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### Abstract

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Provenance: Palos Heights Reformed Church  
Donor: Palos Heights Reformed Church  
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### History

The Palos Heights Reformed Church (6600 West 127th Street, Palos Heights, Illinois 60463) was organized by the Classis of Chicago, Reformed Church in America, on January 6, 1961. Services had begun the previous year, 1960. Pastors included Vernon D. Van Der Werff, 1960-1965; Marvin D. Hoff, 1966-1969 and 1981-1985; Bruce G. Laverman, 1969-1980; Donald E. Jansma, 1986-1989; and Peter C. Semeyn, 1990-. Jack D. Klunder served as associate pastor 1977-1979 and Robert Honig not only was an early elder in the congregation but after theological training and ordination began serving as associate pastor in 1988.

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### Container List

Consistory Minutes, 1960-1962 (1 ledger)  
New Church Building, 1961-1962