

MISSIONARY EDUCATION COUNCIL COLLECTION

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Meeting of the Missionary Education Council in Memphis, TN, 1965

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Summary

Main Entry: Missionary Education Council Collection

Date Span: 1948 – 1980

Abstract: Collection contains meeting minutes, research reports, agendas, programs, committee files, publications, and subject files of the Missionary Education Council of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Size: 1.75 linear ft. (4 boxes)

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Historical Note

The Missionary Education Council (MEC) was an organization of representatives of Southern Baptist agencies that were responsible for the production and utilization of missionary education materials. The MEC had its inception in a meeting of the executives of the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission in Nashville, Tennessee, in September, 1945. They authorized a meeting of representatives of the respective agencies in Richmond, Va., January 9 – 10, 1946, when the council became an organized body.

The purpose of the MEC was stated: "This shall be a co-operative council of Southern Baptist agencies for consultation on the production and utilization of missionary materials." The membership of the council was to be composed of representatives of the agencies listed above, together with a representative of the Southern Baptist Press Association, the state convention secretaries, and each of the Southern Baptist seminaries. The MEC met annually. The council's chief concern was the matter of improving the program of missionary education in Southern Baptist churches.

The MEC had its final session October 31, 1966. A Missions Study Coordination Conference was set up to continue the work of the MEC, including selection of annual themes for the graded mission study of the FMB and HMB, promotional plans, specifications for books, suggested authors, and reviewing outlines and manuscripts of the mission books.

Mission Education Promotion Conference (MEPC) later became the official name of the new group. As a result of the Missions Challenge Committee recommendation, the Missions Education Council was formed in 1977 and included five work groups. Although the Council performed functions for several years, it no longer exists.

Scope and Content Note

The collection is an artificial collection drawn from a variety of sources and is divided into two series. The first includes the minutes of the Missionary Education Council from 1947 – 1966 and is arranged in chronological order. The minutes include the agendas, minutes of past meetings, a list of officers, council members, committees, agency reports, mission themes, reports, recommendations by committees, program suggestions, and summary recommendations.

The second series includes committee files, publications, studies, an organizational chart, conference files, and other subject material. It is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Arrangement

Two series arranged chronologically. Folders arranged alphabetically within series.

Provenance

Collection compiled by the Archives staff, 2000.

Preferred Citation

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Missions Challenge Committee
Missionary Education Council
Missions

Related Materials

Henry Cornell Goerner Collection. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, AR 805.

Southern Baptist Convention. Executive Committee. Administrative and Program Planning Files, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, AR 627

Southern Baptist Convention. Home Mission Board. Department of Missionary Education Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, AR 631-5

Southern Baptist Convention. International Mission Board. Executive Office Files,
Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, AR 551-3

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B. Committee and Subject Files

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