

Dates: 1938-2020

Size: .25 linear feet (1 box)

Abstract:

A collection of anniversary booklets, property documents, photographs, and other documents related to the history of the San Diego Japanese Christian Church (previously called the San Diego Holiness Church).

Biographical/Historical Notes:

In 1923, ministerial student Junro Kashitani of the Los Angeles Holiness Church visited the El Cajon Valley and shared the message of Jesus Christ to Japanese families in the area. The San Diego Holiness Church was officially founded in 1930, after years of monthly services and cottage meetings (*katei shukai*) held by clergymen traveling from Los Angeles to San Diego. They initially met in a rented house on 30th and Newton Streets. Additionally, weekly evangelistic street meetings were held every Saturday night on the corner of Fifth and Island Streets. A permanent church building was acquired in July of 1940 at 3042 Webster Street.

To serve the growing Nisei community, the church developed an English-speaking department in 1951 and permanently relocated to 1920 E Street in 1966 after a rise in membership. The San Diego Holiness Church changed their name to the San Diego Japanese Christian Church in 1981, and its mission today is “to grow in Christ and share the Word of God with all, having special resources to reach Japanese and Asian people.”

Scope and Content:

A collection of anniversary booklets, property documents, photographs, and other documents related to the Japanese Christian Church.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged by material type.

Citation:

Japanese Christian Church Collection, AC 16, Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego Archives, San Diego, CA.

Collection Access Restrictions:

The collection is open for research.

Collection Use Restrictions:

Restrictions may apply.

Processing Information:

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Language of Materials:

English, Japanese

Provenance:

Photographs were donated by Larry Kida in 2010.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title/Subjects</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	50 th Anniversary Booklet	1980
1	2	60 th Anniversary Booklet	1990
1	3	70 th Anniversary Booklets	2000
1	4	90 th Anniversary Booklet	2020
1	5	Property Documents Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webster Street Property (purchase, insurance policy, proof of ownership by seller) • E Street Property (escrow, contents purchase) • Webster Street Property (sales) • 3030 Webster Street (church construction) • Webster Street (mortgage) 	1938-1939 1965-1966 1966 1940 1940-1942
1	6	Photos by Larry Kida Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group photos, church event photo (Senior Appreciation Day); 1980 calendar with group and building photos of various OMS Holiness Church branches across North America. 	1938, 1972, 1979, 1980, 1998, 2002

1	7	<p>Miscellanea</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily devotional book dedicated to Tom Mukai by the Young People of the (?) Christian Church of Poston • "Japan Diary-Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Eight: Overflowing Love" by Herbert V. Nicholson recounting his trip to Japan • "Excavating Golden Hill: The Japanese American Christian Church" article by Jim Miller • "General Conference and 60th Anniversary: Planning Committee – Seventh Meeting" minutes • "Ministerial Appointment 1990-1991" for Hawaii and California branches • Order of Worship service program; and Upward Way Newsletter, Vol 36. No. 3 	<p>1944</p> <p>1979</p> <p>2013</p> <p>1990</p> <p>1990-1991</p> <p>1994</p>
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