

Brooklyn, New York, N.Y. Beecher Memorial Congregational Church records, 1888-1896. RG5607

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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
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Title:	Brooklyn, New York, N.Y. Beecher Memorial Congregational Church records, 1888-1896.
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Date [inclusive]:	1888-1896
Physical Description:	1 Folders
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Tabernacle Congregational Church of Brooklyn, New York, New York was gathered in 1888 and by 1890 it was known as the Beecher Memorial Congregational Church. A church building was constructed in the Ocean Hill neighborhood between 1890 and 1891. In 1893, the Orient Avenue Union Congregational Church merged into the Beecher Memorial Church. The church dissolved in 1920. This collection contains a single volume of trustees meeting minutes and financial records.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Tabernacle Congregational Church of Brooklyn, New York, New York was gathered in 1888. Within two years, the church's name was changed to Beecher Memorial Congregational Church, named after Henry Ward Beecher. The first minister of the church was Rev. Samuel B. Halliday, a former assistant pastor at the Plymouth Church under Henry Ward Beecher. A church building for the Beecher Memorial Church was built between 1890 and 1891 at

1325 Herkimer Street in the Ocean Hill neighborhood of Brooklyn. The church building was designed by J. W. Bailey and it included a Tiffany Studios glass window. In 1893, the Orient Avenue Union Congregational Church merged into the Beecher Memorial Congregational Church. The church remained active until its dissolution in 1920.

The church building remained an active house of worship until 2016, housing at the time the Greater Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ, when it was sold and subsequently redeveloped into residential apartments.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains a single volume of trustees meeting minutes and financial records for the for the Beecher Memorial Congregational Church in Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.

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Arrangement

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

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Acquisition Information

Materials were donated to the Congregational Library & Archives by the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ in 1979; no accession number.

Custodial History

Materials in this collection were given to the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ at an unknown time, likely following the church's dissolution. This collection was originally processed as part of the New York Conference records (RG0112) circa 1980.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church finance.
- Church records and registers.
- Beecher Memorial Congregational Church (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.)
- Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.) -- Church history
- Orient Avenue Union Congregational Church (Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
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Trustees minutes, 1888-1896

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