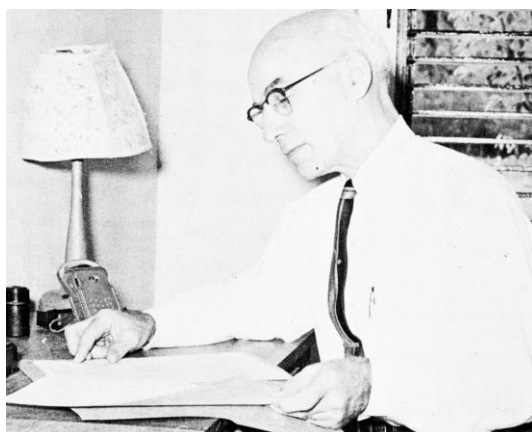


**The Burke Library Archives, Columbia University Libraries,
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Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 9

Finding Aid for

Howard W. Yoder Papers, 1954



Credit to: Howard W. Yoder, *This is Latin America* (New York: Friendship Press, 1961), back cover.

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Summary Information

Creator: Howard W. Yoder, 1901 – 2003
Title: Howard W. Yoder Papers
Inclusive dates: October – November 1954
Abstract: Howard W. Yoder, Methodist missionary in Peru, Bolivia, and Panama; Executive Secretary of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA from 1954 – 1963. Collection contains a 1954 report by Yoder on the state of Protestant missions in Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico.
Size: 1 box, 0.25 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, MRL 9: Howard W. Yoder Papers, 1954, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

Biography

Howard W. Yoder (1901 – 2003) was a Methodist minister and missionary to Latin America. He served as Executive Secretary of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America (CCLA), part of the National Council of Churches in the USA, from 1954 – 1963.

Born on July 27, 1901 in Haven, Kansas, Yoder earned a Bachelor's of Arts at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas and a Bachelor's of Divinity at Drew University Theological Seminary in Madison, New Jersey. He married Helen Peter on July 13, 1925 and was ordained as a Methodist minister in 1927. Accompanied by his wife, he worked as a missionary in Bolivia, Peru, and Panama for twenty-five years. From 1954 – 1963, Yoder served as Executive Secretary of the CCLA, part of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches in the USA. He then served as the minister of the First Methodist Church in Aberdeen, Washington from 1963 – 1970.

Yoder had two daughters, Jeanne and Barbara, and a son Charles. His first wife, Helen, died in 1978. On February 14, 1998, Yoder married Irene Stucky in Hesston, Kansas. Yoder died in Hesston on December 28, 2003.

In addition to his other work, Yoder wrote *This is Latin America* (1961) and co-translated *The Mystical Philosophy of Ibn Masarra and His Followers* (1978).

Sources:

- "Dr. Howard W. Yoder." *The Hutchinson News*. 5 January 2004.
Yoder, Howard W. *This is Latin America*. New York: Friendship Press, 1961.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of an eight-page, typewritten report by Yoder on the state of the evangelical work in Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico with the purpose of demonstrating how the CCLA could best operate in these countries. The report was written after returning from a trip to the above countries during October and November of 1954.

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 is housed in the same box as MRL9: Ashbel Green Simonton Papers.

Further Resources

Further information on the NCCC-USA is available at the Burke Library in the William Adams Brown Ecumenical Archives series 2D:

http://library.columbia.edu/content/dam/libraryweb/libraries/burke/fa/wab/ldpd_8631339.pdf. To see these items, please make an appointment by contacting staff: burkearchives@library.columbia.edu.

The main repository of archival records of the National Council of Churches of Christ USA is the Presbyterian Historical Society. <http://www.history.pcusa.org>. Click below for links to the Finding Aids of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America Records at the Presbyterian Historical Society:

http://www.history.pcusa.org/search_results.cfm?q=national+council+of+the+churches+of+christ+in+the+united+states+of+america&siteurl=www.history.pcusa.org%252F&cx=008388713594804981999%3A5f4snj1qkjk&cof=FORID%3A10&ie=UTF-8&ie=UTF-8#1002.

Contents list

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	"The Churches Working Together in the West Indies" Report