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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
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Abstract:	<p>The Metropolitan Association of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ formed from the renaming of the New York City Congregational Church Association in 1963. The latter formed from the merger of the Congregational Church Extension Society of New York City and Brooklyn, which began 1892 to support and establish NYC churches, and the New York City Congregational Church Association, which succeeded the Manhattan-Brooklyn Conference in 1910. The Metropolitan Association and its predecessors aided their member churches and clergy by providing advice, financial assistance, licensure, building ownership, and other support as needed by the very diverse congregations and communities in NYC. This collection includes records related to or created by the Metropolitan Association and its predecessors with the majority concerning the member churches of the association. The records include correspondence, financial records, legal records, property records, reports, photographs, directories, histories, constitutions, and other documents from or for the association.</p>

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Historical Note

The Metropolitan Association of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ was formed from a series of mergers and name changes of congregational associations in New York City with the current association beginning in 1963. In 1841, the Manhattan Congregational Association was formed, and meetings were held until 1846 when they decided to form a new association. In 1847, the Manhattan Association was dissolved, and the Congregational Association of New York and Brooklyn was formed with the latter eventually changing its name to the New York and Brooklyn Association of Congregational Churches. The New York and Brooklyn Association merged with the Manhattan Conference in 1895 to become the Manhattan-Brooklyn Conference which was succeeded by the New York City Congregational Church Association in 1910. The New York City Congregational Church Association was then incorporated January 16, 1922, before it consolidated with the Congregational Church Extension Society of New York City and Brooklyn on April 15, 1924 as the New York City Congregational Church Association. The Congregational Church Extension Society of New York City and Brooklyn began October 1892 to support and establish churches in New York and Brooklyn and the surrounding areas before it merged with the New York City Congregational Church Association. On November 26th, 1963, the New York City Congregational Church Association renamed itself as the Metropolitan Association of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Throughout its history, the Metropolitan Association and its predecessors supported and advised New York City's churches, licensed and supported congregational ministers, provided financial assistance, and attended significant church events. The association also owned various properties when churches were unable to do so themselves along with the Deer Hill Conference Center which was used for church and ministerial retreats. Many of the church properties were sold either to the church when possible or on the market when the conference could no longer sustain them, with the Deer Hill property being sold in 1989. Due to the historical role and population makeup of New York City, the association and its member churches witnessed and were involved in various social movements and significant events, and they ministered to and dealt with very ethnically and racially diverse congregations and communities. Unfortunately, as church memberships and finances changed or declined over time, many churches closed or merged with other congregations while others joined other denominations or unaffiliated themselves from the Metropolitan Association for various reasons, but there were also new churches formed and affiliated with the association as it entered the twenty-first century.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains records relating to and created by the Metropolitan Association of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ and its predecessor associations with the majority of the records related to the member churches of the association. The records include communications with or about the member churches or personnel connected to the churches and association, legal concerns and documents involving the association or the member churches, materials from the administration of the association, and other records sent to or created by the association. The collection includes correspondence, reports, histories, legal documents, financial statements, photographs, directories, minutes, constitutions, by-laws, aid applications, mortgages, building plans, and other documents.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series with one series for association specific records and one for records relating to the churches within the association. The church records series is further arranged into seven subseries based on the regions or counties within the Metropolitan Association. Series 1: Association records is arranged chronologically by start date while Series 2: Church records is arranged alphabetically.

Series 1: Association records, 1931-2019

Series 2: Church records, 1850-2025

Subseries 1: Bronx, 1903-2020

Subseries 2: Brooklyn/Staten Island, 1883-2025

Subseries 3: Manhattan, 1850-2018

Subseries 4: Nassau, 1926-2025

Subseries 5: Queens, 1928-2024

Subseries 6: Suffolk, 1994-2006

Subseries 7: Westchester, 1908-2025

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Acquisition Information

Materials were donated to the Congregational Library & Archives by the Metropolitan Association of the New York Conference, United Church of Christ in April 2026; accession number 2026-15.

Processing Information

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

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Additional records may be held by individual church archives such as those at Plymouth Church and the Riverside Church Archives. Records relating to the East Harlem Protestant Parish and the churches involved can be found in the [East Harlem Protestant Parish records, 1942 -- 2007](#) collection at the Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church records and registers.
 - Church correspondence.
 - Clergy -- Correspondence.
 - Church finance.
 - Church buildings.
 - Church and social problems.
 - Photographs.
 - Legal documents.
 - Corporation reports -- Religious aspects.
 - Church management.
 - Metropolitan Association New York Conference United Church of Christ
 - Congregational Church Extension Society of New York and Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.)
 - New York City Congregational Church Association
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Content Warning

This collection includes content and language that may be upsetting or triggering. These records reflect the language and attitudes of the historical period in which they were created; many of these terms are unacceptable today. The Congregational Library & Archives works to preserve Congregational history and stories while acknowledging that sometimes that history is problematic or questionable. We do this to preserve, contextualize, and reflect on the past so that we may learn from it.

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Collection Inventory

Association records, 1931-2019

Scope and Contents

This series contains records related to the Metropolitan Association and its administration including correspondence, photographs, directories, property records, by-laws, financial records, minutes, and other documents.

Title/Description	Instances	
Association directory, undated	box 4	folder 31
Church building photos, undated	box 7	folder 5
Miscellaneous photos, undated	box 4	folder 32
Miscellaneous church records, 1914-2017	box 4	folder 47
"Fragments of history", 1931-1981	box 4	folder 33
Deer Hill financial reports, correspondence, and records, 1958-1966	box 4	folder 50
Deer Hill conference center records and sale, 1959-1989	box 4	folder 34
Correspondence, 1960-2012	box 4	folder 44
By-laws, 1963-1991	box 4	folder 35
Deer Hill development program and photos, 1965	box 4	folder 49
Wall Street ministry records, 1966-1970	box 4	folder 36
Tax and financial records, 1966-2018	box 4	folder 37
Miscellaneous records, 1976-2011	box 4	folder 45
Board members and deans, 1995-2019	box 4	folder 38
Ordination and ministerial standing committee, 1996-2009	box 4	folder 40
Miscellaneous photos, 2001-2003	box 4	folder 39
International day of prayer and Herman Mendoza, 2005-2007	box 4	folder 46
Boundary awareness training, 2008-2013	box 4	folder 41
Board of directors, 2009-2011	box 4	folder 42
Association directory, 2018	box 4	folder 43

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Church records, 1850-2025

Scope and Contents

This series contains records relating to the churches within the Metropolitan Association including correspondence, financial and property records, minister records, directories, reports, histories, newsletters, legal documents, photographs, constitutions and by-laws, minutes, newspapers, and other documents.

Bronx, 1903-2020

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains records relating to member churches located in the borough of Bronx, NY.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bedford Park records, 1906-2001	box 1	folder 1
Bronx Spanish Evangelical financial records and reports, 1956-1997	box 1	folder 2
Bronx Spanish Evangelical minister records, 1963-1995	box 1	folder 3
Bronx Spanish Evangelical records and correspondence, 1956-2013	box 1	folder 4
Christ Church Bronx lawsuit and records, 2017-2018	box 1	folder 5
Edgehill church and minister records, 1939-1997	box 1	folder 6
Edgehill financial records and reports, 1940-2001	box 1	folder 7
Edgehill newspapers, 1962-1998	box 1	folder 8
First of Morrisania records, 1905-2018	box 1	folder 9
Grace UCC church and financial records, 1998-2001	box 1	folder 10
North New York building and financial records, 1903-2020	box 1	folder 11
North New York minister records, 1953-2019	box 1	folder 12
North New York records, 1959-2020	box 1	folder 13
North New York reports, 1958-1982	box 1	folder 14
Pilgrim UCC Bronx building and financial records, 1961-2017	box 5	folder 1-2
Pilgrim UCC Bronx records, 1966-2010	box 5	folder 3
Revival Christian church and financial records, 1976-2012	box 1	folder 15

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran church and minister records, 1943-2006	box 1	folder 16
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran financial records, 1985-1997	box 5	folder 4
Swedish Finnish Bethlehem records, 1906-1915	box 1	folder 17

Brooklyn/Staten Island, 1883-2025

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains records relating to member churches located in the boroughs of Brooklyn, NY and Staten Island, NY.

Title/Description	Instances	
Abundant Life association affiliation, 2017	box 1	folder 18
All Souls Bethlehem financial and minister records, 1966-2018	box 1	folder 19
All Souls Bethlehem records and mergers, 1965-1997	box 5	folder 5
Church of Lord building, financial, and church records, 1977-2018	box 5	folder 6
Church of Lord photos, undated	box 1	folder 20
Church of Lord records and correspondence, 1977-2018	box 1	folder 21
Church of the Evangel financial and building records, 1907-2018	box 5	folder 7-8
Church of the Evangel minister records, 1960-2003	box 1	folder 22
Church of the Evangel records and correspondence, 1907-2012	box 5	folder 9
Church of the Evangel reports, 1959-1971	box 5	folder 10
Hyde Park minister records, 1954-1997	box 1	folder 23
Hyde Park ministerial behavior, 1997	box 1	folder 24
Hyde Park records, 1938-1997	box 1	folder 25
Immanuel Union church and minister records, 1961-2008	box 1	folder 26
Nazarene church and minister records, 1883-2008	box 5	folder 11
Nazarene financial records and correspondence, 1902-2018	box 5	folder 12
Nazarene reports, 1958-1996	box 5	folder 13
Plymouth church and minister records, 1951-2004	box 1	folder 27
Plymouth correspondence and financial records, 1950-2006	box 1	folder 28

Rockaway Avenue financial and property records, 1943-1959	box 5	folder 14
Sacred Fellowship records and affiliation, 2014-2025	box 1	folder 29
South Congregational correspondence and financial records, 1924-1999	box 1	folder 30
South Congregational minister records, 1911-1989	box 1	folder 31
South Congregational records, 1936-1993	box 1	folder 32
South Congregational reports, 1944-1968	box 1	folder 33
St. Luke's association dissolution, 1978-1996	box 1	folder 34
St. Luke's of Brownsville financial records, 1943-2012	box 5	folder 15
St. Luke's of Brownsville governing documents, 1959-2010	box 5	folder 16
St. Luke's of Brownsville minister records, 1965-2008	box 1	folder 35
St. Luke's of Brownsville Osborn Street property dispute, 1994-2009	box 2	folder 1
St. Luke's of Brownsville property and financial records, 1956-2012	box 2	folder 2-3
St. Luke's of Brownsville records, 1959-2012	box 2	folder 4
St. Luke's of Brownsville reports, 1943-1974	box 2	folder 5
St. Luke's of Brownsville vs Autar injury lawsuit, 2006-2008	box 2	folder 6

Manhattan, 1850-2018

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains records relating to member churches located in the borough of Manhattan, NY.

Title/Description	Instances	
Broadway UCC records, 2006-2012	box 4	folder 48
Camp Memorial church property correspondence, 1925	box 2	folder 7
Chinese Community church records, 1969-1995	box 2	folder 8
Church of Resurrection and East Harlem Parish records, 1959-1996	box 5	folder 17
Church of Resurrection minister records, 1965-1990	box 2	folder 9
Church of the Living Lord records, 1969-1995	box 2	folder 10
Finnish Evangelical ecclesiastical council, 1902-1911	box 2	folder 11
Galilee Congregational church records, 1940-1976	box 2	folder 12

Grace Congregational and George Bundy Smith, 1991-1993	box 2	folder 13
Grace Congregational church and financial records, 2000-2011	box 2	folder 14
Grace Congregational financial and minister records and lawsuit, 2009-2010	box 2	folder 15
Judson Memorial church and financial records, 1952-2018	box 5	folder 18
King of Kings' proposal, 1978-1980	box 2	folder 16
Park Avenue Christian records, 1850, 1992-2018	box 2	folder 17
Rauschenbusch Memorial correspondence and records, 1982-1995	box 2	folder 18
Rivers of Living Water church records, 2011-2017	box 2	folder 19
Riverside and NY metro association, 1952-1996	box 2	folder 20
Riverside financial records, 1963-2018	box 2	folder 21
Riverside minister records and Fosdick convocation, 1964-2001	box 2	folder 22
Riverside records and correspondence, 1953-2009	box 2	folder 23
San Romero affiliation packet, 2003	box 2	folder 24
San Romero founding, affiliation, and records, 1999-2013	box 2	folder 25
Union Congregational Manhattan financial and building records, 1926-2018	box 5	folder 19
Union Congregational Manhattan records, 1933-2017	box 2	folder 26
United West Side Parish records, 1958-1977	box 5	folder 20

Nassau, 1926-2025

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains record relating to member churches located in Nassau County, NY.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bethany church and minister records, 1951-2018	box 2	folder 27
Community Church of Syosset correspondence and financial records, 1963-2020	box 2	folder 28
Community Church of Syosset minister and Nassau clergy records, 1962-2020	box 2	folder 29
Community Church of Syosset records, 1961-2018	box 2	folder 30
CSI Jubilee Memorial records and affiliation, 1996-2025	box 2	folder 31
CSI Malayalam of Greater NY affiliation, 1991-1997, 2025	box 2	folder 32

CSI Malayalam of Greater NY records, 1997-2014	box 2	folder 33
Garden City minister records, 1961-1997	box 2	folder 34
Garden City records, 1950-2019	box 6	folder 1
Manhasset church and minister records, 1982-1994	box 2	folder 35
Manhasset correspondence and financial records, 1980-2018	box 2	folder 36
New Hyde Park records and closing, 2002-2008	box 2	folder 37
Rockville Centre minister concerns and affiliation, 1995-1997	box 2	folder 38
Rockville Centre photos , undated	box 3	folder 1
Rockville Centre records, 1926, 1973-2005	box 6	folder 2
South Hempstead financial and building records, 1947-2014	box 6	folder 3-4
South Hempstead records, 1953-2015	box 3	folder 2
South Hempstead situational support and records, 1995-2017	box 3	folder 3-4
Westbury minister records, 1967-2011	box 3	folder 5
Westbury records, 1964-2000	box 3	folder 6

Queens, 1928-2024

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains records relating to member churches located in the borough of Queens, NY.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bowne Street minister and governing board records, 1995-2015	box 3	folder 7
Bowne Street records, 1941-2017	box 3	folder 8
Christ Congregational church and minister records, 1981-2014	box 3	folder 9
Christhava Tamil Koil building and financial records, 1957-2018	box 3	folder 10-11
Christhava Tamil Koil minister records, 1991-2019	box 3	folder 12
Christhava Tamil Koil records, 1985-2018	box 3	folder 13
Church in the Gardens records and reports, 1983-2020	box 3	folder 14
Community Church of Elmhurst disbandment, 2002-2003	box 6	folder 5
Community Church of Elmhurst governing and property records, 1940-1966	box 6	folder 6

Corona financial and building records, 1928-2018	box 6	folder 7
Corona minister records and concerns, 1948-2008	box 3	folder 15
Corona ministerial concerns, 1988-1993	box 3	folder 16-17
Corona records and correspondence, 1953-2016	box 6	folder 8
Corona reports, 1995-1997	box 3	folder 18
Emanuel records, 1984-2018	box 3	folder 19
Filipino American records, 1991-2014	box 6	folder 9
First of Rockaway Beach minister and trustees records, 1962-2006	box 3	folder 20
First of Rockaway Beach records, 1940-2018	box 6	folder 10
Hollis Avenue church and minister records, 1980-2007	box 3	folder 21
Hollis Woods affiliation, ministers, and records, 1969-2010	box 3	folder 22
Iglesia Cristiana la Palabra records, 1994-2012	box 3	folder 23
Lemuel Haynes correspondence and records, 1960-2017	box 3	folder 24
Lemuel Haynes financial and building records, 1955-2018	box 7	folder 1
Lemuel Haynes minister records and personnel concerns, 1959-2017	box 3	folder 25
New York Yeram affiliation, 2008-2011	box 3	folder 26
Pilgrim Congregational Richmond Hill records, 1980-2018	box 3	folder 27
Safe Haven records, 1996-2019	box 3	folder 28
St. Albans minister records, 1986-2019	box 3	folder 29
St. Albans photos, undated	box 4	folder 1
St. Albans property and financial records and correspondence, 1957-2024	box 7	folder 2
St. Albans records, 1955-2018	box 4	folder 2
St. Marks church and minister records, 1973-2018	box 4	folder 3
Union Congregational Richmond Hill church and minister records, 1982-2018	box 4	folder 4
Victoria church and minister records, 1961-2018	box 4	folder 5

Suffolk, 1994-2006

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains records relating to member churches located in Suffolk County, NY.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bayshore First minister records, 2000-2006	box 4	folder 6
First of Riverhead records, 1994	box 4	folder 7

Westchester, 1908-2025

Separated Materials:

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This subseries contains records relating to member churches located in Westchester County, NY.

Title/Description	Instances	
Briarcliff minister records, 1970-2003	box 4	folder 8
Briarcliff records, 1971-2018	box 4	folder 9
Chatterton Hill church and minister records, 1979-2020	box 4	folder 10
Church in the Highlands minister records, 1963-1997	box 4	folder 11
Church in the Highlands records, 1937-2018	box 4	folder 12
Community Church at the Circle church and minister records, 1950-1996	box 4	folder 13
CSI Hudson Valley records, 1998-2002	box 4	folder 14
First of Chappaqua minister records, 1975-2006	box 4	folder 15
First of Chappaqua records, 1976-2015	box 4	folder 16
First of Mount Vernon minister records, 1905	box 4	folder 17
Mount Vernon Heights financial records, 1916-2000	box 7	folder 3
Mount Vernon Heights minister records and personnel concerns, 1908-1999	box 4	folder 18
Mount Vernon Heights records, 1920-2025	box 4	folder 19
Mount Zion minister records, 1982-1983	box 4	folder 20
Pelhams Community church and minister records, 1978-2018	box 4	folder 21
Ridgeview financial and church records, 1977-2000	box 4	folder 22
Ridgeview minister records, 1981-2017	box 4	folder 23
Scarsdale correspondence and financial records, 1960-2018	box 4	folder 24
Scarsdale minister records and profile, 1951-2003	box 4	folder 25

Spring Valley correspondence and financial records, 1954-2018	box 7	folder 4
Spring Valley minister records, 1954-1994	box 4	folder 26
Spring Valley union, 1977-1980	box 4	folder 27
West Center church and financial records, 1959-2018	box 4	folder 28
West Center minister records and staff concerns, 1960-2019	box 4	folder 29
Westchester district correspondence, 1992-1996	box 4	folder 30

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