

Detroit Conference United Methodist Archives



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Detroit Conference United Methodist Church Records, 1856-2013

History Note:

In the early years of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Michigan there was only a single conference – the Michigan Conference. In 1856 the churches in the eastern part of the lower peninsula and the entire upper peninsula became the Detroit Conference. Although subsequent mergers created first the Methodist Church (1939) and then the United Methodist Church (1968), the Detroit Conference still covers roughly the same areas of the state.

Scope Note:

This is a fragmentary collection of materials documenting only parts of the conference history. It contains minutes, reports, directories, newsletters, and other documents concerning the history of the Conference; various boards and commissions; the Port Huron and Saginaw Bay Districts; and such organizations as the Brotherhood of Retired Ministers, Detroit Conference UMC Secretaries, Detroit Methodist Ministers Association (and the Minister's Wives Association), Judson Collins Centennial Commission, Methodist Union of Greater Detroit, and Huron County Methodist Ministers Association.

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