

# Guide to the Records of the Methodist Student Movement 1937-1965



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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.

### History Note

The Methodist Student Movement has its direct roots with the Wesley Foundation campus ministries which was founded by James Baker in 1913 at the University of Illinois. With the intellectual and political higher landscape became more complex after World War 1 and the great Depression, there created a need to provide a progressive pastoral, yet prophetic, style of ministries for this new kind of college student. In 1938, the Methodist Student Movement was born in anticipation of church union among the three largest American Methodist bodies in 1939. Methodist college and seminary students now had a national platform to press forward their concerns on how the church specifically and society generally should be shaped while drawing on the vast resources of the new denomination to sustain its momentum. MSM was organized geographically by jurisdictions, regions and states along with a national board to promote its varied social interests of race, war, peace, ecumenism, new theologies, and art. Perhaps their greatest legacy comes in the form of their cutting edge magazine called motive. The movement's high point of national influence came during the 1950 and 1960's when American society began to radically reexamine its norms and mores which created great social upheaval. By 1969, the Methodist Student Movement burned itself out and disbanded to make room for a new focus on more ecumenical understanding rather than denominational.

### Scope Note

This artificial collection primarily contains programs and minutes of the Methodist Student Movement. Its strength centers on the formative years of the Movement as well as the 1965 meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska

### Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. Materials are arranged by record type.

### Related Materials

Records of the United Methodist Church General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

Records of the Mission Education and Cultivation Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries

Administrative files of United Methodist Communications

Records of the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries



Administrative records of the Division of General Welfare of the General Board of Church and Society

Administrative records of the Division of World Peace of the General Board of Church and Society

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## **Index Terms**

### ***Subject Topics***

Ecumenical movement  
Ethics  
Faith  
Human rights  
Peace  
Race relations-Religious aspects  
Social justice  
War

### ***Subject Geographic***

Kansas  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
United States

### ***Genre***

Bulletins  
Memorandums  
Minutes  
Programs



## Container List

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
2128-7-5:1	Bulletins	1937
2128-7-5:2	Bulletins	1964-1965
2128-7-5:3	Minutes	1937
2128-7-5:4	Programs	1937
2128-7-5:5	Programs	1964-1965
2128-7-5:6	Memorandums	1964-1965

