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Records, 1902-1973. 7.50 linear ft.



Abstract

Contains the records of Hope Reformed Church of Chicago from 1902-1973. Materials include minutes, membership records, financial records, correspondence, annual directories, anniversary and dedication programs, photographs and slides. Early member records are in Dutch.

Accession No: W93-1066
Provenance: Hope Reformed Church of Chicago
Donor: Chicago Classis of the Reformed Church in America
Photographs: 1 image (Box 1), 81 images (Box 5) (7 negatives, 21 slides)
Processed by: Carolyn Nienhuis, August 1994

History

In 1902, a small group of people from First Reformed Church of Englewood, a Dutch-speaking church, met to form an English-speaking church, which they named Second Reformed Church of Englewood. The forty-three charter members first met for worship in the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Englewood. The congregation worshiped there until 1904 when they bought the Swedish Church at 66th and Sangamon Streets for \$2,300. In 1910, the Second Reformed Church of Englewood dedicated a new building at 66th and Peoria. This building served them until 1928 when a new building at 78th and Lincoln (Wolcott) Streets was dedicated. At this time, Second Reformed Church of Englewood was renamed Hope Reformed Church of Chicago. In 1956, Hope Reformed Church dedicated the new Social-Educational Wing.

Thirteen pastors served the church. Rev. Raymond Beckering served the congregation at two different times. Rev. Vernon Hoffman was the last pastor to serve Hope Reformed Church of Chicago. In 1972, because of a changing community, it was apparent that they had to make some changes. After exploring several proposals, the congregation chose to merge with the Reformed Church of Palos Heights. November 25, 1973, marked the final service as Hope Reformed Church.

Former Hope Church members held a tenth reunion in 1984.

Scope and Content

The collection contains records of Hope Reformed Church of Chicago from 1902-1973. Minutes of the consistory, correspondence, financial records, membership records, including letters of dismissal and transfer, baptismal records, annual directories, anniversary programs, records of women's organizations including the Ladies Aid Society directories and minutes of the Women's Guild for Christian Service, photographs and slides. Early member records are in Dutch. The folders are arranged alphabetically.

Container List

Box 1

Advertisement Card and Photograph, n.d. (1 image)
Anniversaries (1 folder)
 25th, Program, 1927
 35th, Program, 1937
 40th, Program, 1942
 50th, Program, 1952
Anniversary Booklet, 1973
Baptism Stubs, 1956-1964
Baptismal Records, 1919-1958 (scattered)
Building Contract, n.d.
Bulletins, July 2, 1922 - November 25, 1973 (scattered, 19 folders)

Box 2

Carillon Information, 1975
Certificate for Dismission of Minister, 1964
Charter Members, n.d.
Church Directories, 1914-1972 (scattered)
Church Zones and Zone Leaders, n.d.
Congregational Meeting Minutes, 1902-1951 (bound book)
Consistory
 Duties, 1968
 Minutes, October 1902-December 1952 (2 bound books, 7 folders)

Box 3

Consistory (cont.)
 Minutes, January 1953-November 1973 (10 folders)
 Reports, 1962-1963
Contributions, Repair Fund, n.d.
Correspondence, n. d., 1905-1974 (scattered)
Deacon Ordination Stubs, 1940-1965 (2 volumes)
Death Announcements, 1961-1969 (scattered)
Dedication Programs, 1929, 1956
Educational Addition
 Clippings and Dedication, 1955-1956
 Rules for Use, 1956
Elder Ordination Stubs, 1911-1956 (3 volumes)
Finance
 Annual report, 1947-1948
 Audit reports, n.d., 1917, 1919, 1920

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Contract estimates, n.d., 1915-1921
Debt Retirement Campaign, June 1956-June 1959 (2 folders)
Proposed Budgets, 1954-1973

Box 4

Finance (cont.)

Reports

September 1952-January 1974 (3 folders)
Mission and Institutions Committee, 1960-1970

Statements

n.d., 1904-1922
Building Fund, 1918-1921

Greetings, Rev. I. Van Westenburg, 1937

Hope Cookbook, n.d.

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History, 1902-1973
Homecoming, Alumni List, n.d.
Inventory list, 1972
Reformed Church of Palos Heights Union, 1973
Secretary Duties, n.d.
Tenth Reunion, 1984

Job Descriptions

Pastor, n.d.
Seminary Intern, n.d.

Installation Services, 1949, 1954, 1958, 1963, 1964 (1 folder)

Ladies Aid Society, Constitution, n.d.

Ladies Aid Society and Women's Missionary Auxiliary, Directories, 1940-1942

Legal Papers, n.d., 1910, 1963

Lenten Service Programs, 1948, 1949

Member Records

1902-1920 (bound book, oversized) (See Box 8)
1902-1932 (scattered)
ca. 1935 (2 folders)
ca. 1955 (2 folders)
ca. 1960 (2 folders)
1958-1973
Letters of Dismissal, 1905-1973 (scattered, 2 folders)
Letters of Transfer, n.d., 1905-1916 (Dutch)
Letters of Transfer, n.d., 1912-1972 (scattered)

Men's Bible Society, Constitution and By-laws, n.d.

Minke, Werner (Summer Work Report), 1963

Miscellaneous, n.d., 1971

Missionary Letters, n.d., 1967-1973

Muller, John H., (Hymns of the Church), 1961

Old Year's Eve Hearing, 1927

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Order of Worship, n.d.
Ordination of James Baar, 1945
Our Tribute of Honor, 1944 (memory, C. S. Vercoe)

Box 5

Pastoral Call Committee, 1963
Photographs
 Individual, Rev. Beckering family, n.d. (1 image)
 Group
 Afternoon Circles, 1956 (1 image)
 American Arcot Mission Staff, 1922 (1 image)
 Charter Members, Second Reformed, 1902 (1 image)
 Choir, n.d. (1 image)
 Church Picnic, n.d., 1910, 1912, 1914 (4 images)
 Consistory, n.d., 1928 (1 image)
 Daily Vacation Bible School, 1943 (1 image)
 Primary Department, 1956 (1 image)
 Sunday School Class, n.d. (1 image)
 Unidentified, n.d. (4 images)
 Worship, n.d. (1 image)
 Hope Reformed Church, 1910, 1928 (2 images)
 Hope Reformed Church Educational Wing, 1955-1956 (33 images)
 Glass Negatives, Building and Plans, n.d. (7 images) (FRAGILE)
Proposed Expansion Brochure, 1952
Proposition for the Consideration of Green Oak and Hope Reformed Churches, n.d.
Service of Recognition for Albertha Biegel, 1946
Slides, Hope Reformed Church, n.d. (21 slides)
Stationary, n.d.
Storm Shed, Bids and Drawing, 1912
Sunday School
 Correspondence, 1924, 1967
 Minutes, 1902-1921 (1 bound book)

Box 6

Sunday School (cont.)
 Minutes, 1921-1936 (1 bound book)
 Regulations, n.d.
 Treasurer's Report, 1961, 1966
 White Gift Report, n.d., 1971
The Voice of Hope, n.d.
Warranty, Epworth Piano, 1906
Women's Guild for Christian Service
 By-laws, 1959
 Correspondence, 1951-1973 (scattered)

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Financial Records, 1951-1973 (scattered)
Minutes, 1964-1973
Program Year Book, 1964-1967, 1971
Programs, n.d., 1956-1963
Scrapbook, 1955-1964
Treasurer's Report, 1962

Box 7 (Oversize)

Finance

Debt Retirement Brochure, 1955
Records, 1959-1963, 1964-1973 (4 folders)

Box 8 (Oversize)

Member Records, 1902-1920 (bound book)