

July 2012

W91-1029. Michigan, Holland. Christ Memorial Reformed Church. Records, 1956-[ongoing]. 27.00 linear ft. PARTIALLY RESTRICTED

Western Theological Seminary

Follow this and additional works at: [http://digitalcommons.hope.edu/collection\\_registers](http://digitalcommons.hope.edu/collection_registers)



Part of the [Archival Science Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

**Repository citation:** Western Theological Seminary, "W91-1029. Michigan, Holland. Christ Memorial Reformed Church. Records, 1956-[ongoing]. 27.00 linear ft. PARTIALLY RESTRICTED" (2012). *Collection Registers and Abstracts*. Paper 205.  
[http://digitalcommons.hope.edu/collection\\_registers/205](http://digitalcommons.hope.edu/collection_registers/205)  
July 12, 2012.

This Register is brought to you for free and open access by the Archives and College History at Digital Commons @ Hope College. It has been accepted for inclusion in Collection Registers and Abstracts by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ Hope College. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons@hope.edu](mailto:digitalcommons@hope.edu).

**W91-1029.** Michigan, Holland. Christ Memorial Reformed Church.

Records, 1956-[ongoing]. 27.00 linear ft.

**PARTIALLY RESTRICTED**

### Abstract

Records of the Christ Memorial Reformed Church. Collection includes complete consistory minutes from 1956-1975, financial materials, bylaws, correspondence and Sunday School materials, newsletters, committee minutes, building and expansion, financial information, bulletins, photographs certificates, and audio and video recordings. Correspondents include Edwin Mulder.



Accession No.: W91-1029  
Provenance: Christ Memorial Reformed Church  
Custody Agreement: Christ Memorial Reformed Church  
Photographs: 2,396 (1,927 slides) (mostly in boxes 8-11)  
Processed most recently by: Lee Witteveen, August 2000, July 2006  
Carolyn Nienhuis, March 2009  
Elaine Bruins, June 2011

### History

Christ Memorial Reformed Church was formed in 1956 as an outgrowth of Trinity Reformed Church, which was located at Central Avenue and 20th Street in Holland. The fifty people who attended the organizational meeting on November 13, 1956, represented families that were interested in starting a Reformed Church on the southwest side of Holland. The first pastor to the fledgling congregation was Rev. Edwin Mulder, who later became General Secretary of the Reformed Church in America. The congregation constructed a small brick structure at the corner of 24th Street and Graafschap Road and, in 1968, completed a much larger sanctuary seating 650 with educational wings and offices. In 1990, a new five million dollar sanctuary and renovation project was completed. The current sanctuary will seat in excess of 1500 people. Christ Memorial, one of the fastest growing churches in the Holland community, is also one of the largest congregations of the Reformed Church in America.

The church was organized with 41 families and had grown to over 1,100 families in 1991. Senior pastors have included Edwin Mulder, Royal Kemper, Ronald Beyer, Tim Brown, Kirt Anderson, Michael Pitsenberger, Steve Vander Molen, and Todd Van Ek.

### Scope and Content

The records of Christ Memorial Reformed Church include background materials which contain a history of the church and an organizational statement summary by Henry A. Mouw (clerk of the Classis of Holland), treasurer's reports, newsletters, committee minutes, building and expansion, financial information, bulletins, photographs, certificates, audio and video recordings, correspondence, and the Sunday School's constitution. Consistory minutes are **RESTRICTED** for twenty-five years from date of their creation. Search Committee Records are

**Christ Memorial Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan  
W91-1029**

permanently **RESTRICTED**. **RESTRICTED** materials are only open to the current senior pastor and one other appointed person. The accession record lists those two people. **RESTRICTED** materials are located in Box 20.

Container List

Box 1

- 25th Anniversary Committee
  - Brainstorming, 1981-1982
  - Bridge-Builder, August, 1981
  - Correspondence/Minutes, 1981
  - Logo, 1981
- 50th Anniversary and Dedication
  - Charter Members, 2007
  - Committee, Agenda, Correspondence, Records, December 2006-August 2007
  - DVD, September 9, 2007
  - Dedication of New Facility and Piano and Organ, April 29, 2007
  - Former Pastors, 2007
  - Historical Team, Agenda, Plans, 2006-2007
  - History and Service, September 9, 2007
  - Newspaper Articles, 2007
  - Ribbon-Cutting Committee, Minutes and Plans, March-April 2007
  - Technical/Video, January-September 2007
- Activity Reports, Capture the Blessing, 1991
- Award Plaque, Elzinga & Volkers, 1990 (1 image)
- Baptisms and Funerals List, 1978-2010
- Bible, used in pulpit and for 1990 sanctuary dedication, 1952
- Biography, Rev. Neva Evenhouse, n.d.
- Booklet, "Open Doors for Christ," n.d.
- Bound Volume, Membership Records, 1957-1971
- Bridgebuilder Newsletter, 1961-1975 (3 folders)

Box 2

- Bridgebuilder Newsletter (cont.), 1976-2002 (13 folders)

Box 3

- Bridgebuilder Newsletter (cont.), 2003-2004 (2 folders)
- Bridgebuilder Archives, 2005-2009 (4 CDs)
- Building History (chronological)
  - General, 1956-1986
  - Blueprint, Educational Building, 1958
  - Ground Breaking, 1958

**Christ Memorial Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan**  
**W91-1029**

Dedication Program, 1959  
Contracts, 1961-1963  
Blueprint, New Church Edifice, 1967  
Consecration of the Sanctuary, 1968  
Architect's Book, 1968  
Newspaper Article, 1968  
Land Contract, 1973  
Dedication Recital of Sanctuary Organ, 1973  
Contracts for Addition, 1974  
Issue of Promissory Notes, 1974  
Brochure, "Open Doors for Christ," n.d.  
Architect, 1988  
Old Kent Bank of Holland, 1988-1992  
Ground Breaking Program, 1989  
Sound System, 1989-1990  
Air System Contractor, 1989-1991  
Waivers, 1989-1993  
Sanctuary Furniture, 1990  
Audio-Visual System, 1990  
Church Organ, 1990  
Construction Awards Program, 1990  
Cornerstone Laying Ceremony, 1990  
Dedication of the Sanctuary, 1990  
Hymn Book and Choir Robe Dedication, 1990  
Parking Lot Addition, 1990-1992  
Office Remodeling, 1991  
Miscellaneous Costs, 1990-1991  
Landscaping, 1990-1991  
Irrigation System, 1990  
Phase II Promotion, 1991  
General Contractor, 1991  
Electrical Contractor, 1989-1991  
Photographs, 1989-1990  
Building and Grounds Catalog, 1960, 1964  
Bylaws and Rules, 1959-2009  
Campaigns  
    Capturing the Blessing, 1991  
    Imagine. . .Way Beyond Us, 2005 (4 folders)  
    Living Beyond Myself, 2005

Box 4

Campaigns (cont.)  
    Open Doors for Christ, 1988-1989  
    Vision Encounter, 2002-2003 (2 folders)

**Christ Memorial Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan**  
**W91-1029**

Cassettes

- Dave Vanderwel Sermon, 1978
- “The CMC story,” 1982
- Celebration Event, 1991 (1 image)
- Certificates of Baptism, 1957-1964
- Certificates of Ordination (elder), 1968-1987
- Certificates of Ordination (Deacon) 1968-1982
- Certificate Book
  - Deacon Ordination, n.d.
  - Elder Ordination, n.d.
- Certificates, Membership/Communion, 1965-1971
- Certificate of Transfer Book, 1977-1979, 1979-1990 (2 folders)
- Certificates of Transfer, 2000-2007, 2007-2010
- Children’s Ministries, Parent Handbook, 2004-2005
- Christian Funeral, The, n.d.
- Christian Service Guild Records, 1958-1977
- Christian Wedding, The, n.d.
- Church Profile, 1990-1993
- Color School, 2010
- Community Ministry & Faith Project, 2003
- Commissioning of Joe Ortega, 2005
- Commitment Cards, n.d.
- Consistorial Reports, 1967-2006, 2008-2009 (5 folders)
- Consistory, Commission and Committee Structure, 1969-1970

Box 5

Correspondence

- 1957-1964, 1964-1966, 1971-1975, 1991 (4 folders)
- Pastor Beyer, 1970-1974
- Daycare Research, 1994
- Dedication Committee, 1989-1990
- DeVos, Richard, Bio and Photo, 1975 (1 image)
- Directory Information, n.d.
- Directories, 1957, 1959, 1968, 1973, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1990, 1993, 1996, 2005. n.d.  
(5 folders)
- Diskettes, 3M, n.d., 1989, 2007 (4 folders)
- Dismissal Certificates, 1957-1977
- Educational Building, n.d.
- Elders’ Duties, n.d.
- Equipment Inventory List, 1972-1991
- Executive Minister Search, 1998 (**RESTRICTED**)
- Facilities Study Task Force, Final Report, 1994
- Festival of Salt and Light, 1992
- Financial Information

**Christ Memorial Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan**  
**W91-1029**

- Budget, Capturing the Blessing, 1991
- Building Preparation Costs, 1990
- Insurance, 1957-1958
- Program Costs, 1988-1989
- Proposed Budget, 1971
- Guild for Christian Service, Minutes, 1957-1964
- Ice Cream Social
  - Attendance List, n.d.
  - Callers Orientation, 1991
  - Guest List, 1991
  - Host/Hostess Orientation, 1991
  - Orientation, 1991
  - Orientation Night, 1991
  - Timetable, 1991
- Ice Cream Support Events, 1991
- Kid Connection, 2003-2004
- Legal Documents
  - Bicycle Path and Walkway Easement, 1984
  - Building Moving, 1989
  - Church Owned Houses, 1984
  - Classis of Holland-Indebtedness, 1974
  - Corporate Resolutions for Cash Account, 1982
  - Earth Change Permit, 1991
  - Estate of Harriette M. Robinson, 1983
  - Land Acquisition
    - Dogger Property, 1987-1991
    - Green Property, 1987
    - Holland School District Property, 1973-1988
    - Vander Bush Property, 1973, 1977
  - Land Contract, 1991
  - Larry Mendoza, 1986-1989
  - Mortgage, 1975
  - Non Profit Status, 1973-1984
  - Parking Lot Construction, 1977
  - Treasurer, 1986
  - Western Theological Seminary Stage, 1974

Box 6

- Logo, n.d.
- Mailings/Post Office Info, n.d.
- Mailings to Congregation, 1992-2004 (2 folders)
- Membership Cards, n.d.
- Membership Statistics, 1980-1994
- Membership Transfer Certificate Receipts, May 1990-July 2010 (2 folders)

**Christ Memorial Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan  
W91-1029**

Mini DV

- Additional B-roll, stained glass, April 17, 2007
- Christ Memorial Silver Concert, n.d.
- Interviews, n.d.
- Pinewood Derby, n.d.
- Minutes, Committee, 1991
- Minutes, Congregational Meetings, 1976-2004
- Minutes, Consistory, 1956-1989 (12 folders) (**PARTIALLY RESTRICTED**)

Box 7

- Minutes, Consistory (cont.), 1990-2005 (5 folders) (**RESTRICTED**)
- Minutes, Full Consistory, 1999-2006 (**RESTRICTED**)
- Minutes, Regular Consistory, 2003-2005 (**RESTRICTED**)
- Minutes
  - Consistory and Elders, 1989-1995 (3 folders) (**PARTIALLY RESTRICTED**)
  - Deacons, 1976-1992
  - Elders, 1959-1994 (5 folders)
  - Committees
    - Administrative, 1976-1995
    - Building, 1964-1965
    - Christian Education, 1976-1993
    - Congregational Care, 1976-1992
    - Executive Committee, 1990-2000
    - Facilities Planning Committee, 1964-1968, 1986 (2 folders)
    - Long Range Planning, 1976-1986
    - Outreach, 1976-1993
    - Personnel, 1985-2004 (4 folders)
    - Stewardship and Ed. Dev., 1985-1987
    - Worship, 1976-1989
    - Youth and Young Adults, 1987-1992
- Mission Celebration, 1982
- Mission Statement, 1993, 2003
- Mission Yearbook of Prayer, n.d.
- New Members Received List, 1978-2010
- Newsletter, "News Views," 1960-1964

Box 8

- Newspaper Advertisements, 1990, 1994, 1998-2001 (5 folders)
- Notes on Minutes, 1961-1966
- Organ Committee Records, 1967-1990
- Organizational Structure Task Force Report, 2000
- Outreach Committee Minutes, 1979-1987, 1992
- Parish Zone Plan, n.d.

**Christ Memorial Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan**  
**W91-1029**

Pastoral Materials

Ronald Beyer, 1970-1978  
Dick Doeden, 1975-1979  
Royal Kemper, 1964-1970  
David Manting, Ordination, 1976  
Edwin Mulder, 1957-1963

Pastoral Care Elders, 1991

Personnel Committee, 1986-1994, 2004-2006

Photographs, 1957-1995, n.d. (30 folders, 740 images)

Box 9

Poster, Circus, n.d.

Prayer (thoughts and notes), 1991

Prayer Brochures, n.d.

Prayer Event, 1991

Prayer Event Encouragement, 1991

Prayer Guides, June, 2007-September, 2010

Prayer Ministry Evaluation, 2000

Purpose Driven Life (40 Days of Purpose), 2004 (29 folders)

Reach Out, 2002

Resource Services, Inc., n.d.

Retirement Service John and Marylin Bright, 2005

Search Committee Records, 2000-2001 (**RESTRICTED**)

Sermons, 1972-1978

Slides

n.d. (8 images)

1973 Youth Trip (71 images)

1973 Youth Life Camp (60 images)

1973-1975 (75 images)

1980-1985 Special Events (47 images)

1983 (12 images)

1984 Narnia (8 images)

1985 Meadowlanes (60 images)

1985 Bible Study, Fun Night (25 images)

1985 Bulletin Board Display in Hallway (2 images)

1985 Church Picnic (45 images)

1985 Church Picnic at Fairgrounds (11 images)

1985 Crop Walk (5 images)

1985 Easter (21 images) (2 folders)

1985 Outreach (36 images)

1985-2001 Africa, Mission and Worship (3 images)

1985-1986 C.M.C. Kids (45 images)

1985-1987 C.M.C. Wednesdays and Sundays (53 images)



**Christ Memorial Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan**  
**W91-1029**

Box 10

Slides (cont.)  
    1986 Out-takes (123 images)  
    1986-1987 C.M.C. Kids (56 images)  
    1986-1988 (112 images)  
    1987 Staff (39 images)  
    1987 Members at Work (20 images)  
    Undated (7 images)  
Specifications for an Educational Building, 1957-1958  
Sunday School, 1958  
Support Events  
    1991  
    Caller's Script, n.d.  
Treasurer's Reports, 1956-1995 (8 folders)  
Videocassettes  
    "Capturing the Blessing," Tim Brown, 1991  
    "Last Supper Re-enactment/Good Friday Service," 1990  
    "Open the Doors...for Christ," 1988  
    "Tim Brown," 1986  
Weddings List, 1978-2010  
Women's Ministry Publications, 1999-2003  
Youth Builder, 1998-2004

Box 11

8mm Films/DVDs  
    Crop Walk, n.d. (8mm, DVD)  
    Groundbreaking, 1958 (8mm, DVD)  
Halftones, n.d. (9 images)  
Photographs (Oversize)  
    Kemper Family, 1968  
    Mortgage Burning, 1966  
Reel to Reel Tape, n.d.  
Slides  
    File Box, Joy of Jesus, 1988 (250 images)  
    File Box, Miscellaneous, n.d. (1320 images)  
Groundbreaking Shovels (Miniature), n.d., 1958

Box 12

Bulletins, 1956-1978

Box 13

**Christ Memorial Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan**  
**W91-1029**

Bulletins, 1979-1984

Box 14

Bulletins, 1985-1989

Box 15

Bulletins, 1990-1996

Bulletins, All God's People, 2003-2005 (5 folders)

Box 16

Bulletins, 1997-2009 (19 folders)

Congregational Meeting, June 11, 2003

Box 16.5 (materials processed in 2011)

Bulletins, 2010 (2 folders)

Bulletins, All God's People, 2006

Advertising Concepts, 2001

Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Minutes, 2003, 2005-2010

By-Laws, 2002

Executive Pastor Report, Wes Kiel, n.d.

Goals and Guiding Principles, 2007-2010, n.d.

"God's New Community:" A Study of the Book of Ephesians, 2005

Governing Consistory Retreats, 2007, 2008

"The Greatest Show on Earth," 1973

"The Heart of CMC," pamphlet and bookmark, n.d.

Imagine, Way Beyond Us, 2006-2008

Installation Services

Kirt Anderson, 1996

Timothy Brown, 1983

Paul Burmeister, 1998

Joe Ortega, 2005

Greg Vander Meer, 1997

Leadership Function and Organization, 2006, 2007

Leadership Training Network, 2000

Letter, Trinity Reformed Church, 2007

Mailings to Congregation, 2005-2009

Marble Collegiate Church, 150th Anniversary, n.d.

Minutes, Administrative/Governing Consistory, July 2005-June 2009 (3 folders)

Minutes

Advertising Meeting, 1998

Elders, January 2006-January 2009

**Christ Memorial Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan**  
**W91-1029**

Full Consistory, January 2006-April 2009  
Prayer Leadership Team, June 2005-February, 2007  
Regular Consistory, July 2005-December, 2009  
Newspaper Advertisements, 2002-2009 (8 folders)  
Ortega, Pastor Joe, 2007 (**RESTRICTED**)  
Ottawa County Social Issues, 2007, 2008  
Pamphlet, "Our Veterans and Armed Forces," 2001  
Pamphlets: Karen Bables, "A Journey in Deepening Your Relationship with God,"  
2008-2011  
Pitsenberger, Gina, n.d.  
Pitsenberger, Rev. Michael  
Biographical Materials, 2001-02  
CD Files, 2001-2010  
DVD Message, February 19, 2006  
Farewell, January 2, 2011  
Installation, September 16, 2001  
Musings and Congregational Letters, 2006, 2008-09  
Senior Pastor Materials, 2002, 2006-2009  
Sermon Illustrations, 2002, 2006, 2009, n.d.  
Refocus Project/Vision Encounter, 2003  
Smedes, Dr. Lewis, 1999  
Special Advertisements, 1994-2001, n.d.  
Summer Concert Series, 1997  
Tape, Refocusing, October, 2002  
Telephone Book Advertisements, 1997-2002  
Treasurer's Reports, December 2008-April 2009  
Veenstra, Rev. Rick, Interim Ministry, 1999-2001  
"Voices from the Past and Present," 2008-2009  
Wallis, Jim, Call to Renewal, November, 2002  
"Way Beyond Us" Strategic Stewardship, 2006  
WHTC Radio Advertisements, 1995-2002  
WJQ Radio Advertisements, 1994-2001  
WZZM Television Advertisements, 1997-2001

Box 17

Fragile Decorative Dinner Plate, n.d.  
Miniature Pails and Shovels, Ground Breaking Ceremony, 2005

Box 18

Cornerstone Box

Christ Memorial Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan  
W91-1029

Box 19

50th Anniversary and Dedication Banner and Ribbons, 2007

Box 20 (**RESTRICTED**)

Executive Minister Search, 1998 (**RESTRICTED**)

Minutes, Consistory, 1986-1989 (**PARTIALLY RESTRICTED**)

Minutes, Consistory (cont.), 1990-2005 (5 folders) (**RESTRICTED**)

Minutes, Full Consistory, 1999-2006 (**RESTRICTED**)

Minutes, Regular Consistory, 2003-2005 (**RESTRICTED**)

Minutes, Consistory and Elders, 1989-1995 (3 folders) (**RESTRICTED**)

Search Committee Records, 2000-2001 (**RESTRICTED**)

Ortega, Pastor Joe, 2007 (**RESTRICTED**)

WTS Oversized Non-Photographic Media

Contracts for Addition, Blueprint, 1974