1
Baptismal records, 1978-1989	box 2	folder 2
Baptismal records, 1990-1997	box 2	folder 3
Wedding service programs, 1979-1988	box 2	folder 4
Baptismal records, 1979-1992	box 2	folder 5
Baptismal service programs, 1985-1997	box 2	folder 6
Remembrances, 1985-2001	box 2	folder 7