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SC 1688

**CENTRAL AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH
(INDIANAPOLIS, IND.)
COLLECTION, CA. 1952–1983**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1952-1983

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RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED HOLDINGS: None

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Central Avenue Methodist Church was established in 1877 out of a merger of the Trinity and Massachusetts Avenue churches in Indianapolis. Reuben Andrus preached the first sermon in the church on June 17, 1877. The Romanesque Revival styled structure was built of red brick trimmed with Indiana limestone. During the pastorate of Orien W. Fifer (1917-1927) Central Avenue church was noted for its involvement with the Social Gospel Movement and was directly involved with improving conditions within the community. Central Avenue Methodist Church also was instrumental in founding the Wheeler Rescue Mission for the poor.

Source: Information in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains three historical related publications regarding Central Avenue Methodist Church: an architectural/historical sketch by Phil Williams; "Responding to the Call: The Social Gospel and Central Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, 1917-1927," a research paper by Deidre Funkhouser for an independent study class at the University of Indianapolis, 1983; and "75th Anniversary Central Avenue Methodist Church, 1877-1952" (published booklet to commemorate the church's 75th anniversary).

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