

**Guide to the Administrative Files of the  
Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations  
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The purpose of this finding aid is to help you understand the nature of this collection and to assist you in the retrieval of material from this collection. The following pages contain an administrative history of the agency which gives summary information about the agency's history and development; followed by a general description of the collection in the scope and content note. If more detailed information is warranted then series descriptions also appear. The container listing appears last and is the listing of material in each box, or container, of this collection. To request material you need to turn to the container listing section. It is essentially a listing of file folders, or artifact items, in the collection. Each folder, or item, has a call number associated with it. Each folder also lists the inclusive dates of the material in the folder. On the material request form list both the call number and the folder, or item, title. Use a different line for each folder, or item, requested. When your request sheet is complete, or full, bring it to the archivist and the material will be retrieved.

### History Note

The Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations developed the plan which abolished the racially segregated Central Jurisdiction.

Created in 1956 as the Commission to Study the Jurisdictional System, it was re-constituted in 1960 as the Commission on Interjurisdictional Relations. The records here constitute material kept by Leonard Slutz, the secretary for the North Central delegation of the commission.

### Scope Note

These series contains minutes of the meetings, correspondence, resolutions, research projects.

### Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner.

*Series: Advisory Councils.*

Series: Interjurisdictional Relations

*subseries: Documents.*

*subseries: Minutes and Correspondence.*

*Series: Jurisdictional System.*

### Access Restrictions

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## Subject Terms

### *Subject Topics*

Church and social problems  
Church polity  
Race relations.

### *Functions*

Study commissions.

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## Container List

### *Advisory Councils*

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1336-2-8:5	Advisory Council on Interjurisdictional Affairs, Southeastern Jurisdiction: Minutes and Correspondence	1964-1965
1336-2-8:6	Meeting: Joint Advisory Council of the Southeastern and Central Jurisdiction - Correspondence, Reports and Minutes, December 7- 8,	1965
1336-2-8:7	Meeting: Conference and Area Advisory Councils, Central Jurisdiction, Southeastern Region - Minutes and Correspondence, February 25,	1966
1336-2-8:8	Advisory Council Joint Drafting Committee	1965-1966

### *Interjurisdictional Relations Documents*

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
1335-3-1:9	Suggestions for Successful Mergers	1961-1966
1335-3-1:10	Report: Toward a Racially Inclusive Methodist Church	1965-1966
1335-3-2:1	Commission Reports to the General Conference and other Resource Materials - Folder 1	1962-1970
1335-3-2:2	Commission Reports to the General Conference and other Resource Materials - Folder 2	1962-1970
1335-3-2:3	Methodist Information Press Releases	1964-1966

### *Minutes and Correspondence*

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
1336-2-8:9	Minutes and Related Materials	1964-1966
1336-2-8:10	Correspondence: Leonard D. Slutz	1964
1336-2-8:11	Correspondence: Leonard D. Slutz	1965
1335-3-1:1	Correspondence: Leonard D. Slutz	1966
1335-3-1:2	Correspondence: Leonard D. Slutz	1967
1335-3-1:3	Correspondence with Commission Members	1964-1965
1335-3-1:4	Correspondence with Commission Members	1966
1335-3-1:5	Correspondence Re: Special Session of the 1964 General Conference, November 7-11,	1966
1335-3-1:6	Correspondence Re: Meeting, Lake Junaluska, NC, July 1-2, 1965	1965-1966
1335-3-1:7	Appeal to the Judicial Council for a Declaratory Decision Re: S.E. Jurisdictional Conference, S.E. Jurisdiction and The Committee of Five, Central Jurisdiction	1964-1966
1335-3-1:8	Resolutions for Mergers	1965

### *Jurisdictional System*

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
1336-2-8:1	Committee to Study the Jurisdictional System: Minutes and Reports to the 1960 General Conference (Drafts)	1956-1959
1336-2-8:2	Hearings on the Jurisdictional System	1956-1959
1336-2-8:3	Reports on Hearings on the Jurisdictional System	1958
1336-2-8:4	Jurisdictional System Discussion Documents	1956-1958