

Cornerstones of Congregationalism IV: The Making of the United Church of Christ

First Congregational Church of Naperville

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- B. Westward Expansion: From Asa Turner to Owen Lovejoy
- C. Coming Together: The Albany Convention (1852) and the Burial Hill Declaration (1865)
- D. Legacy: Dangers of Congregational Autonomy

II. Toward the United Church of Christ

- A. The Emergence of a Denominational Structure, 1870-1920
- B. The Formation of the General Council of the Congregationalist and Christian Churches (1931)
- C. The Formation of the United Church of Christ (1957)
- D. Legacy: Growth and Renewal

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