

**Home Missions Council (1912-1950)**  
**Council of Women for Home Missions**  
**Home Missions Council of North America**

1908 was a stellar year for cooperative missionary and ecumenical enterprise. In that year were founded the Home Missions Council, the Council of Women for Home Missions, and the Federal Council of Churches. The Home Missions Council aimed, in the words of its constitution, "to promote fellowship, conference, and cooperation among the Christian organizations doing missionary work in the United States and its dependencies." The Council of Women for Home Missions cherished similar goals, but its members were the women's national home missions boards of the cooperating Protestant bodies. In William King's short *History of Home Missions Council*, the author observes: "The Council of Women has a more detailed and definite constitution and set of by-laws than has the Home Missions Council. What the women gain in precision, the men make up in flexibility." The precision and flexibility were evidently in sync, since the two groups held their annual meetings jointly for many years, until they merged, in 1940, into the Home Missions Council of North America, which in turn became the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches in 1950. Among the cooperative projects of the two councils were field surveys for home missions work, social service among Native American and migrant worker populations, and meetings planned at the national, regional, and local levels. Books published by the several councils can be located in the stacks through appropriate searches of the library's online catalog.

**Box #1: Proceedings and Annual Reports of council meetings**

1. Of the Home Missions Council: 5th (1912), 8th (1915)-13th (1920)
2. Of the Home Missions Council & Council of Women For Foreign Missions: 14th (1921)-18th (1925), 1927.

**Box #2: Annual Reports of council meetings [continued]**

1. Of the Home Missions Council: 1928-1935; 1934

- 1a. Of the Home Missions Council & Council of Women for Home Missions, 1933, 1936-1940
2. Of the Home Missions Council of North America, 1940-1950.
3. Of the Council of Woman for Home Mission, 1924, 1926-1928 Annual Report.

**Box #3: Reports of conferences called by the councils**

1. *National Church Comity Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 20-22, 1928, Old Stone Presbyterian Church* [program; 1 folded sheet]
2. *Data Book for the use of Delegates to the North American Home Missions Congress, to be held in Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., Dec. 1 to 5, 1930* [in 2 volumes; 2 copies of vol. 1; 3 copies of vol. 2]
3. *Interdenominational Conference on the City and the Church in the Present Crisis, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1, 2, 1932, Auditorium, Chicago Temple* [program]
4. *Findings of the Interdenominational [Conference] on the City and the Church in the Present Crisis, Chicago, Illinois, Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1, 2, 1932, Auditorium, Chicago Temple* [6 pages]
5. *Home Missions and Social Trends: A Report of a Conference held in the First Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md., Jan. 9-10, 1939.* [2 copies]
6. *For a Christian World: A National Congress on Home Missions* [Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 24-27, 1950]
7. *Report of the Findings Committee of the National Home Missions Congress, Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 24-27, 1950* [excerpt from *For a Christian World*]

**Box #4: Publications of the Home Missions Council**

1. *History of Home Missions Council, with Introductory Outline History of Home Missions*, by William R. King, 1930 [2 copies].
2. *How Can Local Churches Come Together: A Handbook of Principles and Methods*, by Elizabeth Hooker, 1928.
3. *The Continuing Task of Home Missions: A Study Outline*, by M. Russell Boynton, [1934?]

4. *The Philosophy of Christian Stewardship*, by Mark A. Dawber [undated reprint from *Church Management*]
5. *Unity in Action: Cooperation at Government Projects*, by Mark A. Dawber [reprint from the *Church Woman*, Nov. 1939]
6. *Reports of the Special Committee of the Home Missions Council on the Religious and Social Conditions in: Colorado* [1913], *North Dakota* [1913], *Northern California* [1914], *Washington* [1914].
7. *The Every-Community Service Endeavor in Montana*, 1919
8. *Report of the Every-Community Survey of Southern Idaho*, 1923
9. *Every Community Survey of New Hampshire*, 1928.
10. *Home Missions Today and Tomorrow: A Review and a Forecast*, ed. by Hermann N. Morse, 1934 [2 copies].

**Box #5: Publications of the Council of Women for Home Missions; Joint publications of the two councils; Relations with the FCC**

Publications of the Council of Women for Home Missions

1. *A Volume of Service* [undated, self-introductory pamphlet]
  2. [Pamphlet from the 1940 annual meeting of the Council, summarizing its work]
  3. *Women in a Changing World: a Series of Radio Talks*, by Edith Elizabeth Lowry, [1939?, 2 copies]
  4. Materials relating to migrant labor  
*Migrants and Menus* [1 folded sheet; 2 copies]  
*Hopin' for the Best: A Scene in Migrant Life* [reprint from the *Church Woman*]  
*Suppose You were a Migrant* [1 duplicated sheet]  
*Migrants March into your Kitchen* [1 duplicated sheet, with enclosure]  
*They Starve that We May Eat: Migrants of the Crops*, compiled by Elizabeth E. Lowry, 1938 [72 p. printed pamphlet]
- Joint publications of the Council of Women for Home Missions & the Home Missions Council

1. *Home Missions Day, New York World's Fair, Sept. 1, 1939* [1 folded sheet]
  2. *Suggestions for the Observance of Home Missions Sunday, Second Sunday in January, 1940* [1 folded sheet]
  3. *Handbook: Material on Migrants* [duplicated 50 p. pamphlet; 2 copies]
  4. *Frontiers of American Life: The Basis of Home Missions*, by Mark A. Dawber [radio talks on NBC, 1939-1940?; 2 copies]
  5. *Frontiers of American Life, no. 2: Our Shifting Populations*, by Mark A. Dawber [radio talks on NBC, 1940-1941; 2 copies]
- Relations with the Federal Council of Churches
1. *Cooperation in Home Missions*, by Edgar P. Hill [article reprint, undated]
  2. *Cooperative Advance in Home Missions*, submitted by L. C. Barnes, chairman of the Committee on Home Missions [of the FCC]
  3. *A Record of Development and Progress: A Review of Home Missions...*
  4. *Bibliographies of Federal Council, Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions*

**Box #6: Publications of the Home Missions Council of North America**

1. *Home Missions and Democracy*, 1942.
2. *United Service to Indian American Students*, 1943.
3. *Do You Realize that the Home Mission Enterprise is in the Midst of a Crucial Test Today...*, by Jennie Cartland Callister, [1943?]
4. *Home Missions and the Navajo* [1947]
5. *Frontiers of American Life, no. 3: Democracy and Human Need*, by Mark A. Dawber [radio talks]
6. *Frontiers of American Life, no. 4: Freedom's Holy Light*, by Mark A. Dawber [radio talks]
7. *Women in a Changing World: 1941 Series of Radio Broadcasts*, by Edith Elizabeth Lowry
8. *A Survey of National Defense Areas of Arizona*, [by a staff member of the Home Missions Council of North America; 1942?]
9. *A Survey of Migratory Farm Labor in the Cotton Area of Pinal County*,

*Arizona* [typescript, 1943?, includes color map]

10. *A Survey of Migratory Farm Labor in the State of Montana* [typescript, 1942?, includes maps and photographs].