

**Electronic Guide to the Records  
of the Ministry Study Committee  
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### History Note

The Ministry Study Committee was formed by the General Conference in 1980 to study the nature and ordering of ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. Under the chairmanship of E. Dale Dunlap, the committee was assigned to function under the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and instructed to have a report prepared for legislative action at the General Conference of 1984. Though the Committee's report was approved by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the General Conference voted it down, and voted for a new commission to continue to study the problem over the next quadrennium.

### Scope Note

This collection contains records of the Ministry Study Committee. Record types include: minutes, correspondence, working papers, reports, notes, and printed matter. The records cover the entire life of the committee, from 1980 through 1984.

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