

RELIGION
Covenant Congregational Church

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Scope and Content

This donation was obtained as a result of the closing of Covenant Congregational Church in Waltham after 122 years. Located on Lexington Street in the Piety Corner area, the last service was held on Nov. 21, 2010. The donated items cover the history of the church from the early days as Swedish Congregational Church and overlapping concerns with the New Jerusalem Church. Included are photos, printed histories and directories, pamphlets, newsletters, photocopies of records and church books.

Noteworthy among the photos, histories and pamphlets are a photo of the Swedish Congregational Church Confirmation Class of 1919 (with captions) and that of the passing of the keys from Joseph H. Caughey, president of the New Jerusalem Church, to Rev. Roger Palmquist of Covenant in 1951. The histories include the 50th in 1938 and the 100th anniversary of the Woman's Seaman's Friend Society in 1995. The pamphlets cover events from 1964 through 1986.

The records cover the years from 1889-1958. Of special note in the miscellaneous records are the state charter from 1892; deeds and mortgage papers; the petition regarding the name change from Swedish Congregational to Covenant and the resulting state certificate, and agreements between New Jerusalem Church and Covenant granting free use of the property. The four church books are in Swedish, covering 1889-1932.

Especially important is a piece of artwork, a calligraphy of the history of the Piety Corner Chapel done in 1963. It is attributed to the Rev. Roger Palmquist and includes four paragraphs of text, a drawing of the chapel and beautifully illuminated lettering.

Arrangement

Individual items are filed in two archival boxes. The calligraphy is stored separately in the Archives Office.

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Box 1

Annual Report, FY 2004

Anniversary Histories –

50th Anniversary – *Swedish Congregational Church Fiftieth Anniversary, 1888-1938, 1938*

100th Anniversary – Brown, Beryl L. *One Hundred Years: Woman's Seamans Friend Society, 1895-1995, 1995*

Directories –

Covenant Congregational Church of Waltham, Massachusetts: 1983 Directory, 1983 (2 c.)

Covenant Congregational Church of Waltham, Massachusetts: 1988 Directory, 1988 (3 c.)

Pamphlets –

Church of the New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian) New York World's Fair Exhibit, 1964-65, 1965

Pitcairn, Rev. Theodore. "The Bible or Word of God Uncovered and Explained," 1964

Service of Installation and Reception: The Reverend Donald A. Njaa As Pastor and Teacher of the Covenant Congregational Church, Waltham, Massachusetts, 1964

Services of Installation and Reception for the Reverend Alden S. Johnson Pastor of the Congregational Church, Waltham, Massachusetts, 1974

The Church of the New Jerusalem Swedenborgian, ca 1965

The Covenant Congregational Church Building Program, 1978-1979, ca 1979

The Dedication of the Education-Fellowship Building, November 18, 1979, 1979

The Stained-Glass Windows (Dedication), January 12, 1986

Publications –

The Covenant Companion (official organ of The Evangelical Covenant Church of America), Vol. XLIX, No. 21; May 20, 1960

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Letter –

From Covenant Congregational Church to Hon. Austin Rhodes,
Mayor, objecting to extension of Totten Pond Road, Feb. 27,
1965

Photocopies – (14 folders)

1892: Minutes of Ecclesiastical Council regarding proposed church,
Mar 7

Notice of reorganizational meeting, Apr 28

Certificate of Organization, Jun 28

Receipt for \$5.00 for Certificate filing, Jun 28

State Charter, Jun 28

1893: Quitclaim deed of property on receipt of \$1.00, Jun 26

Mortgage, Jul 3

3 receipts, Jul 3

Receipt, Aug 5

Receipt, Oct 7

1894: Tax bill

Tax abatement, Sep 27

\$3,000 note

1895: Vote of Swedish Congregational Church to authorize
mortgage, Mar 25

Discharge of mortgage, Mar 28 (3 p.)

Loan mortgage, Apr 1

1902: Quitclaim deed, Dec 17

1903: Building contract, Nov 25

1912: Discharge of mortgage, Aug 16

1930: Accounting of executor, Mar 1930 (3 p.)

1950: Petition regarding name change from Swedish
Congregational Church to Covenant Congre-
gational Church, ca 1950

Certificate of Trustees vote to change, Feb 9

State Certificate of name change, Apr 3 (2 p.)

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- 1951: Letter from Rev. Roger Palmquist to Rev. Jos. Danielson regarding funding, Sep 11
 - “ Rev. Jos. Danielson to Rev. Roger Palmquist regarding funding, Sep 20
 - “ Joseph Caughey to Mr. Peterson regarding transfer from WNC to CCC, Nov 18
- Agreement between New Jerusalem Church and Covenant Congregational Church, ca Sep 5
- 1952: Waltham City Engineer notice, Feb 11
- 1953: Fundraising open letter, Feb 16
- 1958: Amended agreement between NJC and CCC granting free use Resolution of Thanks, May 28
- N.d.: Mission Statement

Box 2

Manuscripts –

- Church Records: Book 1: 1889-1897
- (in Swedish) Book 2: 6 May 1898-Sept. 1904
- Book 3: 28 Oct 1904-26 Oct 1918
- Book 4: 28 Dec 1918-7 Jul 1932
- Translation of Book 1 (Incomplete)

Photos –

- First meeting place, ca 1895, # 5374
- Swedish Cong. Church Confirmation Class of 1919, # 5375
- Joseph H. Caughey, pres. New Jerusalem Corp.; Rev. Roger Palmquist; Halvar A. Peterson, “Passing keys from Church of New Jerusalem to Covenant, Nov.18, 1951”, # 5376

Unboxed *located in Archives Office*

- Calligraphy of history of Piety Corner Chapel, 1963, signed “Palmquist -1963” (attributed to Rev. Roger Palmquist)

