



Indianapolis Memorial Presbyterian Church Records, 1870-1991

PA 50

Overview

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Collection Information:

Scope and Content Note

Records of the Indianapolis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana dated 1870-1991. Collection documents session minutes, membership and personnel changes, committee reports, disciplinary actions, financial reports, projects, church history, spiritual discussions, statistical reports, annual reports, social programs, trustee minutes, deacon minutes, benevolence records, Women's Association minutes, property records, and congregational meeting notes. Records also include vital statistics information, including baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

Historical Information

The first session book describes the organization of the church as occurring in the winter of 1869-1870. On 17 March 1870 a committee was appointed to seek out a site for a church building to be built. The Memorial chapel was dedicated by Rev. Hanford A. Edson on 8 May 1870 and was originally part of the Indianapolis 2nd Presbyterian Church. The church was closed on 30 June 1991.

Administrative Information:

Related Items:

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Container List

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Date	Notes
1	1	Session Book and Register	1870-1892	Meeting Minutes: membership and personnel changes, committee reports, disciplinary actions (intemperance & profanity), financial reports, projects, and reports from church agencies; History and list of charter members; Annual meeting reports; memorial of an elder; Citation on injury; discussion of wounding of the United States president- James A. Garfield; withdraws from the Church; Church closure due to illness; Register: list of communicants, elders, deacons; baptism records; marriage records; death records.
1	2	Session Book	1892-1907	Meeting Minutes: membership and staff changes, financial and committee reports, disciplinary actions, projects, spiritual discussions; Newspaper photo of John Gibson Paton; list of reserve members; List of church officials
1	3	Session Book	1907-1922	Meeting Minutes: membership and staff changes, financial and committee reports, projects, disciplinary actions, spiritual issues; Preamble; Statistical reports appear regularly; Updated officer lists appear.
2	1	Session Book	1922-1929	Meeting minutes: membership and staff changes, committee and financial reports, projects, disciplinary actions, and reports of church agencies; letters, eulogiums, reports, and programs; annual reports; death records; list of officers.
2	2	Session Book	1929-1938	Meeting minutes: membership and personnel changes, financial and committee reports, church plans and projects, disciplinary actions, and memorials; financial statements, news clippings, memorials, and church publications; Death records.

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3	1	Session Book	1939-1944	Meeting Minutes: membership and personnel changes, committee and financial reports, plans and projects, disciplinary actions and memorials; Annual reports; death records; F. O. Ballard obituary; account of war losses and WW II combat; service programs, letters, news clippings, and church publications.
3	2	Session Book	1944-1947	Meeting Minutes: membership and personnel changes, committee and financial reports, disciplinary actions, plans and projects of the church; Study of the youth & social programs; Annual reports
4	1	Session Book	1947-1949	Meeting Minutes: membership and personnel changes, committee and financial reports, disciplinary actions, and plans and projects of the church; service programs, synod forms, letters, memorials, and advertisements.
4	2	Session Book	1949-1951	Meeting Minutes: membership and personnel changes, committee and financial reports, disciplinary actions, and the plans and projects of the church; Annual reports; death records; Publications of the Presbyter, church, letters, service programs, news clippings and ephemera.
5	1	Session Book	1951-1954	Meeting minutes: changes in personnel and membership, committee and financial reports, disciplinary actions, and plans and projects of the church; Annual reports; letters and service programs; description of Hanover College.
6	1	Session Book	1954-1957	Meeting Minutes: membership and personnel changes, committee and financial reports, disciplinary actions, and plans and projects of the church; Annual reports; service programs, letters, synod notes and reports, notes and ephemera.
6	2	Session Book	1957-1963	Meeting Minutes: membership and personnel changes, committee and financial reports, disciplinary actions and plans and projects of the church; Annual reports; officer's list; marriage records, funeral records.

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6	3	Session Book	1964-1969	Meeting Minutes: membership and personnel changes, committee and financial reports, disciplinary actions, and plans and projects of the church; Annual reports; Committees list; Elder & deacon lists; baptism records; Inner city issues analysis.
7	1	Session Book	1970-1971	Meeting Minutes: changes in personnel and membership, committee reports, plans and projects and financial reports; Annual reports.
7	2	Session Book	1971-1972	Meeting Minutes: changes in membership and personnel, committee, financial reports, plans, projects, analysis of the church role in the inner city.
7	3	Session Notes	1977-1983	Meeting minutes: actions regarding membership and personnel changes, committee and financial reports, and plans and projects; Committee reports.
7	4	Session Book	1985-1991	Meeting Minutes: membership and personnel changes, committee and financial reports, and plans and projects of the church; Directory of staff and membership.
8	1	Register	1900-1918	Alphabetical & chronological register of communicants, baptisms, deaths.
8	2	Register	1931	Alphabetical register of communicants; baptism and death records.
8	3	Trustee's Minutes	1895.	Chronological trustee meeting minutes: actions of the body in caring for church property.
9	1	Treasurer's Records	1944-1958	Financial records of the church including reports, worksheets, notes, bills, receipts, memoranda, & descriptions.
9	2	Deacon's Minutes	1936-1967	Chronological meeting minutes: attendees, reports of services rendered, schedules, and calls made.
9	3	Benevolence Records	1955-1967	Treasurer's book of benevolence fund with receipts and descriptions of disbursements.
9	4	Annual Reports	1957-1973	Annual reports: list officers, committees and their reports of activities, plans; Statistical reports.
10	1	History and Memorabilia	1873	Memoirs of Hanford A. Edson: history of the church and city; accompanying cards, letters, clippings and ephemera.
10	2	Benevolence Records	1977-1986	Records of income and expenditures for the benevolence fund of the church.
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10	4	Women's Association Minutes	1956-1962 1963-1967	Bound books of the minutes of meetings of this group with dated signed entries describing the projects in support of the church programs, fund raising, and mission work.
10	5	Certificate book of membership	1959-1983	A book of certificates issued for receptions and dismissions of memberships.
10	6	Publications	1930's- 1970's	Programs, histories, and poems regarding sentiments associated with the church and Christianity.
11	1	Legal Documents	1822	The abstract Records of the church property.
11	2	Business Documents	1985-1987	Session notes and records regarding the finances of the church.
11	3	Historical documents and publications	1873-1973	News clippings, publications, photos, newsletters, letters and ephemera from the past years of the church
12	1	Benevolence Fund Records	1967-1976	A bound accounting book of charitable monies.
12	2	Property Documents	1946-1952	Letters, proposals, blueprints, drawings and bids regarding changes in location and building plans of the church.
12	3	Surveys and Studies	1956-1958	Studies of the property and downtown needs.
12	4	Deeds and Reports	1959-1972	Legal papers, synodical statistics, and letters
12	5	Guest Books	1972-1974	Sign in books for church guests and 2 synod report sheets.
12	6	Publications and Bible	1871-1872	Early small Bible, calling card, corner stone laying program, tract, and shorter catechism book. Also, three rolled photos from early days.
13	1	Congregational Meeting Notes	1874-1965	Meeting minutes: actions, discussions and projects of the church; Reports of committees, officers, societies, and individuals of the church.