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Union Theological Seminary, New York

Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 12

Finding Aid for

Missionary Education Movement Records, 1910-1911; 1930-1931



Young Adults Standing outside building with Bibles and American Flags.
Credit to: MRL12: Missionary Education Movement Records, box 1, envelope 2,
The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Summary Information

Creator: Missionary Education Movement
Title: Missionary Education Movement Records
Dates: 1910-1911; 1930-1931
Abstract: Missionary Movement originally created in 1902 to carry out missionary education through the United States and Canada. Collection includes photographs and reports.
Size: 2 boxes, 2.25 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
Email: burkearchives@library.columbia.edu

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, MRL12: Missionary Education Movement Records, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

History

Originally called the Young People's Missionary Movement, the Missionary Education Movement began in 1902, and is one of the oldest constituents that would later form the National Council of Churches in 1950. In 1911, the movement officially took the name Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada.

The purpose of the Movement was "to serve as a cooperative organization in which denominational home and foreign mission boards, departments of missionary education, boards of Christian education, and other agencies responsible for missionary education in the United States and Canada unite to publish missionary education materials, hold training schools and conferences, and carry on any other activities, which may be decided upon to further the cause of missionary education and carry out the desires of the constituent boards and agencies."¹

The Movement published many articles, books, pamphlets and other materials to educate those on its central mission. In 1950, the Missionary Education Movement became part of the National Council of Churches.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection is organized by type of material, and chronologically. The bulk of the collection contains photographs that depict the "World in" Exhibitions from 1910-1911. These exhibitions were held in major cities throughout the United States. Within the collection is an item-level list of each photograph and who is depicted. The second part of the collection contains reports and information for members.

¹ See more at: <http://www.history.pcusa.org/collections/research-tools/guides-archival-collections/ncc-rg-20#sthash.i6FLh3VV.dpuf>.

Processing

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. This collection was made available in 2014 as part of the Henry Luce Foundation grant.

Further Sources

The Burke Library offers a small collection of records for the National Council of Churches, which is part of the William Adams Brown Ecumenical Library Archives. The finding aid for this collection is [available online](#).

The Presbyterian Historical Society offers a collection of records for the Missionary Education Movement. For more information, please see [their website](#).

Contents list

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Photographs [4 Envelopes] of the "World in" Exhibitions, 1910-1911
2	1	CD and Item-Level List of Photographs
2	2-3	Report for the Annual Meeting, 1930-1931
2	4	Members of the Board and Mission Studies, 1930-1931
2	5	World Service Council, 1930-1931