

First Unitarian Church of Chicago



Identification

EBN	136853
Name	First Unitarian Church of Chicago
Construction Type	church
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	Postcode	60637
Country Name	U.S.A.	Address (as text)	5650 South Woodlawn Avenue
State Name	Illinois	Main Address	5650-5658 South Woodlawn Avenue
Metro Area Name	Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City Combined Statistical Area	Virtual Address	1190 East 57th Street

City Name	Chicago	Latitude	Contact us
District (1st level)	South Side	Longitude	Contact us
District (2nd level)	Hyde Park		

Description

Architectural style	neo-gothic	Main Usage	church
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Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1929	Year (construction end)	1931
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Facts

- The steeple reached a height of 206 feet, making this church the third-tallest building in Hyde Park before it was shortened.
- With its steeple First Unitarian Church was the tallest building in Hyde Park west of the train tracks, surpassing its neighbor Rockefeller Memorial Chapel by 2 meters.
- The church is the first in the city with a crypt for urns containing the ashes of cremated bodies. The burial chamber is located under the floor of the nave.
- This was the last major church in Chicago to be built with a masonry-supported structure.
- Originally designed without a spire. The steeple was included at the insistence of the pastor, Rev. Von Ogden Vogt but was demolished in April 2003 because of structural problems.

Involved companies

Architect.....
Denison B. Hull
 210 East Ohio Street
 60611 Chicago
 U.S.A.

Additional company data available for this building

Developer	Contact us	General Contractor	Contact us
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