

Register of the

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Biographical

Adventist Seniors of Michiana (ASM), formerly known as Adventist Retirees of Michiana (ARM), is an organization serving retired and senior members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Michiana area of Southwestern Michigan and Northern Indiana. The members of the organization comprises of Seventh-day Adventists who are 55 and older. The organization was organized in 1987 to provide fellowship, spiritual encouragement, service opportunities, and social activities for Adventist seniors.

Throughout its history, ASM has sought to enrich the lives of its members through regular meetings, educational programs, devotional activities, community service projects, organized trips, and special events. The organization has fostered a strong sense of friendship and mutual support among retired Adventists while encouraging continued involvement in church and community life.

The records of the organization document its development and activities from 1993 onward and include officers' records, constitutions, correspondence, financial documents, historical materials, meeting minutes, calendars, programs, trip records, and membership lists. These materials reflect the growth of the organization and its ongoing commitment to serving the spiritual, social, and recreational needs of Adventist seniors in the Michiana region.

The name transition from Adventist Retirees of Michiana (ARM) to Adventist Seniors of Michiana (ASM) in 2019 reflects the organization's continuing mission to provide a welcoming community for older Adventists while adapting to the changing needs of its membership. Through decades of fellowship, service, and faith-based activities, ASM has made a meaningful contribution to Adventists in Michiana.

Scope

The Adventist Seniors of Michiana (ASM), previously known as Adventist Retirees of Michiana (ARM) Collection consists of records relating to the administration, activities, and history of the organization. The collection includes ASM and ARM officers' records, constitutions, correspondence, financial documents, historical materials, meeting minutes, calendars, program and trip records, as well as membership lists and addresses. The files document the development and activities of the organization from 1993 to 2025.

Arrangement

The collection is organized into 2 boxes and arranged chronologically, spanning the years 1987 to 2025, in original order. For further details regarding the structure and organization of the materials, see the Table of Contents and the Inventory below.

Extent

2 records cartons; 2 linear feet

Provenance

This collection was received by the Center for Adventist Research in September 2025. Although designated as Adventist Seniors of Michiana, the some materials relate Adventist Retirees of Michiana. A name change had recently been applied.

Use

All users of this collection will complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and observe the regulation specified in the "Patron's Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct." All records in this collection are open and available for research. Suggested citation for this collection:

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INVENTORY

The files are organized in chronological order, with records arranged from the earliest to the latest dates.

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ASM and ARM Officers

Fld 1	ARM Officers, 1993–1999
Fld 2	ARM Officers, 2000–2010
Fld 3	ARM Officers, 2011–2014
Fld 4	ARM Officers, 2015–2019
Fld 5	ARM Officers' Job Description incl president's duties
Fld 6	ASM Officers, 2021-2025

Constitution

Fld 7	ASM Constitution & by-laws, 1996. 3 copies
Fld 8	ASM Constitution & by-laws, 2015. 2 copies
Fld 9	ASM Constitution & by-laws, 2022
Fld 10	ARM Reservation Agreement, 2018

Correspondence- emails and letters

Fld 11	ARM, 1992-2003
Fld 12	ARM, 2005, 2007, 2008
Fld 13	ARM, 2013
Fld 14	ARM, 2014, 2017
Fld 15	ARM, 2021, 2022, 2024

Finance

Fld 16	Financial statement, 1994–2018
Fld 17	Berrien Teachers Credit Union Statement, 2004-2006
Fld 18	Treasurer's Report, 2015–2019

Fld 19	Budget, 2015–2023
Fld 20	Invoices: Kenneth & Sharon Straw, 2017-2018
Fld 21	Trip payment records, 2018
Fld 22	Balance Sheet, 2019, 2022

History

Fld 23	Retirement takes some Adjusting, 1993
Fld 24	Brochures on Adventist history pioneers, undated.
Fld 25	Southwest Michigan Retirees, (newspaper article), undated.

Meeting Minutes

Fld 26	Agendas and Minutes, 1989, 1993-2002
Fld 27	Agendas and Minutes, 2008, 2012-2014
Fld 28	Minutes, 2015-2016

Box 2

Fld 1	Minutes, 2017-2019
Fld 2	Minutes, 2020-2022
Fld 3	Minutes, 2023-2025
Fld 4	Minutes, 2018-2019 (These minutes are available digitally)

Membership list and Addresses

Fld 5	ARM Membership list, 1994-1996
Fld 6	ARM Membership list, 1997
Fld 7	ARM Membership list, 1998. 3 copies
Fld 8	ARM Membership list, 2004
Fld 9	ARM Membership list, 2011-2012
Fld 10	Michigan Conference retirees' names, 2013, 2015
Fld 11	ARM Membership list, 2017
Fld 12	ASM Membership list, 2020-2022

Fld 13 ASM Membership list, 2023

Fld 14 ASM Membership list, 2024

Calendar, Programs, and Trips

Fld 15 ARM Music, 1991, 2004

Fld 16 ARM Survey Forms for Programs, 2000

Fld 17 Presentation at veteran's day celebration, 2004

Fld 18 ARM social and spiritual programs, 2001–2007

Fld 19 Registration form: NAD Retirees Convocation, 2008

Fld 20 ARM social and spiritual programs, 2008-2009

Fld 21 ARM annual planner, 2011-2012

Fld 22 ARM schedulers and programs, 2012-2014

Fld 23 God's Abundant Pantry (GAP), 2012, 2016
The folder contains background information and reports on the GAP food ministry under PMC

Fld 24 ARM & ASM Calendar & Programs, 2015–2016, 2024-2025

Fld 25 ARM & ASM Annual Trips, 2017-2019
This folder also contains the names of members who registered for the trips

Website

Fld 26 Transaction registration sign-up, 2013

This folder contains records relating to SimpleUpdates.com, which provided website development, hosting, and content management services for ARM's activities, events, and resources.

Fld 27 ARM Trademark License agreement, 2014. 3 copies

Miscellaneous files

These items did not directly fit with the Adventist Seniors of Michiana. They are retained because they were received with the collection and therefore may have relevance to the researcher.

Fld 28 PMC Nominating Committee Report, 2018-2020

Fld 29 Village SDA Church

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