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Summary Information

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Abstract:	The Congregational Conference of Illinois was established in 1844 by the first three Congregational associations in Illinois: the Congregational Association of Illinois, the Fox River Association, and the Rock River Association. The number of associations within the Congregational Conference of Illinois grew as Congregationalism spread throughout Illinois during the 19th and early 20th centuries. This collection of Illinois Conference records documents the history of the Congregational Conference of Illinois and its member associations including Conference and Association constitutions, annual meetings, committee activities, ministerial records, and correspondence from 1834 to 2021.

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Historical Note

An agreement between the National General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the Congregational Associations of New England, the 1801 Plan of Union, allowed for mutual support between denominations and spurred a joint effort in evangelizing the American Frontier. The Plan of Union also enabled churches of either denomination to hire ministers from the other. From 1826 to 1833, the American Home Missionary Society sent 24 missionaries of both cooperating denominations to Illinois. Although many of these missionaries were from New England, a stronghold of Congregationalism, the very first churches they established in Illinois were Presbyterian.

A large percentage of settlers in Illinois during this period were land-buying colonists from the Northeast, who brought with them their Congregational beliefs and traditions. These Congregational roots along with the fervor of several Congregational ministers and missionaries from the Home American Missionary Society resulted in the creation of the first Congregational churches in Illinois in 1833. By 1834, a group of about 30 churches in the central western area of Illinois had established the first Congregational Association. This first group, the Congregational Association of Illinois was renamed the Quincy Association in 1864. The Quincy Association absorbed the Western Illinois Christian Conference, formed in 1931 .

In 1835, an assembly of 18 churches created the Fox River Association at a convention in Big Grove. Next, the Rock River Association was formed in 1838 in the Rock River Valley. The Rock River Association was marked by a high concentration of fervent abolitionist pastors, many of which were tried for harboring slaves. Another distinguishing trait of the Rock River Association was a large percentage of pastors from New England who identified as Oberlin Perfectionists. The theology of Oberlin Perfectionism stemmed from the teachings of Charles G. Finney and emphasized a belief in a second stage of Christian life characterized by a perfect trust in God and complete commitment to his way. The American Home Missionary Society refused to fund associations heavily populated by Oberlin believers and Congregationalists in Illinois were similarly uncomfortable with this new school of thought, which many believed broke from Congregational doctrine. The political activities of abolitionists and the tensions surrounding Oberlin believers led to the dissolution of the Fox River Association in 1848.

These first three Congregational strongholds in Illinois lacked statewide connections and the New England Congregational Associations were not yet convinced of the strength or doctrinal purity of these western Congregational Associations. Also, the Presbyterian Assembly, which had abrogated the Plan of Union in 1831, also felt that they could encroach on the regions Congregational missionaries were cultivating. The Presbyterian denouncement of the Plan of Union was triggered by the strict abolitionist stance of Congregationalists, as well as anger towards the provisions in the Plan of Union that allowed mixed denomination churches to be governed by Congregational committeemen instead of Presbyterian elders. Presbyterians were also uncomfortable with the admittance of Congregational committeemen into the General Assembly and the lack of adherence to Presbyterian doctrine in mixed churches. In an effort to create a strong, unified body of legitimate Congregationalists to present to the Presbyterians

and Easterners, the Congregational Conference of Illinois was formed in 1844. During the Conference's first official convention, resolutions strongly condemning slavery were adopted.

In 1844 the Central Association was formed from churches that spanned a huge territory stretching across the state. From this original association, the Bureau, Central West, and Central East Associations were later formed. However, a smaller Central Association survived until merging with the Central Christian Conference in 1931 to form the Central Congregational Christian Association. In 1848 the Rockford Association was formed from a portion of the churches originally affiliated with the Rock River Association. Likewise, the Geneseo Association was created in 1851 from the churches that broke off from the southern portion of the disbanded Rock River Association.

Rapid population growth took place in Illinois from 1850 to 1860 and resulted in the formation of several new Congregational associations. The population growth stemmed from several developments. First, Chicago became known as the commercial metropolis of the Midwest soon after the Illinois Michigan Canal was created in 1848. Also, the introduction of railroads into Illinois led to a fresh wave of New England Congregationalist settlers in the Northern and Central regions of the state. Formed during this period in 1852, the Elgin Association resulted from the assembly of 16 of the original 45 churches that constituted the Fox River Association. Also established during this period of population growth was the Morgan Association, founded in 1851 and renamed the Southern Association in 1858. The Bureau Association came into being in 1857 after several churches broke off from the Central Association. Similarly, in 1860 the Central West and Central East Associations were formed from the merger of new churches and churches originally attached to the Central Association. The Central East Association also integrated a number of churches that detached from the Chicago Congregational Association.

Before and during the years of the Civil War, Congregationalism was the only major denomination located exclusively above Mason Dixon line. Due to this placement, Congregationalists generally did not experience slavery among their settlements or depend upon slavery for their financial stability. Congregationalists, with their beliefs regarding equality and ability to stand against slavery without worrying about financial repercussions, helped spur the sectionalism that led to the war due to their radical anti abolitionist stance. This stance was demonstrated in 1837 by the formation of the Illinois State Anti Slavery Society, which had a largely Congregationalist base. The Society was also partly a response to the death of the Congregationalist Reverend Lovejoy who was killed trying to defend a press speaking against slavery in Illinois in 1837. The denomination's followers were also concentrated in areas where Republicanism first developed, resulting in a strong Puritan and Congregational strain within the Republican demographic that pushed President Lincoln into office. During the war, several Congregationalist ministers in Illinois were also heavily involved with the Underground Railroad and many were even prosecuted for their efforts. The war aims of Congregationalists in Illinois were set forth during the 1864 convention of the Congregational Conference of Illinois and included the legal abolition of slavery, diplomatic relations with Haiti and Liberia, admission of African American men into the army, and the defeat of a new Illinois constitution which would perpetuate the legal discrimination of people of color. Directly after the Civil War, population and economic growth in the Northern states led to the creation of several new Congregational churches in Illinois.

The foundation of the Chicago Congregational Association in 1853 was also heavily influenced by the strict abolitionist stance held by members of the denomination. Unwillingness to abide by a Presbyterian church's policies regarding slavery led to Congregationalist members breaking off and forming the first Congregational Church in Chicago. This same situation played out throughout the city, leading to the formation of the city's Congregational association. The Congregationalist abolitionist movement also became centralized in the Chicago Congregational Association due to the Chicago publication of "The Western Citizen," a well known anti slavery periodical. In 1855 the Chicago Theological Seminary was established in an effort to produce more home grown ministers for Illinois and the Western Frontier. Besides participating in the abolitionist movement, members of the Seminary responded to the influx of European immigrants to Illinois by teaching theological and bible courses in several languages. By 1890, CTS was the second largest seminary in America and the majority of ministers in Illinois that received a seminary education came from CTS. Also by 1890 and due in part to the development of the urban areas around Chicago, the Chicago Congregational Association contained more than one third of Congregational membership in Illinois and more than one third of church property values for the entire state.

The Northwestern Association was established in 1861. In 1868, the Association merged with the Geneseo Association to form the new Rock River Association. The Aurora Association was formed in 1867, and the Springfield Association was established in 1886. Soon after in 1892, the Illinois German Congregational Conference was formed, although this group also belonged to the German Conference. In 1872 the state Conference also created the Home Missionary Society of Illinois, an auxiliary branch to the National Missionary Society. Soon after, in 1880, the Congregational Conference finally achieved its goal of financial independence from the American Home Missionary Society and the Eastern Congregational Associations. The Conference also pushed toward the creation of more seminaries in the state, leading to the creation of one seminary in the Southern Association and one in the Rock River Association. In 1885 the Conference also approved the creation of the Illinois Women's Missionary Society.

In 1926, the Bureau and Rock River Associations merged to create the Bureau-Rock River Association. The Rockford and Elgin Associations also merged in 1926, establishing the Northern Association. The Northern Association also absorbed the Northern Christian Conference in the same year this new Conference was formed, in 1931. The Southern Illinois Christian Conference formed in 1931 but withdrew in 1937. The Illinois Christian Conference also formed in 1931, but was renamed the Fairfield Congregational Christian Association in 1933.

In 1964, the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ was formed through the consolidation of the North Illinois Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Conference of Illinois. This merger led to the dissolution and reorganization of several Illinois Congregational Associations.

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Scope and Contents

This collection of Illinois Conference records documents the history of the Congregational Conference of Illinois and its member associations including Conference and Association constitutions, annual meetings, committee activities, ministerial records, and correspondence from 1834 to 2021. Included in the records are Conference and Association volumes of records, meeting minutes, programs, certificates of incorporations, conference and association constitutions, amendments to constitutions, resolutions, articles of faith, by laws, correspondence, financial records, registrar records, ministerial transfer records, certificates of ordination, ministerial installation records, and association histories. These records highlight the development and spread of Congregationalism throughout Illinois during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Records for the first Rock River Association, the Central West Association, the German Congregational Association, the Southern Illinois Christian Conference, and the Southern Wabash Congregational Christian Conference are not in the collection. There are gaps of information and missing records in the collection.

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Arrangement

The Congregational Library & Archives received these records in multiple accruals from different donors. These records were not originally organized into one collection. The processors have imposed the following arrangement onto the collection: This collection is divided into 20 series which each contain a separate Congregational association within the Congregational Conference of Illinois. Series have been arranged into chronological order by start date. Within each series, records and volumes are arranged chronologically; due to provenance, records in some series retain their original order received at transfer to the Congregational Library & Archives.

Series 1: Illinois Congregational Association Meeting Minutes, 1834-1904

Series 2: Illinois Conference records Illinois Conference records, 1844-2021

Subseries 1: Conference records, 1844-2004

Subseries 2: Church files Church files, 1921-2021

Subseries 3: Photographs Photographs, 1922-1999

Subseries 4: Board and committee records Board and committee records, 1953-1995

Subseries 5: Newsletters Newsletters, 1953-2005

Series 3: Geneseo Association Records Geneseo Association Records, 1851-1867

Series 4: Southern Association Records Southern Association Records, 1851-1906

Series 5: Elgin Association Records Elgin Association Records, 1852-1945

Series 6: Chicago Congregational Association Records Chicago Congregational Association Records, 1852-1967

Series 7: The Bureau Association The Bureau Association, 1857-1926

Series 8: Northwestern Association Records Northwestern Association Records, 1861-1884

Series 9: Central East Association Records Central East Association Records, 1861-1926

Series 10: Rock River Association Records Rock River Association Records, 1872-1925

Series 11: Rockford Association Records Rockford Association Records, 1872-1926

Series 12: Fox River Association Meeting Minutes Fox River Association Meeting Minutes, 1872-1927

Series 13: Illinois Christian Conference Records Illinois Christian Conference Records, 1884-1931

Series 14: Central Association Records Central Association Records, 1885-1942

Series 15: Springfield Association Records Springfield Association Records, 1885-1963

Series 16: Northern Association Records Northern Association Records, 1911-1965

Series 17: Aurora Association Records Aurora Association Records, 1938-1965

Series 18: Bureau-Rock River Association Records Bureau-Rock River Association Records, 1950-1964

Series 19: Fairfield Association records Fairfield Association records, 1953-1971

Series 20: Prairie Association records Prairie Association records, 1995

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Accession 2024-46 added to the collection (contained to boxes 28-32). Some adjustments to the structure of the finding aid, though contents of individual series is largely untouched. Some changes to the finding aid's description, including a change to the finding aid's title. Zachary Bodnar: Added additional materials from accession 2024-46 that were missed. 2026-04-09
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Acquisition Information

Items donated from the Chicago Theological Seminary in 2011 and 2014. Additional records, found in boxes 28 through 32, were donated by the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ in 2024; accession 2024-46.

Processing Information

Accessioned and processed by Corinne Bernstein and supervised by Cristina Prochilo in November of 2015 according to the rules of Describing Archives: A Content Standard. An additional accrual of materials was processed and added to the collection by Zachary Bodnar in April 2026.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Taylor, Richard H. Congregational and Plan of Union Churches in the Great Lake States (2009) The Congregational Conference of Illinois. Minutes of the General Association of Illinois 1852-1864 Parrish, George R. History of the Congregational Association of Southern Illinois (1896) Robinson, Jack Fay. History of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ (1990) The Illinois Society of Church History. Illinois Society of Church History, Congregational : historical statement and papers (1895) Spinka, Matthew. A History of Illinois Congregational and Christian Churches (1944)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church correspondence.
- Church property.
- Church records and registers.
- Clergy conferences.
- Clergy -- Correspondence.
- Home missions.
- Temperance and religion.
- Congregational and Christian Conference of Illinois
- Congregational Conference of Illinois.
- General Association of Illinois
- Guatemalan Refugee Ministries
- Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ

Collection Inventory

Illinois Congregational Association Meeting Minutes, 1834-1904

Physical Description: 2 Volumes

Scope and Contents

This series contains two volumes of meeting minutes.

Biographical / Historical

The Illinois Congregational Association was established in 1834 and renamed the Quincy Association in 1864. The Quincy Association absorbed the Western Christian Conference in 1939. The Association was dissolved in 1964 due to merger of the North Illinois Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Conference of Illinois.

Title/Description	Instances	
Illinois Congregational Association Meeting Minutes, 1834-1858	box 2	volume 1
Illinois Congregational Association Meeting Minutes, 1859-1904	box 2	volume 2

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Illinois Conference records, 1844-2021

Physical Description: 5 Volumes

Physical Description: 243 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains the Conference's constitution, articles of faith, and meeting minutes. There are also two volumes of records from the Western Education Society of which the Congregational Conference of Illinois took part. The series also contains a folder of loose-leaf including constitutions, resolutions, programs, correspondence, financial records, and registrar records. The series contains records related to the conference's transition to the United Church of Christ, meeting minutes of committees and boards, newsletters, photographs, and files of communications with individual churches.

Conference records, 1844-2004

Physical Description: 5 Volumes

Physical Description: 25 Folders

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains records related to the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ and its predecessor organizations. The subseries includes legal documents, financial documents, communications, programatic files, conference publications, and other conference related records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Volume 1 of the Congregational Conference of Illinois records, 1844-1855	box 1	volume 1
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Congregational Conference of Illinois Records, 1924-1962	box 2	folder 1
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Miscellaneous financial records, 1930-1957	box 30	folder 17
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Church files, 1921-2021

Physical Description: 191 Folders

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains files which the conference held for individual churches. Most of the contents of these files are communications with the individual churches. The bulk of the material is from the 1960s in the time immediately preceding the conference's transition to the United Church of Christ and the moments shortly after that transition. Much of the communication in these files documents the situations of individual churches and their choices to join, or not join, the UCC. Communications in the files after the 1960s typically is related to a church's decision to leave the UCC. Files sometimes contain legal records and other building-related documents.

Arrangement

Materials in this series have been arranged in alphabetical order, by town name, to mimic the intended original order of these records.

Title/Description	Instances	
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Peoria: Parkview United Church of Christ, 1970-1975-2012	box 30	folder 38
Peoria Heights: Peoria Heights Congregational Church, 1962-2006	box 29	folder 40
Peotone: Immanuel United Church of Christ, 1964	box 29	folder 41
Peru: First Congregational Church, 1960-1976	box 29	folder 42
Pierson: Pierson United Church of Christ, 1989-1996	box 33	folder 13
Poplar Grove: Poplar Grove Federated Church, 1961-1963	box 29	folder 43
Port Byron: Port Byron Congregational Church, 1960-1976	box 29	folder 44
Princeton: Hampshire Colony Congregational Church, 1960-2005	box 29	folder 45
Princeville: Stark Congregational Church, 1961-2008	box 33	folder 14
Prospect Heights: Prospect Heights Community Church, 1947-2009	box 29	folder 46
Quincy: First Union Congregational Church, 1961-1971	box 29	folder 47
Roberts: United Church of Christ, 1960-1979	box 29	folder 48
Robinson: Bible Chapel Church, 1960-1984	box 29	folder 49
Robinson: Plymouth Congregational Christian Church, 1960-1973	box 29	folder 50
Rockford: Harrison Congregational Church, 1969	box 29	folder 51
Rockford: Riverside Community Congregational Church, 1960-1985	box 29	folder 52
Rockford: Spring Creek Congregational Church, 1957-1986	box 29	folder 53
Roscoe: First Congregational Community Church, 1962-2003	box 29	folder 54
Roseville: Church Building Society, 1955-1964	box 29	folder 55
St. Charles: Lily Lake Congregational Church, 1960-2004	box 29	folder 56
Sandwich: Sandwich Congregational Church, 1960-1970	box 29	folder 57
Somner: Bethlehem-Somner United Church of Christ, 1961, 1983	box 29	folder 58
South Holland: Thornbridge United Church of Christ, 1963-1995	box 29	folder 59
South Pekin: South Pekin Congregational Church, 1962	box 29	folder 60
Speer: First Congregational Church, 1965	box 29	folder 61

Springfield: First Congregational Church, 1971	box 29	folder 62
Springfield: Plymouth Congregational Church, 1960-2014	box 29	folder 63
Steger: First Congregational Church, 1962-2003	box 29	folder 64
Stillman Valley: Congregational Christian Church, 1960-1981	box 29	folder 65
Streamwood: Pilgrim Congregational Church, 1963-1969	box 29	folder 66
Streator: United Church of Christ, 1960-1969	box 29	folder 67
Summer Hill: Congregational Community Church at Summer Hill, 1961-1965	box 29	folder 68
Sumner: Sumner United Church of Christ, 1960-1981	box 29	folder 69
Table Grove: Table Grove Community Church, 1960-2001	box 29	folder 84
Table Grove: Table Grove Community UCC, 1981-2001	box 33	folder 15
Thawville: Congregational Church of Thawville, 1960-1969	box 29	folder 70
Tilton: United Church of Tilton, 1962-2000	box 29	folder 71
Tiskilwa: Providence Congregational Church, 1964-1967	box 29	folder 72
Toulon: First Congregational Church, 1960-1966	box 29	folder 73
Vernon Hills: Faith Community Church, 1978-2001	box 29	folder 74
Villa Ridge: Villa Ridge Union Church, 1960-1971	box 29	folder 75
Warsaw: Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 1964	box 29	folder 76
Wataga: Wataga Congregational Church, 1930-1980	box 29	folder 77
Waverly: First Congregational Church, 1966-2007	box 29	folder 78
West Chicago: First Congregational Church, 1960-2019	box 33	folder 16
West Chicago: St. Michael's Church, 1998-2015	box 33	folder 17
Westville: Trinity United Church of Christ, 1960-1991	box 29	folder 79
Willow Hill: Pleasant Valley Church, 1965	box 29	folder 80
Winneteka: Winnetka Congregational Church, 1960-1964	box 29	folder 81
Woodstock: Congregational Unitarian Church, 1954-2000	box 29	folder 82
Miscellaneous church communications, 1962-1966	box 29	folder 83
Church removals, 2004-2008	box 30	folder 37

Photographs, 1922-1999

Physical Description: 9 Folders

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains photographs of people, places, and events which were kept by the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ and its predecessor organizations.

Title/Description	Instances	
Historic photographs, 1922-1951	box 31	folder 10
Tower Hill Camp photographs, circa 1924-1947	box 31	folder 11
Local church photographs, 1940-1989, undated	box 31	folder 12
Grants, New Mexico, hospital mission site photographs, circa 1946-1953	box 31	folder 13
Annual meeting photographs, 1957	box 31	folder 14
Annual meeting photographs, 1959	box 31	folder 15
Press photographs, 1965, 1999	box 31	folder 16
Pilgrim Park photographs, circa 1979	box 31	folder 17
Miscellaneous photographs, undated	box 31	folder 18

Board and committee records, 1953-1995

Physical Description: 11 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains minutes of meetings from the board of directors of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ and its predecessor organizations as well as minutes and records from various committees and boards.

Title/Description	Instances	
Finance and budget committee, 1953-1963	box 30	folder 1
Conference budgets, 1954-1959	box 30	folder 2
Executive committee minutes, 1954-1957	box 30	folder 3
Board of trustees minutes, 1955-1959	box 30	folder 4
Board of directors minutes, 1955-1964	box 30	folder 5
Conference committee and board minutes and reports, 1957	box 30	folder 6
Camp properties committee minutes, 1957, 1959	box 30	folder 7
Executive committee meeting, 1958-1963	box 30	folder 8
Interim board of directors minutes, 1964	box 30	folder 9
Bicentennial committee records, 1975-1976	box 30	folder 10
Guatemalan relief ministries task force records, 1987-1995	box 30	folder 11

Newsletters, 1953-2005

Physical Description: 7 Folders

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains newsletters and other newsprint which were published by the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ and its predecessor organizations.

Title/Description	Instances	
Illinois Conference News, 1953-1964	box 31	folder 3
Fellowship News, 1955-1957	box 31	folder 4
Expanding Horizons newsletter, 1968-1971	box 31	folder 5
Illinois Focus newsletter, 1978-1985	box 31	folder 6
East-West Connector, 1999	box 31	folder 7
Illinois Focus Update newsletter, 1979-1982	box 31	folder 8
United Church News Illinois Conference sections, 1990, 2005	box 31	folder 9

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Geneseo Association Records, 1851-1867

Physical Description: 1 Volume

Biographical / Historical

The Geneseo Association was formed in 1851 from churches that broke off from the Rock River Association, which was established in 1838. In 1868 the Geneseo Association merged with the Northwestern Association to create a new Rock River Association.

Scope and Contents

This series contains one volume of records including the association's constitution and meeting minutes.

Title/Description	Instances	
Geneseo Association Records, 1851-1867	box 3	volume 3

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Southern Association Records, 1851-1906

Physical Description: 3 Volumes

Biographical / Historical

The Morgan Association was established in 1851 and renamed the Southern Association in 1858.

Scope and Contents

This series contains three volumes of records including meeting minutes, councils' meeting minutes, the association's constitution, articles of faith, by laws, and registrar records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Southern Association Records, 1851-1881	box 5	volume 2
Southern Association Councils' Meeting Minutes, 1864-1906	box 14	volume 1
Southern Association Records, 1882-1905	box 14	volume 2

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Elgin Association Records, 1852-1945

Physical Description: 6 Volumes

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Biographical / Historical

The Elgin Association was formed in 1851 from 16 of the 45 churches that made up the Fox River Association. In 1926 the Elgin Association merged with the Rockford Association to create the Northern Association.

Scope and Contents

This series contains four volumes of the records including the association's constitution, meeting minutes, registrar records, ministerial membership records, ordination council reports, licentiate records, treasury records. This series also includes a volume of statistic records and a volume of the treasurer's records. The folder includes program meetings and ministerial transfer records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Elgin Association Records, 1907-1920	box 4	folder 1
Elgin Association Records Book A, 1852-1864	box 4	volume 1
Elgin Association Records Book B, 1875-1899	box 4	volume 2
Elgin Association Records Book C, 1900-1921	box 4	volume 3
Elgin Association Statistic Records, 1900-1919	box 4	volume 4
Elgin Association Treasurer's Records, 1903-1920	box 4	volume 5
Elgin Association Book D, 1921-1945	box 5	volume 1

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Chicago Congregational Association Records, 1852-1967

Physical Description: 22 Volumes

Physical Description: 6 Folders

Biographical / Historical

The Chicago Congregational Association was established in 1853 and dissolved during the 1964 merger of the North Illinois Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Conference of Illinois.

Scope and Contents

This series contains 22 volumes of records including meeting programs, treasurer's records, committee records, per capita records, individual church accounts, advisory board records, registrar records, church expense records, Kirk's Map of Chicago Suburbs, the association's constitution, articles of faith, roll of ministers, and meeting minutes. This series also contains five folders of records including programs, meeting minutes, and care association records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Chicago Congregational Association Programs, 1915-1942	box 7	volume 1
Chicago Congregational Association Constitutions and Programs, 1908-1941	box 8	folder 1
Chicago Congregational Association Care Association, 1950-1954	box 8	folder 2
Chicago Congregational Association Care Association, 1951-1954	box 8	folder 3
Chicago Congregational Association Care Association, 1950-1954	box 8	folder 4
Chicago Congregational Association Meeting Minutes, 1955-1967	box 8	folder 5
Chicago Congregational Association Treasurer's Account, 1913-1931	box 9	volume 1
Chicago Congregational Association Officer and Committee Records, 1917-1932	box 9	volume 2
Chicago Congregational Association Programs, 1920-1947	box 9	volume 3
Chicago Congregational Association Accounts of Treasurer, 1942-1952	box 9	volume 4
Chicago Congregational Association Church Per Capita Records, 1952-1962	box 9	volume 5
Chicago Congregational Association Accounts of Individual Churches, 1942-1952	box 9	volume 6
Chicago Congregational Association Advisory Board Minutes, 1910-1930	box 10	volume 1
Chicago Congregational Association Meeting Minutes, 1947-1953	box 10	volume 2
Chicago Congregational Association Advisory Board Minutes, 1947-1964	box 10	volume 3

Chicago Congregational Association Meeting Programs, 1882-1917	box 11	volume 1
Chicago Congregational Association Church Expenses, 1892-1901	box 11	volume 2
Kirk's Map of Chicago Suburbs, 1935	box 11	volume 3
Chicago Congregational Association Financial Records, 1952-1963	box 11	volume 4
Chicago Congregational Association Meeting Minutes, 1954-1964	box 11	volume 5
Chicago Congregational Association Records, 1852-1879	box 12	volume 1
Chicago Congregational Association Records, 1852-1895	box 12	volume 2
Chicago Congregational Association Registrar Records, 1895-1925	box 12	volume 3
Chicago Congregational Association Roll of Ministers, 1910-1964	box 13	volume 1
Chicago Congregational Association Advisory Board Minutes, 1930-1949	box 13	volume 2
Chicago Congregational Association Advisory Board Minutes, 1926-1946	box 13	volume 3
Chicago Congregational Association Financial Records, 1963	box 13	volume 4
Chicago Pilgrim Association records, 1941-1948	box 30	folder 35

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The Bureau Association, 1857-1926

Physical Description: 7 Volumes

Biographical / Historical

The Bureau Association was formed in 1857 from a group of churches that broke off from the Central Association, which was established in 1844. In 1926 the Bureau Association merged with the Rock River Association to create the Bureau-Rock River Association.

Scope and Contents

This series contains seven volumes of records including programs, association history, the association's constitution, meeting minutes, advisory committee records, and registrar records. On page 291 of Volume 5, the merger between the Bureau and Rock River Associations is discussed.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bureau Association Records Volume 1, 1857-1876	box 6	volume 1
Bureau Association Records Volume 2, 1876-1887	box 6	volume 2

Bureau Association Records Volume 3, 1889-1897	box 6	volume 3
Bureau Association Records Volume 4, 1898-1907	box 6	volume 4
Bureau Association Records Volume 5, 1907-1926	box 6	volume 5
Bureau Association Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, 1911-1925	box 6	volume 6
Bureau Association Registrar Records, 1916-1924	box 6	volume 7

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Northwestern Association Records, 1861-1884

Physical Description: 1 Volume

Biographical / Historical

The Northwestern Association was formed in 1861 by a group of churches that broke off the Geneseo Association as well as newly established churches. In 1868 the Geneseo Association and the Northwestern Association merged to form the new Rock River Association.

Scope and Contents

This series contains one volume of records including the association's constitution, articles of faith, and meeting minutes. On page 122 of the volume the merger with Geneseo is discussed. From page 125 onward, the Association is referred to as the Rock River Association.

Title/Description	Instances	
Northwestern Association Records , 1861-1884	box 15	volume 3

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Central East Association Records, 1861-1926

Physical Description: 3 Volumes (1 box)

Biographical / Historical

The Central East Association was formed from a group of churches that broke apart from the Central Association. The Central East Association also integrated a few churches originally in the Chicago Congregational Association.

Scope and Contents

This series contains two volumes of records including the association's constitution, articles of faith, by laws, meeting minutes, and registrar records. This series contains a folder of meeting programs. The first volume dated 1861-1887 includes a pasted in letter from Reverend Riggs, who was appointed by the Congregational Conference of Illinois in 1866 to form a committee to progress the Central East Association's efforts to promote temperance. The letter discusses these efforts. The second volume dated

1887-1926 includes a pasted in report from April of 1918 from the Committee of Resolutions discussing the Association's support of President Wilson's 1918 State of the War address given in Baltimore.

Title/Description	Instances	
Central East Association Programs, 1909	box 15	folder 1
Central East Association Records, 1861-1887	box 15	volume 1
Central East Association Records, 1887-1926	box 15	volume 2

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Rock River Association Records, 1872-1925

Physical Description: 3 Cubic Feet

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Biographical / Historical

The first Rock River Association was established in 1838 but disbanded ten years later. The Geneseo and Rockford Associations were both formed from churches originally in the Rock River Association. The second Rock River Association was formed in 1868 by the merger of the Geneseo and Northwestern Associations.

Scope and Contents

This series contains three volumes of records including the association's constitution, bylaws, articles of faith, resolutions, registrar records, and meeting minutes. This series contains four folders of records. Note that there are no records from the original Rock River Association, founded in 1838, in this series due to custodial history.

Title/Description	Instances	
Rock River Association Records, 1884-1898	box 22	volume 1
Rock River Association Constitution, Bylaws, Advisory Committee Records, 1911-1917	box 22	folder 1
Rock River Association Correspondence, 1891-1919	box 22	folder 2
Rock River Association Letters of Dismissal, 1872-1923	box 22	folder 3
Rock River Association Letters of Transfer, 1876-1919	box 22	folder 4
Rock River Association Records, 1898-1916	box 23	volume 1
Rock River Association Records, 1917-1925	box 23	volume 2

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Rockford Association Records, 1872-1926

Physical Description: 1 Volume

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Biographical / Historical

Originally called the Winnebago and Ogle Association during the planning stages before official establishment, The Rockford Association was formed in 1848 by a group of churches that broke off from the Rock River Association, which was established in 1838. In 1926 the Rockford Association merged with the Elgin Association to form the Northern Association.

Scope and Contents

This series contains one volume of records including the association's constitution, registrar records, and meeting minutes. The series also contains one folder of records including a meeting program, a church member list, and an amendment to the constitution.

Title/Description	Instances	
Rockford Association Records, 1885-1920	box 3	volume 2
Rockford Association Records, 1924-1926	box 3	folder 2

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Fox River Association Meeting Minutes, 1872-1927

Physical Description: 2 Volumes

Biographical / Historical

The Fox River Association was established in 1835 and dissolved during the 1964 merger of the North Illinois Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Conference of Illinois.

Scope and Contents

This series contains one volume of meeting minutes. Note that there are no records from the beginning years of the Fox River Association due to custodial history.

Title/Description	Instances	
Fox River Association records, 1846-1872	box 32	volume 1
Fox River Association Meeting Minutes, 1872-1927	box 2	volume 3

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Illinois Christian Conference Records, 1884-1931

Physical Description: 1 Volume

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Biographical / Historical

The Illinois Christian Conference was established in 1931. It was renamed the Fairfield Congregational Christian Association in 1933.

Scope and Contents

This series contains one volume of records including the association's constitution, articles of faith, certificate of incorporation, meeting minutes, financial records, and ministerial membership records. This series contains one folder of records including programs, correspondence, and financial records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Illinois State Christian Conference Records, 1908-1931	box 24	folder 1
Illinois State Christian Conference Records, 1884-1924	box 24	volume 1

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Central Association Records, 1885-1942

Physical Description: 1 Volume

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Biographical / Historical

The Central Association was established in 1844 and merged with the Central Christian Conference in 1931 to form the Central Congregational Christian Association.

Scope and Contents

This series contains one volume of records including meeting minutes, the association's constitution, bylaws, articles of faith, and registrar records. The series also contains one folder of obituary records. Note that there are no records from the beginning years of the Central Association.

Title/Description	Instances	
Central Association Records, 1834-1858	box 3	volume 1
Central Association Obituary Records, 1942	box 3	folder 1

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Springfield Association Records, 1885-1963

Physical Description: 8 Volumes

Physical Description: 5 Folders

Biographical / Historical

The Springfield Association was established in 1885 and dissolved due to the 1964 merger of the North Illinois Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Conference of Illinois.

Scope and Contents

This series contains eight volumes of records including financial records, reports of the Women's Mission Society, the association's constitution, articles of faith, registrar records, meeting minutes, council meeting minutes. This series includes five folders of records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Springfield Association Meeting Programs, 1887-1930	box 21	folder 1
Springfield Association Correspondence, Constitutions, Speech Transcript of "The Challenge of the War to the Church", 1888-1919	box 21	folder 2
Springfield Association Correspondence, 1918-1921	box 21	folder 3
Springfield Association Correspondence, Letters of Transfer, Programs, Meeting Minutes, 1893-1942	box 21	folder 4
Springfield Association Records Letters of Dismissal, Meeting Minutes, Programs, Missionary Activity Report, 1891-1963	box 21	folder 5
Springfield Association Financial Records, 1918-1921	box 21	volume 1
Springfield Association Reports of Women's Missionary Society, 1885-1895	box 21	volume 2
Springfield Association Records, 1885-1902	box 21	volume 3
Springfield Association Records, 1909-1917	box 21	volume 4
Springfield Association Registrar Records, 1914-1922	box 21	volume 5
Springfield Association Council Meeting Minutes, 1885-1899	box 23	volume 3
Springfield Association Meeting Minutes, 1900-1918	box 23	volume 4
Springfield Association Meeting Minutes, 1919-1930	box 23	volume 5

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Northern Association Records, 1911-1965

Physical Description: 4 Volumes

Physical Description: 17 Folders

Biographical / Historical

The Northern Association was established in 1926 by the merger of the Rockford and Elgin Associations. In 1931 the Northern Association absorbed the Northern Christian Conference. The Northern Association dissolved in the 1964 merger of the North Illinois Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Conference of Illinois.

Scope and Contents

This series contains four volumes of records including advisory board meeting minutes, certificate of incorporation, and committee meeting minutes. This series also contains 17 folders of records. Folder 2 of Box 26 includes meeting minutes discussing the merger between the Elgin and Rockford Associations.

Arrangement

The records in folders 3 and 4 in box 26 have been kept together in order to preserve their original order. The records include meeting minutes, ministerial transfer records, and programs.

Title/Description	Instances	
Northern Association Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, 1945-1952	box 24	volume 2
Northern Association Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, 1952-1956	box 24	volume 3
Northern Association Meeting Minutes, Articles of Incorporation, 1961-1964	box 24	volume 4
Northern Association Resolutions, Committee Meeting Minutes, 1957-1961	box 24	volume 5
Northern Association Correspondence, 1911-1942	box 25	folder 1
Northern Association Programs and Records, 1925-1960	box 25	folder 2
Northern Association Transfer of Ministerial Membership Records, 1925-1948	box 25	folder 3
Northern Association Meeting Programs, 1925-1961	box 25	folder 4
Northern Association Licentiate Records, 1940-1943	box 25	folder 5
Northern Association Ecclesiastical Council Records, 1929-1940	box 25	folder 6
Northern Association Service of Installation Programs and Records, 1910-1961	box 25	folder 7
Northern Association Constitutions, 1954	box 25	folder 8
Northern Association Constitutions and Bylaws, 1963-1964	box 25	folder 9
Northern Association General Council Report, 1956	box 26	folder 1
Northern Association Meeting Minutes, 1926-1934	box 26	folder 2
Northern Association Records, 1931-1944	box 26	folder 3
Northern Association Records, 1945-1953	box 26	folder 4
Northern Association Meeting Minutes, 1954-1963	box 26	folder 5
Northern Association Financial Records, 1954-1961	box 26	folder 6
Northern Association Programs, 1955-1962	box 26	folder 7
Northern Association Correspondence, 1957-1965	box 26	folder 8

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Aurora Association Records, 1938-1965

Physical Description: 13 Volumes

Biographical / Historical

The Aurora Association was established in 1867 and dissolved in the 1964 merger of the North Illinois Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Conference of Illinois.

Scope and Contents

This series contains 3 volumes of records including the association's constitution, statement of church polity, declaration of faith, meeting minutes, association narrative, correspondence, financial records, and programs. This series also contains 23 folders of records. Note that this series does not include records from the beginning years of the association.

Title/Description	Instances	
Aurora Association Records, 1867-1937	box 17	volume 1
Aurora Association Records, 1938-1961	box 17	volume 2
Aurora Association Records, 1961-1964	box 17	volume 3
Aurora Association Certificate of Incorporation, 1964	box 18	volume 1
Aurora Association Constitutions, 1960-1963	box 18	volume 2
Aurora Association History, 1964	box 18	volume 3
Aurora Association Resolutions to Incorporation, 1961-1964	box 18	volume 4
Aurora Association Annual Reports and Minutes, 1960-1964	box 18	volume 5
Aurora Association Correspondence, 1960-1962	box 18	volume 6
Aurora Association Correspondence, 1962-1965	box 18	volume 7
Aurora Association Registrar Records, 1958-1964	box 18	volume 8
Aurora Association Officer Records, 1959-1963	box 18	volume 9
Aurora Association Committee Records, 1961-1963	box 18	volume 10
Aurora Association Annuity Fund Records, 1962-1963	box 18	folder 11
Aurora Association Ministerial Records, 1960-1964	box 18	folder 12
Aurora Association Special Meetings Minutes, 1959-1963	box 18	folder 13
Aurora Ordination and Meeting Minutes, 1959-1963	box 18	folder 14
Aurora Association Meeting Programs, 1938-1954	box 19	folder 1
Aurora Association Financial Reports, 1942-1957	box 19	folder 2
Aurora Association Correspondence, 1942-1955	box 19	folder 3

Aurora Association Transfer Records, 1943-1955	box 19	folder 4
Aurora Association Constitutions and History, 1953-1964	box 19	folder 5
Aurora Association Executive Committee Records, 1941-1944	box 19	folder 6
Aurora Association Ordination Records, 1940-1945	box 19	folder 7
Aurora Association Delegate and Ministerial Fellowship Records, 1943-1949	box 19	folder 8
Aurora Association Merger with Evangelical and Reformed Church Records, 1948-1955	box 19	folder 9

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Bureau-Rock River Association Records, 1950-1964

Physical Description: 18 Folders

Biographical / Historical

The Bureau-Rock River Association was established in 1926 by the merger of the Bureau and the Rock River Associations. The Bureau-Rock River Association dissolved in the 1964 merger of the North Illinois Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Conference of Illinois.

Scope and Contents

This series contains 17 folders of records.

Arrangement

The records in folder 3 in box 16 have been kept together in order to preserve the intentional original order of these materials.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bureau-Rock River Association Constitutions, 1908-1940	box 16	folder 1
Bureau-Rock River Association Photographs, 1921-1940	box 16	folder 2
Bureau-Rock River Association Records, 1926-1958	box 16	folder 3
Bureau-Rock River Association records, 1954-1956	box 31	folder 1
Bureau-Rock River Association Letters of Transfer, 1949-1955	box 16	folder 4
Bureau-Rock River Association Advisory Board Minutes, 1948-1962	box 16	folder 5
Bureau-Rock River Association Ordination and Installation, 1949-1963	box 16	folder 6
Bureau-Rock River Association Financial Records, 1959-1964	box 20	folder 1

Bureau-Rock River Association Correspondence, 1959-1964	box 20	folder 2
Bureau-Rock River Association Correspondence, 1961-1964	box 20	folder 3
Bureau-Rock River Association Transfer Records, 1956-1964	box 20	folder 4
Bureau-Rock River Association Advisory Board Records, 1960-1963	box 20	folder 5
Bureau-Rock River Association Ordination Records for United Church of Christ, 1961-1962	box 20	folder 6
Bureau-Rock River Association Certificate of Incorporation, 1964	box 20	folder 7
Bureau-Rock River Association Financial Records, 1950-1955	box 27	folder 1
Bureau-Rock River Association Correspondence, 1955-1963	box 27	folder 2
Bureau-Rock River Association Care Association, 1957-1959	box 27	folder 3
Bureau-Rock River Association Meeting Minutes, 1955-1964	box 27	folder 4

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Fairfield Association records, 1953-1971

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

This series contains a single folder of records related to the Fairfield Association.

Title/Description	Instances	
Fairfield Association records, 1953-1971	box 30	folder 36

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Prairie Association records, 1995

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

This series contains a single folder of materials related to the formation of the Lovejoy Society.

Title/Description	Instances	
Lovejoy society formation (Prairie Association), 1995	box 31	folder 2

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