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**Metropolitan Chicago Church Congregations**

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## **CARLI Book Digitization Initiative**

### **Metropolitan Chicago Church Congregations**

Among the University of Illinois at Chicago Library collections are 10 items, each with a focus on a metropolitan Chicago area Christian congregation. The books all predate 1923, and 3 were published in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The items include congregational manuals and congregational histories representing 9 different congregations including Baptist, Catholic, Congregational, and Presbyterian churches. Several of the books include photographs of members of the congregations, their clergy, and views of church building exteriors and interiors. One particular item of note is a German language book that includes lists of names, presumably members of the congregations. The histories provided in the books would be of use to scholars as well as to genealogical researchers.

Religion is intimately linked with culture and heritage. The subject matter of these books, particular Chicago-area church congregations, offers a perspective on local history through the lens of what would have been important community centers for many of those who settled the area and their families. The texts provide insights into activities associated with church participation and identify people who were leaders and members of each congregation. To this day, churches remain vital and important parts of the lives of many, and religion continues to be an important cultural characteristic for individuals and groups. Digitization of these texts would reveal and make accessible additional details about the religious lives and related social activities of Chicago area residents and, therefore, fits well with the CARLI Book Digitization Initiative theme of Illinois Culture and Heritage.

## Metropolitan Chicago Church Congregations

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Title	Publication Year	# of Volumes	Edition	Publisher	OCLC #	Checked OCA site Yes/no
Manual of the Congregational Church of Christ at Glencoe, Ill. : adopted October 30, 1873 [i.e., 1872]	1873			H. Willson	34459013	Yes
The quarter-centennial of the First Congregational Church of Chicago, May 21st and 22d, 1876	1876			J. Culver, Page, Hoyne)	5630575	Yes
Geschichte der Vereinigt-Evangelischen St. Johannes-Gemeinde von Addison, Du Page County, Illinois zum fünfzigjährigen Jubiläum	1899			Severinghaus & Beiffuss	33454836	Yes
The First Presbyterian Church : a history of the oldest organization in Chicago : with biographical sketches of the pastors and copious extracts from the choir records	1900			C.F. Summy Co	8634465	Yes
The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the New England Church, Chicago, June 13th and 14th, 1903	1903				10006910	Yes
Fiftieth anniversary celebration : Hyde Park Presbyterian Church, 1860 ... 1910 ... Chicago, May first to eighth, nineteen hundred and ten	1910			The Church	13738427	Yes
St. Charles Borromeo Church : Twelfth and Cypress Streets, Chicago, Illinois : silver jubilee celebration, 1885-1910 : September the twenty-fifth one thousand nine hundred and ten	1910			Mayer and Miller Co	69243499	Yes
The First Presbyterian church, 1833-1913; a history of the oldest organization in Chicago, with biographical sketches of the ministers and extracts from the choir records	1913			F. H. Revell Co.	5035397	Yes
Reminiscences, notes and records of St. Mark's Parish, Evanston, Illinois	1918			[s.n.]	6609838	Yes
The history of the Olivet Baptist Church of Chicago	1922				38490848	Yes