

Record Group CB553

Living Hope Church (Downey, Calif.). Records, 1910-1985.

4.3 linear ft.

Historical note

The Living Hope Church began as a city mission station of the General Conference Mennonite Church in Los Angeles. Approved by that conference in 1908, its first service took place in 1910. The station's original name was "River Station Mission." In 1914 the mission was moved and given the name "Whosoever Will Mission." The mission station was formally organized as a General Conference Mennonite Church in 1915 as the "Whosoever Will Mennonite Church." The church moved again in 1924 and took the name "Immanuel Mennonite Church." Changing demographics within Los Angeles caused the church to leave that city in 1952 and relocate to Downey.

In 1978 the Immanuel church withdrew from the General Conference Mennonite Church and renamed itself the Downey Immanuel Church. For several years the congregation functioned independently, until 1985, when it affiliated with the Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. Shortly thereafter, the church changed its name once again, to "Living Hope Church."

Restrictions

Congregational meeting minutes, Church Council minutes and Deacon Board minutes are restricted. Permission for access must be requested from the Living Hope Church.

Detailed container list

Box 1

- Church Record Book, 1914-1924
- Congregational meetings, 1918-1930
- Congregational meetings/Annual reports, 1928-1988
- Church Council, 1925-1985

Box 2

- Deacon Board
 - Minutes, 1949-1976
 - Correspondence with Wes & Frances Van Nattan, 1974
- Board of Trustees, 1924-1979
- Pulpit Committee, 1974, 1979
- Library Committee, 1926-1946
- Sunday School Board/Workers' Meetings, 1942-1948
- Sunday School Board & Executive/Workers' Meetings, 1949-1956
- Adult Christian Endeavor, 1925-1959
- Christian Endeavor, 1936-1953
- Young People's Christian Endeavor minutes, 1938-1943
- Young People's Christian Endeavor constitution, n.d.
- Sewing Society minute book, 1924-1950
- Women's Missionary Society: ledger book, 1924-1950
- Daily Vacation Bible School, 1930-1949

Young People's programs, 1950-1966
Southern Breeze (Youth Paper), 1933
Young People's News/Young People's Beacon, 1941-1942
Young People's Beacon, 1943-1946
Youth bulletin, 1965-1966

Box 3

Bulletins, 1931-1972

Box 4

Bulletins, 1973-1984
Constitutions, 1925-1976
Membership directories, 1936-1982
Ledger book, 1915-1937
Unbound financial statements, 1922-1926
Historical notes, n.d.
Booklet used at River Station, 1910-1914
25th anniversary of Mennonites in Los Angeles, 1935
25th anniversary scrapbook, 1935
25th anniversary of Immanuel Mennonite Church, 1949
50th anniversary, 1960
50th anniversary: historical information, 1960
Historical scrapbook, 1970
Missionary Conference, 1949-1980
Dedication days, 1952, 1955
Homecoming, 1947-1968
Church retreat, 1939
Brochure, n.d.
Ordination services, 1933, 1938

Box 5

"The Sketch Book" (congregational history), 1910-1969

Box 6

Correspondence
 Albert Epp, 1957-1969
 H. B. Dirks, 1946-1949
 Miscellaneous, 1944-1979
Letters of transfer, 1956-1978
Membership certificate stubs, 1946-1952
Membership book, 1918-1969