



ArchivesSpace
a community served by ✦ LYRASIS

Glen Ellyn, Ill. Faith Congregational Church records, 1957-1992. RG5241

This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on July 16, 2019.

English

DACS2 - 2013

Congregational Library & Archives

14 Beacon Street

Boston, MA 02108

info@14beacon.org

URL: <http://www.CongregationalLibrary.org>

Table of Contents

Summary Information	3
Historical Information	4
Scope and Contents	4
Arrangement	4
Administrative Information	5
Controlled Access Headings	6
Bibliography	6
Collection Inventory	6
Church records	6
Council meeting minutes	6
Annual and project reports	7
Membership	7
Printed materials	8

Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Faith Congregational Church (Glen Ellyn, Ill.)
Title:	Glen Ellyn, Ill. Faith Congregational Church records, 1957-1992.
ID:	RG5241
Date [inclusive]:	1957-1992
Physical Description:	0.79 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	<p>Twenty-three miles west of Chicago there was an area known as Glen Ellyn Countryside (2.5 miles away from nearby Glen Ellyn). In 1956, several members of the community believed it was time to build a community church. By March of 1957, the tiny church had launched under the name "Countryside Community Church". Near the end of March, it was decided to hold services and Sunday School at the new addition of the Queen Bee School. Walter Ashley, one of the original community members trying to establish a church, would rely on help from the Congregational extension board to procure funds and ministers. In June of 1957 the by-laws were drawn up and the name of the church officially became "Faith Congregational Church". Reverend Ken Strokes would be hired as the first minister, moving to Glen Ellyn with his family. On November 2, 1958, the new chapel/parsonage was dedicated (although not completely finished). In 1961 and 1968, Faith Congregational Church saw its location expanded upon with two new buildings. The church continued to function through 1992, when it is believed to have closed down for good. This collection includes council meeting minutes, annual and project reports, by-laws, transfer letters, membership information and printed materials.</p>

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], in the Glen Ellyn, Ill. Faith Congregational Church records, 1957-1992, RG5241. The Congregational Library & Archives, Boston, MA.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Historical Information

Twenty-three miles west of Chicago there was an area known as Glen Ellyn Countryside (2.5 miles away from nearby Glen Ellyn). In 1956, several members of the community believed it was time to build a community church. By March of 1957, the tiny church had launched under the name "Countryside Community Church". Near the end of March, it was decided to hold services and Sunday School at the new addition of the Queen Bee School. Walter Ashley, one of the original community members trying to establish a church, would rely on help from the Congregational extension board to procure funds and ministers. In June of 1957 the by-laws were drawn up and the name of the church officially became "Faith Congregational Church". Reverend Ken Strokes would be hired as the first minister, moving to Glen Ellyn with his family. On November 2, 1958, the new chapel/parsonage was dedicated (although not completely finished). In 1961 and 1968, Faith Congregational Church saw its location expanded upon with two new buildings. The church continued to function through 1992, when it is believed to have closed down for good.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Scope and Contents

This collection includes council meeting minutes, annual and project reports, by-laws, transfer letters, membership information and printed materials.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series and three subseries. Within each of these section the collection is further arranged chronologically.

Series 1: Church Records, 1957-1992.

Subseries 1: Council Meeting Minutes, 1969-1992.

Subseries 2: Annual and Project Reports, 1957-1992.

Subseries 3: Membership, 1957-1988.

Series 2: Printed Materials, 1957-1967, 1982.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

Congregational Library & Archives

14 Beacon Street

Boston, MA 02108

info@14beacon.org

URL: <http://www.CongregationalLibrary.org>

Restrictions on Access

Access to this collection is unrestricted and open to the public.

Restrictions on Use

Items in this collection are subject to U.S. Copyright Law. It is the responsibility of the researcher to determine the copyright status of collection items and to secure any permissions necessary for their reproduction and publication. Requests for permission to publish material must be discussed with the archivist or librarian.

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by the Chicago Theological Seminary in April 2014; Accession: 2014-88.

Custodial History

Items originally held by the Chicago Theological Seminary Library.

Processing Information

First processed by William McCarthy, March 2017, using MPLP. In September 2018, the collection was fully processed using DACS Second Edition.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Controlled Access Headings

- Congregational churches -- Illinois -- Glen Ellyn.
- Church records and registers.
- Faith Congregational Church (Glen Ellyn, Ill.)

Bibliography

Edmondson, Gloria. Faith Church, United Church of Christ, Our First 25 Years. Self-published. 1982.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Collection Inventory

Church records, 1957-1992

Physical Description: 27 Items (26 folders, 1 volumes)

Scope and Contents

This series contains records of council meeting minutes, annual and project reports and membership information.

Council meeting minutes, 1969-1992

Physical Description: 8 Items (7 folders, 1 volume)

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains council meeting minutes for the Faith Church.

Title/Description	Instances	
Council meeting minutes, 1969-1975	box 1	folder 1
Council meeting minutes, 1971-1972	box 1	folder 2
Council meeting minutes, 1976-1980	box 1	volume 1
Council meeting minutes, 1980-1982	box 1	folder 3
Council meeting minutes, 1983-1985	box 1	folder 4
Council meeting minutes, 1986-1988	box 1	folder 5
Council meeting minutes, 1988-1989	box 1	folder 6

Council meeting minutes, 1990-1992

box 1

folder 7

Annual and project reports, 1957-1992

Physical Description: 7 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains annual reports and project reports such as the Loan and North Glen Ellyn.

Title/Description	Instances	
North Glen Ellyn project, 1957	box 1	folder 8
Countryside Community Church project, 1957	box 1	folder 9
Annual reports, 1967-1973	box 1	folder 10
Annual reports, 1975-1982	box 2	folder 1
Glen Ellyn loan, 1981-1986	box 2	folder 2
Annual reports, 1983-1988	box 2	folder 3
Annual reports, 1989-1992	box 2	folder 4

Membership, 1957-1988

Physical Description: 12 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains records related to the membership of the Faith Church, including transfers, dismissions, by-laws and installations.

Title/Description	Instances	
Transfers and dismissions, 1957-1962	box 2	folder 5
By-Laws, 1957-1964, 1979	box 2	folder 18
Calls for pastors, 1958-1963	box 2	folder 6
Letters of dismissal, 1960-1969	box 2	folder 7
Installation paper, October 27, 1963	box 2	folder 8
Transfers and dismissions, 1963-1965	box 2	folder 9
Received into membership, April 1965-April 1966	box 2	folder 10
Our Church Covenant, 1965-1992	box 2	folder 11
Transfers and dismissions, 1966-1968	box 2	folder 12
Transfers and dismissions, 1969-1972	box 2	folder 19
Transfers and dismissions, 1985-1988	box 2	folder 13
Membership memorandum, undated	box 2	folder 14

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Printed materials, 1957-1967, 1982

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains printed materials such as pamphlets, a history of the church and a newsletter.

Title/Description	Instances	
Countryside Chatter, 1957	box 2	folder 15
Pamphlets and handouts, 1957-1967	box 2	folder 16
History, 1982, undated	box 2	folder 17

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)