

Missions Archive (1885-1985)

Most of the Library's archival records relating to missions are in book form. Also in book form are the proceedings of many of the ecumenical missions conferences held in the first half of the 20th century, such as that at Edinburgh in 1910. Such proceedings are retrievable via the Library's book catalog. Also treated separately, under their respective umbrella organizations, are the missions records of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

Most of the Library's remaining missions records are gathered in this small collection of 5 boxes. They include: pamphlet literature from the International Missionary Council; pamphlet literature from sundry denominational missions societies; pamphlet and manuscript material from individual Methodist missions; pamphlet literature from interdenominational missions societies; pamphlet literature from the Missionary Research Library.

Box #1: Pamphlet literature from the International Missionary Council

The IMC was an outgrowth of the World Missionary Conference convened at Edinburgh in 1910. It was formally constituted in 1921 as a worldwide agency for missionary cooperation. It fostered the growth of national councils of churches, and called periodic international conferences to discuss common areas of missions concern. The Library holds records in pamphlet form from all the major world meetings of the Council: Jerusalem (1928), Tambaram (1938), Whitby (1947), Willingen (1952), and Ghana (1958), though some of these are cataloged as books. Periodic publications of the IMC included Occasional Papers, issued by the Dept. of Missionary Studies, and the International Review of Missions, later continued by the World Council of Churches. The IMC played an important role in founding the World Council of Churches, in 1948, under which it was subsumed as the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism in 1961.

The box contains the following items:

1. Constitution and By-Laws, from 1954
2. International Missionary Council: Its History, Functions, and Relationships, 1946.
3. Child of Necessity: The Story of the Beginnings and of the Continuing Services of the IMC, by Jesse R. Wilson, 1955.
4. Crossing Frontiers Together: A Brief Statement of what the IMC is and does, 1960.
5. Messages and Recommendations of the Enlarged Meeting of the IMC, Jerusalem, 1928
6. Minutes of the Enlarged Meeting of the IMC and the Committee of the Council, Whitby, Ontario, Canada, July 5-24, 1947
7. Minutes of the Committee of the IMC, Oegstgeest, the Netherlands, Sept. 7-10, 1948
8. Minutes of the Enlarged Meeting and the Committee of the IMC, Willingen, Germany, July 5th to 21st, 1952
9. Christian World Mission: An Interpretation and Discussion Based on Themes and Findings of the IMC's World Conference on the Missionary Obligation of the Church, held at Willingen, Germany, July, 1952.
10. The Missionary Obligation of the Church, Willingen, Germany, July 5-17 1952
[another copy is cataloged in the book collection]
11. Minutes of the Ad Interim Committee of the IMC, Wagner College, Staten Island, N.Y., July 15th to 24th, 1954.
12. Minutes of the Assembly of the IMC, Ghana, Dec. 28th, 1957 to Jan. 8th, 1958.
13. Why Integration: An Explanation of the Proposal Before the World Council of Churches and the IMC, by Ernest A. Payne and David G. Moses, 1957.
14. Report to the Final Assembly of the IMC and the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches, New Delhi, 1961 [2 copies]
15. The Integration of the IMC and the World Council of Churches: Opening Assembly of the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Nov. 1961.
16. Occasional Papers, nos. 1-10 (Aug. 1958 - Sept. 1961), with form-letter introducing the papers, dated Feb. 1960. [the papers were continued by the CWME; see the WCC archive]

Box #2: Pamphlet literature from denominational missions societies

The materials are arranged by denomination, in 8 folders:

1. Baptist Missionary Society

Directory and Financial Reports from 1978-1980

2. Church of Scotland

Reports of the Overseas Council [to the General Assembly], 1977-1982

Reports of the Board of World Mission and Unity to the General Assembly, 1984, 1985.

3. Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.

Financial Statements [of] The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., 12/31/78 - 12/31/82 and 12/31/84-12/31/85

4. Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.

Report of the Committee on Trust Funds of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, 1979-1980, 1982-1984.

5. Evangelical United Brethren

A Statistical Analysis of EUB Missionaries, 1947-1962.

World Mission Division. Directory of Related Programs, 1967..

6. Methodist Episcopal Church. Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Light at the Crossroads: A Navajo Pageant, by Pauline G. Malehorn.

7. Methodist Church

Board of Missions:

Overseas Churches Develop Stewardship, Leadership, by Leonard Perryman, [1958; 2 duplicated pages]

"Ecumenical Developments & Relationships, 1940-1960" [2 mimeographed pages]

Duplicated letter from Paul and Mabel Wagner in Maharashtra, India, January 1962

The Missionary Role of the Christian Layman Abroad, by Paul Loffler

[Nov. 1, 1962; 4 duplicated pages]

Board of Missions, Division of National Missions, Dept. of Research &
Survey:

Resources for Local Church Planning, by Lyle E. Schaller, 1962

A Survey of Indian Churches, Missions, and Ministries of the Methodist
Church, by James H. Davis, 1968.

Board of Missions, Woman's Division of Christian Service

Our Work in Africa, by Mildred Lovell, [1945?]

This is the Navajo, by W. P. Bass.

Do You Know: Projects of the Dept. of Work in Foreign Fields, [1957]

A Christian's Primer on Human Rights, 1957.

Do You Know: Projects of the Dept. of Work in the USA & West Indies,
[1960]

Do You Know: Projects of the Dept. of Work in Foreign Fields, [1961]

8. Methodist Church, Board of Missions, MUST [Metropolitan Urban Service
Training]

9. United Methodist Church.

Board of Missions

Aspects of United Methodist Medical Work, by Reeve H. Betts, [1968?]

Urbanization and Renewal, by Dan Dodson, 1969 (Interpretive
Services)

Board of Global Ministries

The Involvement of Ethnic Minority Persons in Overseas Mission in the
United Methodist Church and its Predecessors, 1942-1977, by M.
O. Williams, Jr., 1978.

Exhibits to Accompany the Involvement of Ethnic Minority Persons ...
Whatever Happened to the Missionary, by Avery Manchester, 1979
(Interpretive Services)

Evangelism [Fact Sheet, no. 4, prepared by Education & Cultivation
Division]

United Methodist Witness in Asia: an Overview, 1980

World Division Handbook of Programs, Projects and Relationships
[1980?]

An Enduring Legacy: Black United Methodists and the National Program
Division, 1985

Board of Global Ministries, Women's Division.

Some Perspectives on the Hunger Issue and the Women's Division, 1974
[7 mimeographed pages]

10. United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Board of National Missions
Scotch, Irish, and _____, by Jacob A. Long, 1943

Division of Evangelism

A Call for On-the-Job-Theology, by Edward M. Huenemann [11 pages
of typescript, undated]

Occasional Papers

The Language and Problem of Evangelism, by James D. Smart
Community with Purpose, by W. R. Laws [no. 3]
Engagement is Evangelism, by Donald P. Buteyn [no. 4]
A Certain Dark Joy, by Lerone Bennett [no. 5]

Division of Church and Race

A New Vision of Earth and Man, by Carl Nelson Gorman, 1972 [on
the Navajo]

11. Presbyterian Church (USA)

Directory of Active Overseas Personnel, May 1984 and Dec. 1984 + changes 1-
5 (6/84-11/84)

Presbyterian Mission Relationships: Latin America, East Asia, South Asia,
Africa, Middle East, Europe, [1985?].

Box #3: Pamphlet literature from interdenominational missions societies

1. Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions

This organization emerged out of the New York Ecumenical Missionary Conference, which met at Carnegie Hall in April, 1900. The Committee sponsored annually published books for adults and children on mission. The folder contains a two-page duplicated list of the books published between 1901 and 1938 (several of which the Library holds in its circulating book collection)

2. Commission on World Mission of the National Student Christian Federation

University student involvement in world mission dates back, organizationally, at least as far as the Student Volunteer Movement, founded in 1886. In 1959, the NSCF was formed as a union of the SVM, the United Student Christian Council, and the Interseminary Committee, all student Christian societies that previously existed independently. As part of the new union, the SVM became the Commission on World Mission. The folder contains A Call for Colleagues from Leaders in the Younger Christian Churches, published by the SVM in 1930, and Basic Books Reading Course on the World Mission of the Church, issued by the Commission on World Mission, in 1961.

3. Committee on Cooperation in Latin America

Though a World Missionary Conference met in Edinburgh in 1910, its purview fell short of quite the whole world, since Latin America was not represented. To make good on that omission, a Conference on Missions in Latin America was held in New York City on March 12 and 13, 1913. The Committee on Cooperation in Latin America emerged from the conference, to help coordinate missionary efforts in that region. For several decades it planned conferences and initiated surveys, until it was absorbed into the National Council of Churches Division of Overseas Missions, in 1965. The folder contains a duplicated letter from the Committee, to the Missionaries in Latin America, dated Feb. 14, 1914.

4. Ethnologue of Bibleless Tribes, by the Wycliffe Bible Translators

Founded in 1934, the Wycliffe Bible Translators is a group of professional linguists engaged in translating the Bible into hitherto largely oral tribal languages. Their work includes founding literary equivalents of the spoken tongues. The training schools for the translators are subsumed under an organization known as the Summer Institute of Linguistics, officially incorporated in 1942. The file holds the 5th edition of the Ethnologue, which lists tribes throughout the world who lack the Bible, and a supplement, published in 1959 by the Summer Institute of Linguistics at the University of North Dakota.

5. Foreign Missions Conference of North America

A cooperative agency for missionary societies in North America, this group was founded in 1893. Early leaders of it included John Mott and Robert Speer. It was one of the constituent bodies of the National Council of Churches, founded in 1950, under whose aegis it became, first, the Division of Foreign Missions, and then, in 1965, the Division of Overseas Ministries. The file contains the Reports from the 45th (1938) and 48th (1942) annual sessions.

6. Pamphlet literature on medical missions

This miscellaneous file contains:

On this Green Hill: Mountain Rest's First Fifty Years, by Edward H. Hume,
[1950?]

Medicine and Missions: A Survey of Medical Missions, ed. by Edward Dayton,
pub'd by Medical Assistance Programs, Inc., 1969.

The Christian Nurse, by Michael Wilson, pub'd by Edinburgh House, 1960

Medical Missions Sisters, ed. by Miriam Therese Winter, nos. 1 & 2 (1971)

7. Sudan United Mission.

This interdenominational society was founded in Britain in 1904 for missionary work in Africa immediately south of the Sahara. Modern African countries hosting missions include Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, and the Sudan. The file contains The S.U.M. 75th Jubilee, 1904-1979, published by the Mission in 1980.

Box #4: Individual Methodist missions

1. Quessua, Angola

Methodist missionary work in Angola dates back to 1884, when William Taylor (1821-1902) was elected missionary bishop to Africa and, under his care, a string of missions was established in the Luanda and Malange/Quessua regions. Mission establishments in Quessua have included training schools in teaching, agriculture, industries, nursing, and evangelism, as well as a hospital. The Angolan rebellion against the colonialist Portuguese, in 1961, adversely affected the mission. All missionaries were ultimately expelled, and not readmitted until 1974. In this war-ravaged country, the United Methodist Church of Angola has maintained a growing presence. A descendant of the founding missions, it comprises two annual conferences, one centered in Luanda and the other in Malange.

The archives file contains miscellaneous clippings, duplicated letters from the missions, one undated ms. letter from missionary Susan Collins to a Miss Bender, and four pamphlets: *Twenty Years of Medical Missionary Work in Africa*, by Alexander Kemp; *Five Years in Africa*, by Violet Crandall, 1935; *William Taylor Memorial School*, 1930?; *The Central Training School of the Methodist Church: Taylor Institute, Quessua*, undated.

2 & 3) Margaret Williamson Hospital & Woman's Christian Medical College

(Shanghai)

Methodist missionary work in Shanghai dates back to the arrival there of Charles Taylor (1819-1897), in 1850, a medical missionary from the M.E.C., South. A few decades later, in 1885, the nondenominational Woman's Union Missionary Society of America opened the Margaret Williamson Hospital for women and children, to which was joined the Shanghai Union School of Nursing, 1921. In 1924, the hospital and nursing school became the site for the Woman's Christian Medical College, successor to the school of Mary Black Hospital, established in 1901 by the M.E.C., South in Soochow (Fuzhou). The archives file holds information about both the hospital and the medical college.

The file for the hospital contains:

Margaret Williamson Hospital, 1885-1935.

1 clipping from the Shanghai Sunday Times, reporting on the 50th anniversary celebration of the hospital, dated May 12, 1935.

1 clipping from the Shanghai Evening Post, reporting on the same, dated May 11, 1935

"Religious Work at the Margaret Williamson Hospital," by Eula Eno, in The Missionary Link [1940?]

Shanghai Union School of Nursing, Margaret Williamson Hospital, 20th Anniversary, 1921-1941 [2 copies]

Margaret Williamson Hospital Founder's Day, Oct. 9, 1948 [2 copies]

The file for the medical college contains:

Pamphlet literature describing Mary Black Hospital from the Woman's Missionary Council of the M.E.C., South [1917 and 1919], and from Ethel Polk of the hospital itself [1917]

Woman's Christian Medical College, Shanghai [the story of the college, with

photos, 1924]

Manual for the Use of Workers in the Woman's Christian Medical College, The Margaret Williamson Hospital, the Shanghai Union School of Nursing, issued by the Board of Managers, 1930.

Woman's Christian Medical College, 1932 [map of hospital on front page; 1 folded leaf]

A Cure for War, 1934 [brief history of the college; 1 folded leaf]

Christian Woman's Medical College, by Josephine Lawney, 1936.

Woman's Christian Medical College 12th Annual Announcement, Session on 1937-1938

Woman's Christian Medical College, Margaret Williamson Hospital, by Josephine Lawney, 1944? [1 folded leaf; 2 copies]

Woman's Christian Medical College Annual Board Meeting, May 13, 1950.

Three Union Colleges: Woman's Christian Medical College, by Julia Bronson [undated, excised article from printed journal]

Boxes #5 & 6: Missionary Research Library

An outgrowth of the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh, 1910, the Library was founded by John Mott, in 1914, with an initial gift of several hundred books from the Continuation Committee of the Conference, the Student Volunteer Movement, and the Young People's Missionary Movement. The collection was maintained under the good graces of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America until, in 1929, it moved to Union Theological Seminary, where it still resides. After the Conference transformed into the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches, in 1950, Union Theological Seminary and the NCC remained joint proprietors of the library. For many years, the library published an occasional bulletin and periodic listings of new acquisitions.

The archive boxes for the library contain:

2 self-introductory pamphlets published by the library itself [1958?; one undated]

"Research Libraries in New York City specializing in Christian Missions," by Gerald Anderson [offprint of article that appeared in *Journal of Asian Studies*, Aug. 1966]

"Specialized Research Libraries in Missions," by Frank Price [offprint of article that appeared in *Library Trends*, Oct. 1960]

Occasional bulletins, 6:9 (Dec. 6, 1955); 8:7 (July 15, 1957); 9:6 (June 25, 1958); 10:4 (May 15, 1959); 11:1 (Jan. 20, 1960); 11:4 (Apr 30, 1960); 11:7 (Sept. 30, 1960); 11:9 (Nov. 23, 1960); 12:1 (Jan. 15, 1961); 12:4 (Apr 25, 1961); 12:7 (Sept. 22, 1961); 12:8 (Oct. 1961); 12:9 (Nov. 1961); 13:1 (Jan. 1962); 14:9 (Sept. 1963); 14:10 (Oct. 1963); 15:4 (Apr. 1964); 15:5-6 (May-June 1964); 15:11 (Nov. 1964); 16:1 (Jan. 1965); 16:8-9 (Aug-Sept. 1965); 16:11 (Nov. 1965); 17:1 (Jan 1966); 17:2-3 (Feb.-Mar. 1966); 17:11 (Nov. 1966); 17:12 (Dec. 1966); 18:4 (Apr. 1967); 19:5 (Feb. 1968); 21:7 (July 1970).

Christianity and Marx-Leninism, by Kiang Wen-Han.

Theological Education in the Younger Churches: A Review of the Literature, by R. Pierce Beaver, 1953.

Protestant Churches of Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Area (Revision of The younger churches, some facts and observations), 1959

A Study of United Missions and Interboard Committees, by Loren Noren, 1961.

Cumulative List of Doctoral Dissertations and Masters' Theses in Foreign Missions and Related Subjects as reported to the Missionary Research Library in the Occasional Bulletin, 1950-1960, compiled by Laura Person, 1961.

Selected List [of] Currents Books and Pamphlets (items published 1961-1964) Added to the Collection of the Missionary Research Library between July 1, 1964 and Dec. 31, 1964, 1965.

Selected List [of] Current Books and Pamphlets (items published 1962-1965)

Added to the Collection of the Missionary Research Library between July 1, 1965 and Dec. 31, 1965, 1966.

Selected List [of] Current Books and Pamphlets (items published 1963-1966)

Added to the Collection of the Missionary Research Library between Jan. 1, 1966 and June 30, 1966, 1966.