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**Twin City Lutheran Relocation Hostel. Records of the Twin City  
Lutheran Relocation Hostel (Nisei Hostel). 1943-1948.**

**LCA Collection 17**

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**ABSTRACT:**

The Twin City Lutheran Relocation Hostel (Nisei Hostel) collection consists of financial documents, ledgers, background information, correspondence, and minutes. The facility was created to provide a temporary home for Japanese-American citizens after their experiences in relocation camps during World War II. The hostel was funded by the Board of American Missions and the Women's Missionary Society of the Augustana Lutheran Church; it was staffed by just three women.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:**

The Twin City Lutheran Relocation Hostel (Nisei Hostel) opened its doors in 1943, prepared to take in men, women, and children released by the War Relocation Authority. The hostel provided temporary homes for Japanese-American citizens from nine relocation centers throughout the western United States. The hostel was directed by Martha B. Akard, who had been the principal of a girls' high school in Kumamoto, Kyushu, Japan, and was fluent in Japanese.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The collection is divided into two series.

**Financial Documents, 1943-1948:** This includes receipts and ledgers from the everyday expenses to general accounting ledgers, tax and tax exemption forms, and yearly financial statements.

**Miscellaneous, 1943-1946:** This includes background information, literature on resettlement and minorities, minutes, correspondence, statistics, and registration cards.

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**RELATED COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES:**

Lutheran Resettlement Service of Minnesota. Correspondence of the Lutheran Resettlement Service of Minnesota, 1947-1955. LCA Collection 260.

**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Twin City Lutheran Relocation Hostel.  
 Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church--Missions.  
 World War, 1939-1945 -- Japanese Americans.  
 Home missions -- Minnesota.

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Hostel Financial Report 1944, 1945, and 1946	2	2
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