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MOUNT ZION APOSTOLIC CHURCH COLLECTION, 1988–2002

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Lillian Mason was born in Hart County, Kentucky on 1 October 1890. She came to Indianapolis in 1918 and began holding prayer meetings in her home on Earhart Street four years later. The meetings moved through several other locations, including a railroad boxcar on Vandeman Street where it resided from 1932 to 1938. In 1938 the congregation purchased a pool hall and tavern on East Prospect Street along with two connected lots to construct a church. While residing in the converted tavern the church took its first name, the Pentecostal Assembly of Christ Temple. The name later changed to Christ Temple No. 2. The church worshipped in the converted buildings from 1938 to 1958.

In 1959 a two-story structure was completed under Mason's direction at 3412 East Prospect Street. The same year a meeting of the board approved changing their name to Mount Zion Apostolic Church. Mason served as pastor until November 1967, when she was succeeded by James Oda Franklin. Franklin pastored the church until his death on 27 November 1987. Lambert Wade Gates Sr. became the congregation's next pastor in December 1988.

The congregation worshipped at the Prospect Street location until they began to outgrow the building. In 1997, the church moved to 4900 East 38th Street. In June 2005, a 1600-seat sanctuary was built as an addition to the existing building. Mount Zion Apostolic Church continues to reside at this location.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

Mount Zion Apostolic Church website, "History," <http://www.mtzionchurch.org/history/>.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection include an archives policy pamphlet, church histories, programs and bulletins, event flyers, news clippings, membership directories, and a booklet of meditations.

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"Mt. Zion Apostolic Church, A Souvenir in History & Pictures," 1997

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News clippings, 1993–98

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