

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Kensington Congregational Church
Church Records, 1895-2005
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Introduction

This collection was given to the Congregational Library in 2007 by the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference.

The Kensington Congregational Church grew out of a Danish Mission which began November 8, 1891, under the direction of the Rev. Niels N. Bormose, in Enterprise Hall, Kensington Avenue and Huntington Street. On the first of October, 1893, the Mission moved to a building at Kensington Avenue and C Street. . . . On June 20, 1895, Mr. Bormose called his workers together for the purpose of organizing as a regular church, twenty-two individuals agreeing to associate as the Kensington Congregational Church.

The last entry for Kensington in the United Church of Christ Yearbook statistics list is 2005.

Scope and Content

Series 1: Church Records, 1895-2005

Includes Constitution, Meetings, Committees, Annual Reports, Correspondence; the majority of this series are monthly meeting minutes. The early ledgers have some vital statistics mixed in, as is the nature of ledgers.

The first box includes the oldest ledgers as well as the oversize material within the series. The last part of the final box includes the remainder of the correspondence, some Membership material, and the only dedicated building-related material.

Series 2: Financial Ledgers 1940s-50s [bulk]

All but one folder of this series are ledgers. Most of those range from 1944-1956. The final book is 1967-1977. Further financial information is integrated into monthly and annual meetings

Series 3: Church Groups and Activities, 1913-2005

The Sunday School and the Ladies Aid/Women's Fellowship make up the majority of this series. Be aware that the Sunday School ledger that covers the 1920s and 30s was wet at some point and there's a major concern regarding mold/mildew.

The latter half of the series includes worship service programs, anniversary pamphlets, and a church history dated back to the 1940s.

Box List

Series 1:		
Church Records: Includes Constitution, Meetings, Committees, Annual Reports, Correspondence		
Box 1		
Oversize Material: Church Records		
1	Church Ledger: list members, dues paid <i>very acidic; binding broken</i>	1895-1898
2	Church Ledger: History, Constitution, Articles of Faith, Form of Admission or Confession, and Record (Meetings)	1895-1905
3	Church Ledger: Meeting Minutes (unbound)	1906-1918
4	Ministers- Hissey, Marion- Ecclesiastical Council	1911
5	Building: Blueprints, floor plan	1961
Box 2		
1	Constitutions	
2	Board of Trustees	1910, 1923-1932
3	Minutes and Correspondence	1928-1930
4	Search Committee	1931
5	Meeting Minutes, monthly business reports, related correspondence	1931-1933
6	Church Ledger: (bound)	1931-1941
	List of Ministers	
	Baptisms	
	Membership	
	Marriages	1934-1941
	Business Meetings	1935-1941
Box 3		
1-2	Meeting Minutes and Correspondence	1934-1937; 1944-1954
2-3	Board of Trustees	1943-1959; 1951-1971
4-5	Annual Reports	1966-1970, 1979; 1984-1989
6-7	Correspondence	1964-1981; 1987-1992
8	Meetings	1986-1989
Box 4		
1-2	Annual Reports	1990-2005
3-5	Meetings	1990-1999
6	Financial	1997-1999, 2005
7	Correspondence	1999-2005
8	Dissolution Forms, unsigned, undated	n/a
9	Membership lists	
Box 5		
1	Admission/Dismissal Certificates	

2	Cradle Rolls	
3	Membership Correspondence <i>very incomplete</i>	1922-1981
4	Correspondence, Resignations	
5	Correspondence	
6	Building- Roof fund	1976-1977
7	Building- Legal Documents, Financial Correspondence	
Series 2: Financial Ledgers		
Box 6		
6-10	Ledgers	1944; 1945; 1947
Box 7		
	Ledgers	1949; 1951; 1952; 1954; 1955; 1957
Box 8	<i>Legal sized items</i>	
	Ledgers	1958; 1959; 1967-1977
	Memorial Fund	1963-1990
Series 3: Church Groups and Activities Sunday School Records		
	Reports	1913-1917; 1929-1936; 1966-1969; 1971
	Ledger <i>Major mold concern</i>	1922-1936
	Ledger	1942-1961
Church Groups, Ladies Aid/ Women's Fellowship		
Box 9		
1-2	Ledgers	1929-1940; 1941-1948
3-4	Meetings	1949-1965; 1967-1973
5	Correspondence	1956; 1957; 1968; 1969
6	Activities	1950s-1970s
Activities		
7	Order of Worship/Weekly Calendar <i>includes 12/17/1969, 1/5/70, 12/2/71, 4/2/72, 4/19/73, 3/73</i>	1996-1999
8	Church's History	1940
9	Minister's List	1934-1972
10	Programs: Activities, Dedications, Anniversaries	
11	Commendations	