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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Camp Talahi
Title:	Camp Talahi records, 1949-1985.
ID:	RG5527
Date [inclusive]:	1949-1985
Physical Description:	0.22 Cubic Feet (1 box, 1 folder)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The land that became Camp Talahi, in Howell, Michigan, was purchased from the Young Women's Christian Association of Detroit in 1949. A nonprofit trust was created in 1951 by the Congregational Association of Detroit and the Michigan-Indiana Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to manage and operate the campground. This nonprofit organization managed the campground until 1965 when the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ began directly managing Camp Talahi. The camp is still operational and now known as the Camp Talahi Retreat and Nature Center. The majority of the records within this collection are meeting minutes and reports from the committees which together managed the campgrounds. The records also contain legal records related to the purchase of the campground lands and the incorporation of Camp Talahi.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The land that became Camp Talahi was purchased from the Young Women's Christian Association of Detroit in 1949 for \$35,000 by the Congregational Association of Detroit. The land was located in Howell, Michigan, adjacent to Lake Chenago. A nonprofit trust was created in 1951 by the Congregational Association of Detroit and the Michigan-Indiana Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to manage and operate the campground. This nonprofit organization, Camp Talahi, Inc., managed the campground until 1965 when the Detroit Metropolitan Association, the successor to the Congregational Association of Detroit, relinquished control of the camp to the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ. The Michigan Conference solely supported and operated the campground until 2012. The camp operates today as the Camp Talahi Retreat and Nature Center and is managed by Camp Talahi, a nonprofit organization formed by a consortium of Michigan United Church of Christ members and ministers in 2013.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains records related to the administration and management of Camp Talahi in Howell, Michigan. The majority of records are meeting minutes and reports from the various committees and boards which together managed the campgrounds. The records also contain legal records related to the purchase of the campground lands, the incorporation of Camp Talahi, and the operation of the nonprofit organization that managed the campgrounds. The records also contain pamphlets, descriptions of the camp, a job description and blank employment contract, a blueprint of the dining hall, and a large drawing of the campgrounds.

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Arrangement

Materials within this collection have been arranged in chronological order. Original order, which appears to have been chronological order, has been maintained within each folder.

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Church camps.
- Congregational Association of Detroit

- Detroit Metropolitan Association
- Evangelical and Reformed Church. Michigan-Indiana Synod
- United Church of Christ. Michigan Conference
- Young Women's Christian Association of Metropolitan Detroit

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Legal records, 1949-1960	box 1	folder 1
Meetings and reports, 1949-1957	box 1	folder 2
Meetings and reports, 1958-1965, 1985	box 1	folder 3
Brochures, pamphlets, and handouts, 1980, undated	box 1	folder 4
Camp descriptions, undated	box 1	folder 5
Employment records, undated	box 1	folder 6
Dining hall blueprint and campground layout, undated	folder 7	