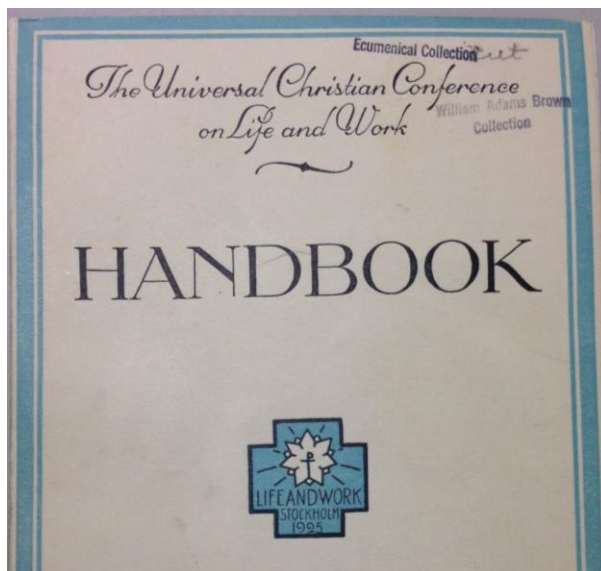


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Finding Aid for

Universal Christian Council for Life and Work Records, 1924-1939



WAB: Universal Christian Council for Life and Work Records, box 1, folder 2,
The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Summary Information

Creator: Universal Christian Council for Life and Work, 1924-1939
Title: Universal Christian Council for Life and Work
Inclusive dates: 1924 – 1939
Bulk dates: 1924 – 1937
Abstract: Universal Christian Council for Life and Work (UCCLW) encompassed Protestant and Orthodox churches, designed to think about the Church's practical role in society. Contains preparatory documents, minutes of meetings, reports, pamphlet, and presentations from 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:** The papers are part of the William Adams Brown Ecumenical Library Archives, which was founded in 1945 by the Union Theological Seminary Board of Directors. Given that they include notes and correspondence from W. A. Brown, they may be the material he gathered from his involvement in the council rather than institutional records.
- 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.
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History

The Life and Work Movement was started after World War One by the preparation of the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work held in Stockholm in 1925. It was an Ecumenical attempt for Orthodox and Protestant churches to try and reach consensus about the practical activities of Church and their relationship to states and society. A continuation committee and then the more organized Universal Christian Council for Life and Work carried on the work of the Stockholm conference through several meetings and research activities. This culminated to the Oxford Conference on Church, Community and State in 1937.

The Life and Work Movement was a part of the Ecumenical movements of the early 20th century that led to the creation of the World Council of Churches in 1937-1938. It was merged in the World Council of Churches, along with the Faith and Order Movement.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection is organized in one series. It contains items relating to several aspects of the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work, mostly between the Stockholm Conference of 1925 and the Oxford Conference in 1937.

There are records from the meetings held by the Continuation Committee, as well as material regarding two meetings held in Chamby-sur-Montreux, Switzerland (1935 and 1936). There are also papers from the Research Committee conferences. Some notes from William Adams Brown can also be found. The different groups within the collection were arranged by chronological order.

Processing

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes

Further Sources

Sources on similar topics can be found at the Burke Library, in the William Adams Brown Ecumenical Library Archives. The [World Council of Churches Records](#) contains documents about the Council for Life and Work.

The [archives](#) of the library of the World Council of Churches (Geneva) held other sources about the UCCLW. The [library of the Interchurch Center](#) (New York) also has [complimentary documents](#).

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1	1	American section – Preparation of the 1925 Stockholm Conference, 1924
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		Continuation Committee
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1	5	Eisenbach meeting: invitations, preliminary work, reports, 1929
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1	8	Eisenbach meeting: minutes, liturgy, 1929
1	9	American Section, minutes from meetings, 1928-1929
1	10	Answer of Archbishop Söderblom to the Encyclical letter “De vera religionis unitate fovenda”, 1928
		Chamby-sur-Montreux Meeting, 1935
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1	13	“The Christian View of Man”, by William Adams Brown
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1	19	Preparation of the 1937 Oxford Conference
1	20	Consultative Groups of the Ecumenical Movement, 1933-1937
1	21	Research Department, Theologian’s Commission, Department of Education and Expansion (various papers), 1932
1	22	Research Department and Theologian’s Commission – Ecumenical Study Conference, Rengsdorf, March 1933
1	23	Research Department and Theologian’s Commission – Orthodox Study Conference, Bucarest, March 1933
1	24	Research Department -- Ecumenical Study Conference, 1934
1	25	Research Department – Meetings Reports/Minutes, 1934-1939
1	26	Research Department – General, 1933
2	1	Research Department – Pamphlets, 1934-1935
2	2	[Research Department?] – “The Attitude of Christian Thought in America toward Current Problems of Christian Ethics”, William Adams Brown, [193?]
2	3	[Research Department?] – Second and Third Ecumenical Seminars, Geneva (programs), 1935-1936

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2	4	Correspondence – William Adams Brown, J. H. Oldham, William L. Savage, 1936
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2	6	Report of the Activities of the Universal Christian Council – 1935
		Stockholm World Conference, 1925
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