

LOCAL CHURCH RECORDS SCHEDULE

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RECORD SERIES TITLE	DESCRIPTION	Total	Current	Local Church Archives
Accident and Injuries Records	Workers Compensation Claims Records	Settled+6.	Active	NO
Accounts Payable Records	Claims and Disbursements Records, Expenses, Accounting, Bookkeeping, Paid Invoices, Finance, Purchasing	7	2	NO
Accounts Receivable Records	Membership contributions, offering records	7	2	NO
	Offering envelopes	1	1	NO
Administrative Reports	Charge Conference reports, Administrative Board reports, Council on Ministries report, or administrative council reports	Permanent	2	YES
Annual Fiscal Reports	Closing of the Books Records, Financial Reports, Balance Reconciliation Records, State Accounts Reports	Permanent	4	YES
Architectural Drawings, Blueprints, and Maps		Permanent		YES
Audit Records		Permanent	4	YES
Bank Deposit Books		7	2	NO
Bank Deposit Slips		3	3	NO
Bank statements		7	3	NO
Benefits Policies and Procedures Records		Permanent	Active	YES
Bequest and Estate papers	wills, gift agreements, bequests	Permanent		As Necessary
Budget Records	Annual Budget	Permanent	4	YES
Bulletins	Sunday worship bulletins, special local church occasion bulletins	Permanent	2	YES
Bylaws		Permanent	Active	YES
Cancelled Checks	Cashed Checks	7	1	NO

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Certificates of Deposit, Canceled		3	3	NO
Committee Records	Local church committee records	Permanent	4	YES
Contracts	repairs, maintenance, lease agreements, loans	4 - service contracts 6 -Repairs, Lease, Loans Permanent - new construction	4	NO - expect for those going to Archives
Correspondence - subject	Correspondence on special or topic interest	permanent	Active	YES
Correspondence - transitory	Routine correspondence	1	1	NO
Deduction Authorization Records	Deductions Input List	Active + 4	Active	NO
Deeds	Deeds, Conveyances, Covenants, easements	Permanent		As Necessary
Directories		Permanent	Current	YES
Employment Eligibility Verification Forms		Active +1 (3 yrs Min.)	Active	NO
Employment Policies and Procedures Records	Employment Policies	Permanent	Active	YES
Grievance Records		Active +3.	Active	NO
Insurance Policies		Permanent	Active	YES
Insurance Election Records, Employees		employment +6	Active	NO
Inventories of Property and Equipment		Until superseded	Active	Transfer to Archives for Review

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Invoices		7 (except for major construction)	3	NO (transfer major construction series to Archives)
Membership records	Membership register, baptisms, marriages, transfers	Permanent		YES
Newsletters	Church newsletters, UMW, UMM, UMYF and other church group's newsletters	Permanent	2	YES
Pay Authorization Records		5	2	NO
Personnel Records	Personnel Files	Active+7	Active	NO
Property Files	deeds, title papers, repair history, permits, lease agreement	Permanent		As Necessary
Purchase Orders		7	3	NO
Real Estate Surveys	surveys, plot plans and related correspondence	Permanent		As Necessary
Rejected Applications	Rejected and Incomplete Employment Applications	2	1	NO
Search Records-accepted		Active+7	Active	NO
Search Records - all others		5	1	NO
Shipping and Freight Records		3	3	NO
Staff Meeting Records		Permanent	4	YES
Tax-Exempt Certificates	Certificates and Form 990	Permanent		As Necessary
Tax Returns		7	5	NO
Tax Withholding Authorization Records		Active + 5	Active	NO
Time Sheets		3	3	NO

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Travel Records		5	1	NO