

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION MINUTES

AR 138-1



Christian Life Commission Fellowship Breakfast for United States Legislators, 1976.

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Summary

Main Entry: Christian Life Commission Minutes

Date Span: 1937 – 1998

Abstract: The Christian Life Commission Minutes contains three linear feet of minutes of the commission annual and semi-annual meetings in six document boxes. The collection is a series of the Christian Life Commission records. The minutes document the actions taken by the full trustee body and the Executive Committee of the Commission.

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Historical Sketch

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Scope and Content Note

The Christian Life Commission Minutes (1937 – 1998) contains three linear feet of minutes, of the commission's annual and semi-annual meetings, in six document boxes. Materials are arranged alphabetically and then chronologically, with additions expected.

The minutes reflect the social issues most prevalent in the Commission's work at the time of the meetings. Consequently, the collection addresses a variety of social issues such as alcohol, race relations, juvenile delinquency, marriage and family, salacious literature, and war. While these topics are typically mentioned in committee reports summarized in

the minutes, there are occasionally additional articles on some topics, such as administrative matters concerning program reports and publications.

The collection is a series of the Christian Life Commission records that includes Administrative Files (AR 138), Resource Files (AR 138-2), Audiovisual Materials (AR 138-3), Audits and Financial Reports (AR 138-4), and “Light” Publication Files (AR 138-5).

Arrangement

Alphabetically, then chronologically, by folder title

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Land, Richard D., 1946 –

Valentine, Foy Dan, 1923 – 2006

Miller, Acker Calvin, 1891 – 1984

Weatherspoon, Jesse Burton, 1886 – 1964

Southern Baptist Convention. Christian Life Commission

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Christian ethics

Moral conditions

Race relations

Family

Church and state

Related resources in the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

Byrd, Harry Emerson. *An analysis of pronouncements on major issues by the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention 1914-1946*. MF 3525

Gaddy, Curtis Welton. *The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention a critical evaluation*, 1971. MF 3493

Resumes of the significant events in the Southern Baptist Convention Collection, 1812-1972. AR 896

Sutton, Jerry. *A Matter of Conviction: The Story of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention*. Nashville : Broadman & Holman, 2008.

Yance, Norman Alexander. Southern Baptists and social action a historical interpretation of the Christian Life Commission and its denominational role, 1973. MF 4095.

Container List

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- 6.11 Christian Life Commission – Publications, 1993