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East Seven Mile Road; Eastown One Body Now

DETROIT — The Eastown and East Seven Mile Road congregations of the church of Christ recently came together in a merger.

These brethren believe that with a good spiritual program, properly directed, there is strength in numbers. The two groups have worked closely for several years.

The first service of the combined group was conducted on March 7.

Plans for this move have been under way for about two years. The new body is meeting in the former Seven Mile Road building, which is located at 11100 East Seven Mile Road.

A new name has been selected for the congregation. It is now called "Highland Church of Christ of Detroit."

Five Elders

The congregation is overseen by five elders, four from the former Eastown group and one from the Seven Mile group. It is served by four deacons, three from the Eastown group and one from the former Seven Mile Group.

The local evangelists are Leo Hindsley and E. L. Freeland. They worked with the two congregations before the merger. Larry Raper, a young gospel preacher, teaches in the Bible School and assists in the personal work program.

The program of work carried on by both groups is to be continued by the new one. It includes mission work in Italy in the support of the Bernard Howell family and overseeing and partial support of Rudolph Berdini.

They partially support the work in Gladwin and Gaylord, Michigan. Support is given to the local television program of the Herald of Truth. Benevolent work is done in supporting various orphan's homes and the home for the aged.