

Detroit Conference United Methodist Archives



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Detroit Deaconess Home Records, 1889-1979

History Note:

The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Detroit founded the Detroit Deaconess Home in 1889. The role of the Deaconesses was to work with the sick and the destitute of the city (often in immigrant neighborhoods), while also bringing religion to them. The Deaconess Board secured a home where the Deaconesses lived and assigned them to specific churches where there was a known need for assistance. The years from 1912 to 1925 were probably the peak of activity, but the Deaconesses continued to work in Detroit for many years after that time.

Scope Note:

The collection contains board minutes, legal documents, and financial records.

Extent:

1.2 linear feet (ca. 2,400 pages)

Access Restrictions:

The collection is open to research.

Restrictions on Use:

Photocopying is handled by the staff and may be limited in certain instances. Before using any material for publication from this collection a formal request for permission to publish is expected and required.

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