



Unity Christ Church Records (S0510)

Collection Number: S0510

Collection Title: Unity Christ Church Records

Dates: 1931-2023

Creator: Unity Christ Church (Saint Louis, Mo.)

Abstract: The Unity Christ Church Records contain bylaws, meeting minutes, church directories, church programs, and photographs documenting the church's mission to spread the truth of Jesus Christ as interpreted by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore through the United School of Christianity and the Association of Unity Churches.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic foot
(10 folders, 63 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

In 1930, Reverend Irwin Gregg, an ordained Unity Church minister, organized several small groups of St. Louis-based followers of the Unity Church into one larger church at 401 DeBaliviere in St. Louis, Missouri. Reverend Gregg subsequently applied for a charter from Unity to open a St. Louis location under the Unity Society of Applied Christianity. The church officially received its charter on June 2, 1931. Reverend Gregg served and led the church until he accepted a leadership position at Unity Church of Detroit in 1934. Reverend Elise M. Carr subsequently took over and oversaw the church's name change to Unity Christ Church. From 1938 to 1954, Unity Christ Church underwent several location changes from places such as 329 North Grand, 3625 Carter, and 119 N 7th Street in St. Louis. Unity Christ Church settled at its current location on 33 Skinker Blvd St. Louis, Missouri, in 1954. The church expanded its location size in 1961, with the first services in the expanded building occurring in 1962. In 2016, the church celebrated its 85th anniversary. As of 2023, Unity Christ Church remains open to the public.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged alphabetically by subject.

Scope and Content Note:

The Unity Christ Church Records contain newspaper clippings, photographs, meeting minutes, and directories of Unity Christ Church from 1931 to 2023. Materials of interest include a chronology of the Unity Christ Church, which documents the history of the church, meeting minutes detailing the church's 2013 lawsuit regarding the distribution of funds from selling part of its land, and photographs from the Unity Christ Church's 50th-anniversary celebration in 1980. The materials have been arranged alphabetically by subject into ten folders.

Container List:

- f. 1 Bylaws, 2011
- f. 2 Chronology, new building, and 85th anniversary pamphlets, 1961, 1991, 2016
- f. 3 Meeting minutes, and lawsuit, 2013
- f. 4 Newspaper clippings, 1961-1962, 1969, 2010
- f. 5 Photographs, 1960-2003
- f. 6 Photocopied photographs, 1931-1983
- f. 7 Prayer cards, and booklet on aging, no date
- f. 8 Staff, member, and board of trustee's directories, 2002, 2018
- f. 9 Strategic plan, 2012
- f. 10 Sunday service pamphlets, announcement flyers, and Easter program, 1957, 1962, 1986, 2013-2023

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Saint Louis (Mo.)--Religion life and customs	1-10	Yes
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Unity members	1-10	Yes