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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 a brief biographical history of the person, or persons, who created or collected these papers, 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.

### Biographical Note

Ivy Myers (?-?) was a Methodist Episcopal Church Deaconess in the Northwest Indiana Conference from 1928 to 1961. She was born on May 2 in Tioga, Illinois, where she was raised on a farm along with her two sisters and three brothers. Following grade and high school, she attended the Chicago Training School for Missions in Illinois and graduated in 1922. Also in 1922, Myers became a probationary member of the Methodist Deaconess Association as a Deaconess, listed in records as being on a "leave of absence". She later returned to the Chicago Training School and graduated in 1925 as a preparatory senior from the same institution. Afterwards she received her A.B. degree in Sociology from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1928. Myers also received a Master's Degree in Christian Education from the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Upon graduating from Hamline University in 1928, Ms. Meyers returned to the Chicago Training School as a teacher of History and Latin, where she stayed for six years. In 1928, she was also accepted as a full member of the Methodist Deaconess Association (Serial No. 645). She served as a Deaconess for thirty-seven years, teaching in schools for children from broken homes, the Deaconess School at Helena, Montana and Monnett School for Girls at Renesselaer, Indiana. Other opportunities of service included directorship of Christian Education at First Church, Madison and at Euclid Avenue Church, Oak Park, Illinois. Meyers was hired in 1945 by former Publishing Agent Fred D. Stone as Literature Counselor to do the work of interpreting and promoting church school literature in both Chicago and Nashville for sixteen years. She was an Alumni Representative on the Board of Trustees for the Chicago Training School from 1954 to 1956. Ms. Myers never married, nor had children, and retired from all work in 1961.

Upon retirement, the Broadway Methodist Church elected her to the Committee on Good Literature, the Commission on Education, and Administrative Board. After retiring, she continued her interest and activities in the Northwest Indiana Annual Conference Deaconess Board, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and the American Friends Service Committee.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection contains information pertaining to the educational and professional life, as well as the home life of Deaconess Ivy Myers, while also exploring topics within the Methodist Deaconess and Missionary organizations as a whole. These documents encompass Chicago Training School (CTS) class and faculty information, images and history between the years 1922, 1925-1927, 1929-1930, and 1933. The most prominent subject within the collection pertains to Lucy Rider Meyer, the founder of

CTS, particularly information surrounding her death and accounts by acquaintances regarding Meyer's character and professional experience. The collection accommodates obituaries of other significant members of the Chicago Training School, as well as written correspondence to Ivy from various persons. The publications contain information on both Deaconess and missionary work. Photographs depict CTS faculty and students, as well as Ms. Myers life outside of her education and profession.

## Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. Basic

## Related Material

Mission Geographic Reference Files

## Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions for this collection.

## Use Access

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## Preferred Citation

When citing material from this collection please use the following format: Direct reference to the item or its file folder, Ivy Myers Collection, United Methodist Church Archives - GCAH, Madison, New Jersey. Do not make use of the item's call number as that is not a stable descriptor.

## Index Terms

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Deaconesses  
Education  
Education, Higher  
Missions-Latin America

### *Geographic Terms*

Illinois  
Minnesota  
United States

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Belle L. James  
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