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**Congregational Christian Churches of the United States
Commission on Missions/Missions Council
Records, 1928-1943**

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(3 slim Hollinger boxes)

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Agency History

The Commission on Missions was created by the National Council of Congregational Churches in 1913 and consisted of the Prudential Committee of the American Board and the Board of Directors of the Home Boards. Additional members consisted of members-at-large and the Moderator and Secretary of the National Council. Union with the Christian Convention (1931) added the President and General Secretary of the Christian Convention, plus members at-large.

The Commission's function was raising funds for missionary and educational activities as well as promoting interest in the general work and in specific projects.

The Commission on Missions was terminated in 1936 by the General Council and its work was taken over jointly by the American Board and the Home Boards under the name of the Missions Council. The Missions Council ceased to exist in 1961 when its responsibilities were assumed by the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ (formed by the union of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical & Reformed Church).

Source: General Council of the Congregational Christian Church of the United States
Digest of the Minutes of Meetings, 1931-1965.

Scope and Content Note

The records are partial, covering incompletely the period of 1928-1943 out the agency's life from 1913-1961. In addition to usual annual reports, committee reports and minutes are short stories meant for inclusion into the promotional Guest Book (folder 12); 25th anniversary reflections of the Laymen's Missionary Movement (f.16); evaluation of women's work (f. 17); correspondence -- especially concerning Women's work -- of Ruth Seabury (Home Department, Boston) with Mantie Brown (Mrs. D.E.) (f. 17), Charles Merrill, John Scotford, Lucy Seidler of the New York Missions Council office (f. 18); with Helen Ranney, Howell Davies, Lucy Wallace of the Chicago Missions Council office (f. 19)

Box I

SERIES I: Commission on Missions committee minutes & annual reports, some by-laws and plans, stories to be entered into the commission's Guest Book. 1930-1943. 6 inches. Arranged by committee, then chronologically.

1.	Executive Committee Council Rules; Charter	Minutes & reports	1930-1934 n.d.;1931
2.	Committees (Annual Meeting)	Minutes & reports	1932,1934
3.	" " "	" "	1937-1938
4.	" " "	" "	1939-1942
5.	Joint Staff Meeting	Minutes & reports	1937-1942

Box II

(The Cooperative Council formed in 1930 by uniting the Committee on Mission Education and the Promotional Council)

6.	Promotional Council	Reports, by-laws, plans	1926-1928
7.	Promotional/Cooperative Council	Minutes	1929-1931
8.	" " "	"	1932-1933
9.	" " "	"	1934-1936
10.	Cooperative Council	Reports, promotional plans, correspondence, bulletins	1932-1936
11.	Promotional Plans & Policies	Conference Minutes	1943
12.	Cooperative Council. Guest Book	Stories, correspondence	1935

Box III

SERIES II: Fund raising reports, minutes, plans, excerpts of letters of response, 1930-1939. 1½ inches. Arranged by committee.

13.	Plan of Advance (National)	Reports, Plan Book of 1930	1930-1939,gaps
14.	" " (Massachusetts)	Reports; Dollar Plan	1930;1932
15.	Committee on Special Appeals	Minutes, letter excerpts	1931-1932

SERIES III: Men's & Women's groups anniversary reflections and correspondence, 1928-1936. 1½ inches. Arranged by committee, then chronologically.

16.	Laymen's Missionary Movement	25th Anniversary reflections Promotional material	1931 1930-1931
17.	Ruth Seabury, Mantie Brown Study of Women's Work	Correspondence Report	1928-1936,gaps 1933
18.	Ruth Seabury & NY Office Lucy Seidler, John Scotford, Chas. Merrill	Correspondence	1931-1935
19.	Ruth Seabury & Chicago Office Helen Ranney, Howell Davies, Lucy Wallace	Correspondence	1930-1936

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1. Laymen's Missionary Movement. 25th Anniversary. 1931.
2. Congregational Christian Churches. Laymen's Missionary Movement. I. Congregational Christian Churches. Missions Council. II. Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches. III. Seabury, Ruth Isabel. IV. Brown, Mantie (Mrs. D.E.) V. Merrill, Charles Clarkson, 1872-1961. VI. Scotford, John R. VII. Seidler, Lucy. VIII. Ranney, Helen. IX. Davies, Howell. X. Wallace, Lucy.