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Detroit Conference Board of Trustees Records, 1938-1967

History Note:

The Detroit Annual Conference is incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws of Michigan. One of the responsibilities of the trustees of the annual conference, sometimes referred to as corporate trustees, is to manage the property of the corporation. During the time period covered by this collection, the members of the board were known as "Trustees of the Annual Conference, Inc."

Scope Note:

The collection contains files of Highland Park attorney and trustee Maurice Shirai. Even before he became a trustee in 1949, Shirai began conducting legal work for the Detroit Conference. He filed articles of incorporation for both the Conference and its individual churches, handled matters relating to the title to church property (especially for closed churches), and occasionally represented the Conference in litigation involving property matters. In addition to Shirai's correspondence on these matters, some of the folders contain deeds, mortgages, and property abstracts. Few files on Detroit area churches appear here as such questions were usually handled by the Methodist Union of Greater Detroit and its attorneys.

Extent:

2.0 linear feet (ca. 4,000 pages)

Access Restrictions:

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