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Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 6

Finding Aid for

China Planning Committee Records, 1944 – 1945

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Summary Information

Creator: China Planning Committee, [194?]-[1945?]
Title: China Planning Committee Records
Inclusive dates: 1944 – 1945
Bulk dates: 1944
Abstract: Subcommittee of the East Asian Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America (FMCNA), organized study conference about Christian work in post-war China. Correspondence, schedules and records from the conferences.
Size: 2 boxes, 1.00 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
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New York, NY 10027
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Administrative Information

- Provenance:** Originally part of the independent Missionary Research Library, these records were moved with the MRL to the Brown Memorial Tower of Union Theological Seminary in 1929. In 1976 the records were accessioned to the Burke Library archives with the closure of the MRL.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkearchives@library.columbia.edu, or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials, however, are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.
- Preferred Citation:** Item description, MRL 6: China Planning Committee Records, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

History

The China Planning Committee was a sub-committee of the Committee of East Asia of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America (FMCNA), an association of several Christian mission boards that was in activity from 1893 to 1952. It was created by several Boards of Missions at the end of the Second World War to plan Christian work in post-war China.

The Committee organized ten study conferences in the United States and in Canada throughout September and October 1944. The conferences were attended by American and Chinese missionaries from various denominations. They featured talks and discussion about missionary leadership, education, medical issue, relationship between Church and State, etc. Interdominational meetings were also planned in Britain and China.

The goal of the CPC was to gather information and establish strategy, which is why most of its work consisted in conferences, meetings and record. The plan was to “help the churches move out on any correlated program which they desire by autumn, 1945” (“Memorandum Regarding Work and Plans of the China Planning Committee”, Box 1, Folder 71). This may imply that the Committee was put to an end around that time.

Sources:

The collection itself was used as a source, as well as the [finding aid for the FMCNA](#).

Collection Scope and Content Note

This collection is organized in two groups:

- **Correspondence**

This subheading contains the correspondence to and from Dr. Frank T. Cartwright (Associate Secretary for the China Planning Committee) for the preparations of the

Conferences. It is organized by recipient, in alphabetical order. Most of them are organizations, even if there are some individuals. Most of the correspondence is about reaching to churches and organizations about registration for the study conferences.

- **Conferences**

These are the papers from the actual conference, organized by city. They include planning letters, schedules, and presentations. There are also folders with material from Bishop Wen Yuan Chen, who was an important guest at all of the conferences.

Processing

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The collection was created from a large amount of unprocessed material and was put back in what is believed to be the original order.

Further Sources

The [Missionary Research Library](#) holds several collections related to missionary work in China, particularly within its sixth section. The [FMNCA](#) collection in MRL 12 has also records from other activities of the East Asia Committee.

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1	5	B
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1	7	Christian Reformed Board of Missions
1	8	Church of England in Canada (Missionary Society)
1	9	Church of England in Canada (Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society)
1	10	Church of the Brethren
1	11	Church of the Nazarene
1	12	Congregational (American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions)
1	13	Cross, Rowland
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1	47	Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
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2	3	Elgin, IL (Sept. 18-19)
2	4-6	Bishop Wen Yuan Chen: Correspondence, Schedules, presentation
2	7	Nashville, TN (Sept 14-15)
2	8	Pasadena, CA (Sept. 28-29)
2	9	Philadelphia, PA (Sept. 8-9)
2	10	Richmond, VA (Sept. 11-12)
2	11	San Francisco, CA (Sept. 25-26)
2	12	St. Paul, MN (Sept. 20-21)
2	13	Toronto (Oct. 13-14)