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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator:	Eduard Adam Skendzel
Title:	Eduard Adam Skendzel churches reference collection
ID:	Collection 299x
Date [inclusive]:	no date
Physical Description:	5.6 Linear Feet 11 boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Eduard Adam Skendzel (1921-1999) was a linguist and historian from Grand Rapids, Michigan. His research focused on the history of the Polish community and the Roman Catholic church, as well as other churches. This collection includes material he collected on non-Polish churches in the Grand Rapids area, covering Catholic, Baptist, Christian Reformed, Lutheran, Presbyterian and other churches. The material includes written histories, anniversary booklets, building dedication programs and some newspaper articles, personal correspondence, biographical documents and interview notes.

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Biographical Note

Eduard Adam Skendzel, son of Adam and Mary Angela (nee Dzierwa) Skenzdel, was born in Grand Rapids in 1921 and died there in 1999. Skendzel obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit, following which he pursued graduate studies in Linguistics and Philology at Wayne State University, Northwestern University, Indiana University, and La Universidad Interamericana in Mexico. As a linguist fluent in nine languages including Polish and Italian, Skendzel taught at Edsel Ford High School and Henry Ford College, both in Dearborn, Michigan.

He in addition practiced a vocation in history, conducting extensive research in the study especially of "Polonia" (Polish-speaking communities outside of Poland proper) in the Midwestern United States. His publications include several books and a plenitude of articles on "Pioneer Poles" in Grand Rapids and Detroit, as well as on the Catholic Church as a significant communal institution in immigrant Polish life. During the course of his work Skendzel accrued a large amount of material on West Michigan and Detroit churches, unrelated to the Polish community, which comprises this present collection.

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Historical Note

Religion has always been a formative influence in Grand Rapids history, and, as one author remarked, “Grand Rapids people have always been a church-going people.” (qtd. in Lydens, 445). Churches of many denominations began springing up in the Grand River Valley with the foundation of the earliest settlements in the 1830s and 1840s. From the Catholic mission of Father Frederick Baraga in 1832-1833 to the establishments of the Methodist Church in 1842 and the Lutheran Church in 1856, a great diversity of creeds (not necessarily exclusive to Christianity) were represented, reflective of similar diversity in the ethnic and national origin of residents. Baptists, Episcopalians, Jews, Roman Catholics, and others early on made the city their spiritual and temporal home. Slightly later, Dutch Calvinist sects emerged in large numbers and quickly became one of the largest denominations in the region.

Churches have multiplied in Grand Rapids in the last 150 years, increasing in step with the size of the city. However grand or humble they may be in appearance, their buildings and parishioners are nevertheless an important part of the city's fabric.

For further reading on churches in West Michigan see also these books in the GRHSCC Collection:

The Story of Grand Rapids. ed. Lydens. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1967.

Baxter, Albert. History of the City of Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids, MI: Munsell and Company, 1891.

McGee, John. The Catholic Church in the Grand River Valley, 1833-1950. Grand Rapids, MI, 1950.

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Scope and Contents

This collection, 299X includes selected documents on Western Michigan churches, with a few Detroit churches also found. These items were acquired and used by Ed Skendzel for his reference library, and subsequently given to the Grand Rapids Public Library Archives. Coll. 299X is a sibling collection of Coll. 299, the Eduard Adam Skendzel Polonian Historical Collection. Coll. 299, the primary collection given by Skendzel, documents his research of the Polish communities of Grand Rapids and Michigan, including references related to churches with Polish members.

This collection, Coll. 299X, the Skendzel Church References Collection, contains items which were out of scope for the Polish collection, but were desired for the archival collections and substantial enough in number to warrant a separate collection.

Documents for those churches which supported Polish, usually Catholic, congregations have been retained in the Skendel Polonian Historical Collection, 299. Many of the documents in this collection are specific to one institution and congregation. Included in those specific to an institution may be those related to the congregation in general, or to specific subgroups, such as committees or schools, etc.

Other documents found here are general to one faith, though they may document specific aspects or documents of that one faith. Histories, correspondence and periodicals are some of the representative times of documents documenting those faiths. There may also be found some directory type materials which document several different area churches, such as maps of area churches. Directories for specific churches will be found under the name of the specific church. Catholic, Christian Reformed and other Netherlands based reformed churches, are those most heavily represented. But, Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and various other denominations are also included in the documents found here.

Most of the items in the collection in their published state, but some are represented by photocopies.

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Related Materials

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Coll. 299, Eduard Adam Skendzel Polonian Historical Collection

Coll. 347, GPRL Church Reference Collection

Coll. 270, Gathered at the River Collection

Coll. 096, WMGS Church Records Collection

Separated Materials

Items given by Skendzel which do not relate to Skendel's Polish research directly, and are also not documents about or from Grand Rapids area churches, are listed in the Separated Materials section of Coll. 299. These items are valued by the library, often duplicating those titles currently in use, but desired as replacement copies when those in use become too worn and fragile.

Some duplicates of items in Coll. 299 or 299X may also be included with the separated materials.

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Controlled Access Headings

- personal papers
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- Church history
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Collection Inventory

Series I. General Biographical and Historical Information Sources.

A. Denominational Histories

Title/Description	Instances	
Bratt, James D. Dutch Calvinism in Modern America. GR : William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1984.	Box 1	Folder 1
From Heart to Heart : Letters from Rev. Albertus Christiaan Van Raalte to His Wife, Christina Johanna Van Raalte – De Moen, 1836-1847. Editor, Leonard Sweetman. Translator, Egbert Post, et al. GR : Heritage Hall Publications, 1997.	Box 1	Folder 2
God's Covenant Faithfulness : The 50th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformed Churches in America. Edited by Gertrude Hoeksema. GR : Reformed Free Publishing Association, 1975.	Box 1	Folder 3

A Watered Garden : A Brief History of the Protestant Reformed Churches in America / Gertrude Hoeksema. GR : Reformed Free Publishing Association, 1992. [Mold issues]	Box 1	Folder 4
Summoning Up Remembrance / Henry Stob. . GR : William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995.	Box 11	
<u>Physical Location</u> : Item currently housed in Box 11.	Box 1	Folder 5

B. Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Summaries of correspondence between Fr. Simon Ponganis, Bishop Henry Joseph Richter, and the Apostolic Delegate in Rome outlining the early history of St. Isidore's Catholic Church (GR), 1897-1905. Typescript with annotations.	Box 2	Folder 1
Correspondence between Bishop Henry Joseph Richter with various colleagues, 1885-1896. Photocopied with transcriptions in German and English.	Box 2	Folder 2
Correspondence between Fr. Simon Ponganis, Bishop Henry Joseph Richter, and the Apostolic Delegate, clippings, and documentation relating to the former's pastoral removal. 2 vols. Photocopied. Duplicates found also in Coll. 299-48.	Box 2	Folder 3

C. Periodicals, clippings, and directories.

Title/Description	Instances	
"Sixtieth Anniversary Celebration of the Priestly Ordination of Fr. Andrew S. Sikorski" booklet, 1967. original.	Box 3	Folder 1
"Literary Scraps and Cutting." original periodical clippings and photocopies. Bound album, late 19th or early 20th century.	Box 3	Folder 2
"Historic Church Buildings to be Razed for Freeway" Grand Rapids Press article, Oct. 17, 1960. photocopy.	Box 3	Folder 3
Essays and articles: "A Legacy of West Michigan Churches" GR Public Museum newsletter article, Spring, 1991. Brief RCA, CRC, and NRC histories from History of the City of Grand Rapids. "Re: Dutch in Grand Rapids, Especially in the Fulton-Diamond Area" essay. Photocopies.	Box 3	Folder 4
Area Churches: Maps of churches and streets on Grand Rapids' West side. photocopies and self-drawn pictures.	Box 3	Folder 5
Calvin College Archives editions of "Newsletter for the Friends of the Archives." 4 issues: March 1986, Jan. 1887, Jan. 1990, Jan. 1991. original.	Box 3	Folder 6
Origins / Calvin College Archives [periodical]. Vol. VIII, no.2 (1990); Vol. X, no.1 (1992). Original.	Box 3	Folder 7
Origins / Calvin College Archives [periodical]. Vol. XI, no. 1-2 (1993). original.	Box 3	Folder 8

Origins / Calvin College Archives [periodical]. Vol. XII, no. 1-2 (1994); Vol. XVI, no.1 (1998). original.	Box 3	Folder 9
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D. Parochial Schools

Title/Description	Instances	
Adams Street Christian School 25th Anniversary yearbook, 1975. original.	Box 3	Folder 10
Adams Street Christian School 40th Anniversary program, 1950-1990. original.	Box 3	Folder 10
Calvin Christian School Association Brief history sheet, 1929-1971. typescript.	Box 3	Folder 11
Calvin Christian School Association 100th Anniversary Service Program and Newsletter, 1990. photocopy.	Box 3	Folder 11
Calvin Christian School Association 100th Anniversary yearbook, 1990. original.	Box 3	Folder 11
Grand Rapids Christian High School "History of Grand Rapids Christian High School." typescript.	Box 3	Folder 12
Oakdale Christian School 75th Anniversary booklet, 1892-1967. original, unbound.	Box 3	Folder 13
Plymouth Christian Elementary School School handbook with brief history, 1992-1993. original.	Box 3	Folder 14
Seymour Christian School 50th Anniversary booklet, 1920-1970. Photocopy.	Box 3	Folder 15
West Side Christian School 100th Anniversary booklet, 1883-1983. Original.	Box 3	Folder 16

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Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

A. Catholic Church Organizations

Title/Description	Instances	
The Dominicans of Grand Rapids "Dominicans of Grand Rapids Centenary, 1977" booklet. original, re-bound. <u>Physical Location</u> : Item currently housed in Box 11.	Box 4 Box 11	Folder 1
The Dominicans of Grand Rapids Period Pieces : An Account of the Grand Rapids Dominicans, 1853-1966. Original, re-bound. <u>Physical Location</u> : Item currently housed in Box 11.	Box 4 Box 11	Folder 2
St. Ladislaus Aid Society: 75th Anniversary booklet, 1904-1979. Original.	Box 4	Folder 3

B. Specific Catholic Churches

Title/Description	Instances	
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church (Belmont, MI) 1993 parish directory. Original.	Box 4	Folder 4
Church of the Holy Spirit (GR) Parish history booklet, 1952-1977. Original.	Box 4	Folder 5
St. James Catholic Church (GR) 75th Anniversary booklet, 1870-1945. Facsimile of original and bound in book form.	Box 4	Folder 6
St. James Catholic Church (GR) 75th Anniversary booklet, 1870-1945. Original. Duplicated in 299-054.	Box 4	Folder 7
St. Joseph's Catholic Church Early parish history booklet, 1889-1989. Original.	Box 4	Folder 8
St. Mary Catholic Church (GR) Announcement Book and Banns of Marriage, 1881-1884." Photocopied, and bound in book form. German and Latin. <u>Physical Location:</u> Item currently housed in Box 11. Duplicate in Coll. 299, box 54.	Box 4 Box 11	Folder 9
St. Mary Catholic Church (GR) (1969?) parish directory. Original. Duplicated in 299-54.	Box 4	Folder 10
Parish directories, 1984-1986. Originals. Duplicated in 299-54.	Box 4	Folder 11
Gelchichte der St. Marien-Gemeinde, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1857-1907 or Golden Jubilee Memories of St. Mary's Church, Grand Rapids Michigan, 1857-1907. German and English. 2 copies, one original, one facsimile. Duplicated in 299-54.	Box 4	Folder 12
"Accounts of the German Church in the City of Grand Rapids, Kent Co., Mich." parish ledgers. Photocopy. 3 copies. Duplicated in 299-53.	Box 4	Folder 13
Archival records of Polish names in Baptismal, Marriage, Funeral and other parish registries. Typescript. Duplicated in 299-53.	Box 4	Folder 14
St. Michael Catholic Church (Muskegon, MI) 75th Anniversary booklet, 1985. original, 3 copies. Duplicated in 299-55.	Box 4	Folder 15
St. Stanislaus Catholic Church (Hilliards, MI) 100th Anniversary booklet, 1992. original.	Box 4	Folder 16

C. Baptist Churches

Title/Description	Instances	
Second Baptist Church (GR) 100th Anniversary program, 1883-1993. Oct. 8, 1993. original.	Box 5	Folder 1
City View Baptist Church (GR) "City View Church Grows Out of Storefront, into Prosperity." West Side Advance article, Dec. 10, 1992. original and photocopy.	Box 5	Folder 2

Dutch Baptist Church (GR) (formerly Highland Hills Baptist Church) "Celebrating One Hundred Years of God's Faithfulness" 1994 booklet. Original, with annotations.	Box 5	Folder 3
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Wealthy Park Baptist Church (GR) Brief church history with a roster of pastors and letters to E.A. Skendzel from the church historian.	Box 5	Folder 4
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D. Christian Reformed Churches

Title/Description	Instances	
Christian Reformed Church. "One Hundred Years in the New World, 1857-1957" centennial book. Original.	Box 5	Folder 5
Christian Reformed Church. Various newspaper and magazine articles. Originals and photocopies.	Box 5	Folder 6
Christian Reformed Church. Grand Rapids Press articles regarding the ordination of women. Originals.	Box 5	Folder 7
First Christian Reformed Church. 75th Anniversary booklet, 1857-1932. photocopy, bound. <u>Physical Location</u> : Item currently housed in Box 11.	Box 5 Box 11	Folder 8
First Christian Reformed Church. 100th Anniversary booklet, 1857-1957. photocopied and bound in book form. <u>Physical Location</u> : Item currently housed in Box 11.	Box 5 Box 11	Folder 9
First Christian Reformed Church. 125th Anniversary program, 1857-1982. photocopy.	Box 5	Folder 10
Twelfth Christian Reformed Church Brief church history, 1917-1967. Photocopy. 2 copies.	Box 5	Folder 11
Alpine Avenue Christian Reformed Church 100th Anniversary book, 1881-1991. Original.	Box 5	Folder 12
Beckwith Hills Christian Reformed Church (formerly Coldbrook CRC) 50th Anniversary booklet 1882-1932. English and Dutch. Photocopy with details of church history.	Box 5	Folder 13
Beckwith Hills Christian Reformed Church (formerly Coldbrook CRC) "A Century of Faithfulness, 1882-1982" 100th Anniversary book. Original.	Box 6	Folder 1
Bethel Christian Reformed Church. 75th Anniversary booklet, 1913-1988. Photocopy.	Box 6	Folder 2
Boston Square Christian Reformed Church. Church profile, 1986.	Box 6	Folder 3
Boston Square Christian Reformed Church. 25th Anniversary booklet, 1942-1967. Original.	Box 6	Folder 3
Broadway Avenue/Westview Christian Reformed Church. 75th Anniversary booklets. Original.	Box 6	Folder 4

Broadway Avenue/Westview Christian Reformed Church. 100th Anniversary booklets. Original.	Box 6	Folder 4
Broadway Avenue/Westview Christian Reformed Church. 1962 dedication booklet, photocopy.	Box 6	Folder 4
Broadway Avenue/Westview Christian Reformed Church. "Minutes-Book of the second English-speaking Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan." 1893. Photocopy.	Box 6	Folder 4
Burton Heights Christian Reformed Church 50th Anniversary booklet, 1905-1955.	Box 6	Folder 5
Creston Christian Reformed Church 50th Anniversary booklet, 1915-1965. Original.	Box 6	Folder 6
"City's Oldest Christian School Turns 100." Northfield Advance article, Oct. 3, 1990.	Box 6	Folder 6
Dennis Avenue Christian Reformed Church (Sunshine CRC) "Fifty Years of Blessings" 50th Anniversary booklet, 1893-1943. Photocopy.	Box 6	Folder 7
Dennis Avenue Christian Reformed Church (Sunshine CRC) 100th Anniversary book, 1893-1993. Original.	Box 6	Folder 8
East Leonard Christian Reformed Church 50th Anniversary booklet, 1925-1975. Original.	Box 6	Folder 9
Eastern Avenue Christian Reformed Church "100 Years in the Covenant, 1879-1979" centennial book. Original.	Box 6	Folder 10
East Paris Christian Reformed Church 75th Anniversary booklet, 1902-1977. Photocopy.	Box 6	Folder 11
Franklin Street Christian Reformed Church 75th Anniversary booklet, 1887-1962. photocopy.	Box 6	Folder 12
Franklin Street Christian Reformed Church History of Rogers Heights Chapel (an outgrowth of Franklin Street CRC). photocopy.	Box 6	Folder 12
Franklin Street Christian Reformed Church "Three Drug-Forfeited Buildings Purchased for AIDS Assistance" Grand Rapids Press article, March 12, 1993.	Box 6	Folder 12
Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed Church. Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed Church : building dedication program, 1925. Photocopy.	Box 7	Folder 1
Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed Church. 25th Anniversary booklet, 1925-1950. Photocopy.	Box 7	Folder 1
Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed Church. 50th Anniversary booklet, 1925-1975. Original.	Box 7	Folder 1
Gold Avenue Christian Reformed Church. [loose sheet] Contain information on the church sent to Skendzel from Wm. Ridley, 1988.	Box 7	Folder 2

Graafschap Christian Reformed Church "Faithful Recreate Past for Sesquicentennial" Grand Rapids Press article, May 10, 1996.	Box 7	Folder 3
Grandville Avenue Christian Reformed Church. Grandville Avenue Christian Reformed Church : 100th Anniversary booklet, 1891-1991. Original.	Box 7	Folder 4
Grandville Avenue Christian Reformed Church. Origins [serial] 1987, vol. V, no. 2. Photocopy.	Box 7	Folder 4
Grandville Avenue Christian Reformed Church. "The Language of Faith," Grand Rapids Press article. n.d.	Box 7	Folder 4
Highland Hills Christian Reformed Church. [1 loose sheet] Has a brief church history from 1950-1990.	Box 7	Folder 5
Jenison Christian Reformed Church : 75th Anniversary Year, 1950 book. Original.	Box 7	Folder 6
Jenison Christian Reformed Church. Abbreviated history of the Jenison CRC. Photocopy.	Box 7	Folder 6
Kelloggsville Christian Reformed Church 100th Anniversary book, 1875-1975. Original.	Box 7	Folder 7
LaGrave Christian Reformed Church "A Century of Grace." Centennial book, 1887-1987. Original.	Box 7	Folder 8
Lee Street Christian Reformed Church : "Daughter Church of Grandville Avenue CRC." Church history, 1926-1975.	Box 7	Folder 9
Lee Street Christian Reformed Church. Origins [serial] 1987 vol. v, no. 2.	Box 7	Folder 9
Neland Avenue Christian Reformed Church "This Far by Faith" 75th Anniversary book, 1915-1990. Original, re-bound. <u>Physical Location:</u> Item currently housed in Box 11.	Box 7 Box 11	Folder 10
Neland Avenue Christian Reformed Church "Faithful Neighbor," Grand Rapids Press article, July 27, 1996.	Box 7	Folder 11
Neland Avenue Christian Reformed Church 1990-1991 Annual Directory. Original.	Box 7	Folder 11
Neland Avenue Christian Reformed Church 1989-1990 Annual Report. Original.	Box 7	Folder 11
Neland Avenue Christian Reformed Church 25th Anniversary booklet, 1915-1940. original.	Box 7	Folder 11
Neland Avenue Christian Reformed Church 50th Anniversary booklet, 1915-1965. Photocopy.	Box 7	Folder 11
Oakdale Park Christian Reformed Church. 40 Anniversary history, 1890-	Box 7	Folder 12
Oakdale Park Christian Reformed Church. 50 Anniversary history, xxxx-xxxx	Box 7	Folder 12

Oakdale Park Christian Reformed Church. 60 Anniversary histories of the church, xxxx-1930. Photocopy, bound in book form. Dutch and English.	Box 7 Box 11	Folder 12
<u>Physical Location</u> : Item currently housed in Box 11.		
Oakdale Park Christian Reformed Church : "A Book of Remembrance" 100th anniversary book, 1890-1990. Original.	Box 7	Folder 13
Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church. 25th Anniversary booklet, 1951-1976. Photocopy.	Box 7	Folder 14
Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church. General information and church history packets. Photocopied.	Box 7	Folder 14
Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church. Church dedication program, May 31, 1981. Photocopy.	Box 7	Folder 14
Riverside Christian Reformed Church : "Some Highlights of the 30 Years at Riverside." Looseleaf. Ooriginal and photocopy.	Box 7	Folder 15
Seymour Christian Reformed Church. 25th Anniversary book, 1939-1964. Original.	Box 7	Folder 16
Seymour Christian Reformed Church. 50th Anniversary book, 1939-1989. Original.	Box 7	Folder 16
Sherman Avenue Christian Reformed Church 75th Anniversary booklet, 1907-1982. Original.	Box 7	Folder 17
West Leonard Christian Reformed Church 100th Anniversary booklet, 1889-1989. Original.	Box 7	Folder 18

E. Episcopal Churches

Title/Description	Instances	
St. Mark's Episcopal Church (GR) The Architecture of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. [pamphlet] Original.	Box 7	Folder 19
St. Paul Episcopal Church (GR) 120th Anniversary booklet, 1869-1989. Original, bound into book form.	Box 7 Box 11	Folder 20
<u>Physical Location</u> : Item currently housed in Box 11.		

F. Lutheran Churches

Title/Description	Instances	
Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church (formerly Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church). Histories of the church taken from various sources. Photocopied.	Box 8	Folder 1
Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church (formerly Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church). 25th Anniversary booklet. Original.	Box 8	Folder 1
Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church (formerly Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church). 75th Anniversary booklet. Original.	Box 8	Folder 1

German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Immanuel "Geschichte der Evang.- Lutherischen Immanuels-Gemeinde in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1856-1906.	Box 8	Folder 2
German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Immanuel 50th Anniversary booklet. Original. German.	Box 8	Folder 2
German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Immanuel Church history. Photocopied pages from History of the City of Grand Rapids. Baxter.	Box 8	Folder 3
German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Immanuel. 100th Anniversary booklet. Original.	Box 8	Folder 4
German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Immanuel. 130th Anniversary booklet. Original.	Box 8	Folder 4
German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Immanuel. Excerpts from History of the City of Grand Rapids. Baxter [and] History of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. Photocopies.	Box 8	Folder 4
Immanuel Lutheran Church "History of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church U.A.C. Of Grand Rapids, Michigan." 75th Anniversary booklet, 1931. Photocopy, bound. <u>Physical Location</u> : Item currently housed in Box 11.	Box 8 Box 11	Folder 5
Hope Lutheran Church: early church history, 1914-1939. Photocopy.	Box 8	Folder 6
Mamrelund Evangelical Lutheran Church (Kent City). 90th Anniversary booklet, 1866-1956. Photocopy.	Box 8	Folder 7
Swedish Evangelical Covenant Church (formerly Swedish Evangelical Missionary Congregation) Church history from History of the City of Grand Rapids. Photocopy.	Box 8	Folder 8
Swedish Evangelical Covenant Church (formerly Swedish Evangelical Missionary Congregation) 25th Anniversary collected writings booklet, 1880-1905. Original.	Box 8	Folder 8
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (presently St. John's United Church of Christ) Excerpts. Church history from History of the City of Grand Rapids. Photocopy.	Box 8	Folder 9
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (presently St. John's United Church of Christ) 50th Anniversary booklet, 1880-1930. Photocopy.	Box 8	Folder 9
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (presently St. John's United Church of Christ) 100th Anniversary booklet, 1880-1980. Photocopy.	Box 8	Folder 9
Trinity Lutheran Church (Conklin, MI) "A Century of Grace" 100th Anniversary booklet, 1865-1965. Original.	Box 8	Folder 10
Trinity Lutheran Church (Conklin, MI) 125th Anniversary booklet, 1865-1990. Original.	Box 8	Folder 10

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (GR) Typescript church history. Photocopy.	Box 8	Folder 11
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (GR) 75th Anniversary booklet, 1896-1971. Photocopy.	Box 8	Folder 11
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (GR) "A Vision for Mission" booklet. Original.	Box 8	Folder 11
Trinity Lutheran Church (Detroit, MI) Historic Trinity Lutheran Church : architecture and symbolisms pamphlet. Original.	Box 8	Folder 12

G. Methodist Churches

Title/Description	Instances	
"Methodist Church in Grand Rapids" typescript notes. 2 copies.	Box 8	Folder 13
First United Methodist Church (GR) Church history, 1835-1976. 2 vols. Original booklets.	Box 8	Folder 14
German Methodist Church. History of German Methodist Church from Baxter. History of the City of Grand Rapids. Photocopy.	Box 8	Folder 13
Second Street Methodist Church (Second United Methodist Church) Church histories from History of the City of Grand Rapids and other sources. Photocopied. [loose sheets].	Box 8	Folder 15
Second Street Methodist Church (Second United Methodist Church) 100th Anniversary program, 1855-1955. Photocopy.	Box 8	Folder 15
History for Second Street (Joy Memorial) from Baxter. History of the City of Grand Rapids. Photocopy.	Box 8	Folder 13

H. Netherlands Reformed Congregations

Title/Description	Instances	
The Banner of Truth Netherlands Reformed Congregations [serial]. 16 Vol. LVI, no. 6-9 (June-Sept., 1990).	Box 8	
The Banner of Truth Netherlands Reformed Congregations [serial]. 17 Vol. LVI, no. 10-12 (Oct-Dec., 1990).	Box 8	
The Banner of Truth Netherlands Reformed Congregations [serial]. ? vol. LVII, no. 1 (Jan. 1991).	Box 8	
The Banner of Truth Netherlands Reformed Congregations [serial]. 18 Vol. LVII, no. 2-7 (Feb.-July, 1991).	Box 8	
The Banner of Truth Netherlands Reformed Congregations [serial]. 19 Vol. LVII, no. 8-12 (Aug.-Dec., 1991).	Box 8	
The Banner of Truth Netherlands Reformed Congregations [serial]. ? vol. LVIII, no. 1 (Jan. 1992).	Box 8	
First Netherlands Reformed Congregation 100th Anniversary booklet, 1870-1970. Original.	Box 8	Folder 20

Netherlands Reformed Congregation of Grand Rapids. Histories of the Netherlands Reformed Church in America from various sources. Photocopies.	Box 8	Folder 21
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Netherlands Reformed Congregation of Grand Rapids. 2 photographs of the Turner Street location, outside and inside view of church. Originals.	Box 8	Folder 21
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I. Presbyterian Parishes

Title/Description	Instances	
First Presbyterian Church Church histories from History of the City of Grand Rapids and other sources. Photocopied.	Box 8	Folder 22
Second Presbyterian Church (presently Westminster Presbyterian Church) 100th Anniversary booklet, 1861-1961. Photocopy.	Box 8	Folder 23
Second Presbyterian Church (presently Westminster Presbyterian Church) 125th Anniversary booklet, 1861-1986. Original.	Box 8	Folder 23
Third Presbyterian Church (Mission Wood Presbyterian Church) Church history from History of the City of Grand Rapids and other sources. Photocopied.	Box 8	Folder 24

J. Reformed Churches in America (RCA)

Title/Description	Instances	
Reformed Church (RCA) 100th Anniversary souvenir program, Nov. 14, 1940. Photocopy.	Box 9	Folder 1
Third Reformed Church. Church histories from various sources. Photocopied.	Box 9	Folder 2
Third Reformed Church. 50th Anniversary booklet. Photocopy.	Box 9	Folder 2
Third Reformed Church. 75th Anniversary booklet. Photocopy.	Box 9	Folder 2
Third Reformed Church. 100th Anniversary booklet. Photocopy.	Box 9	Folder 2
Third Reformed Church. "History of Third Reformed Church, Centennial Year." Photocopy.	Box 9	Folder 2
Fourth Reformed Church. Church notes, street layout map, and histories from various sources. Loose leaf originals and photocopies.	Box 9	Folder 3
Fourth Reformed Church. "A Centennial of Mission" 100th Anniversary booklet, 1875-1975. Original.	Box 9	Folder 3
Fifth Reformed Church Church notes and history. Loose leaf, apparently taken out of original booklet.	Box 9	Folder 4
Seventh Reformed Church 75th Anniversary booklet, 1890-1965. Original.	Box 9	Folder 5

Seventh Reformed Church 100th Anniversary book, 1890-1990. Original, with annotations.	Box 9	Folder 6
Seventh Reformed Church. Essay. "The Reformed Church in America." typescript.	Box 9	Folder 6
Eighth Reformed Church. A Century in Worship and Service : 100th Anniversary, 1891-1991. Original.	Box 9	Folder 7
Eighth Reformed Church. Chronology from 75th Anniversary booklet. Photocopied.	Box 9	Folder 7
Belmont Reformed Church. "Cornerstone Documents" enclosed in the building's cornerstone. Photocopied.	Box 9	Folder 8
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First Emmanuel Wesleyan Church "History of Emmanuel Wesleyan Church" church history by Ione Driscal. Photocopy.	Box 10	Folder 3
Evangelical Covenant Church (GR) "Christ Our Heritage...Christ Our Future" centennial book, 1880-1980. Original.	Box 10	Folder 4
First (Park) Congregational United Church of Christ. "Our Heritage" church history booklet. Original.	Box 10	Folder 5
Smith Memorial Congregational United Church of Christ. 100th Anniversary booklet, 1887-1987. Original.	Box 10	Folder 6
Fountain Street Church (Nondenominational) "Liberal Legacy: A History of Fountain Street Church," 2 vols. Original, rebound. <u>Physical Location</u> : Item currently housed in Box 11.	Box 10 Box 11	Folder 7
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Fountain Street Church (Nondenominational). "Rebel with a Cause" Grand Rapids Press article, Oct. 1, 1994.	Box 10	Folder 9
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