

August 16, 1965

IMMANUEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Immanuel Community Church the only Protestant church on Concord Heights, had its beginning from a church school established in the old school house on Greeley Street under the leadership of Thomas B. Hall.

The First Congregational Church assisted Mr. Hall and other residents of the community in keeping the church school going for ten years. Those early christian workers saw the need for a house of worship, solicited from among themselves enough money to purchase a lot of land on Grover Street. Then they appealed to the First Church Society under the late Dr. George H. Reed for assistance. The Society promised to build a building provided the people of the community would provide the furnishings. This building was the same size as the first meeting house of the Old North Society erected one hundred and seventy five years before and seated one hundred and fifty people.

On December ninth, nineteen hundred this building was dedicated as a undenominational mission of the North Church and remained a mission until nineteen hundred and fifty when under the leadership of the Rev. Jessie Deale a Church Society was formed and the North Church gave the building to the society. On Easter Sunday one hundred and three persons were admitted as full members of the new Immanuel Church. The present membership stands at one hundred and forty seven, with a Sunday School of one hundred enrollment.

In nineteen hundred and fifty six and nineteen hundred and fifty seven an addition was built for use of Sunday School and Ladies Guild. Before this building was built the sanctuary was used for all activities of the church.

The present minister the Rev. Gerald D. Ciarcia was made the regular pastor recently, filling the vacancy caused by the retirement of Rev. Archibald Kerr who served faithfully for fourteen years.

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