

Congregational Library & Archives Pilgrim Fellowship records, 1918-1964. RG5195

Summary

Creator: National Pilgrim Fellowship
Congregational Education Society

Title: Pilgrim Fellowship records, 1918-1964.

Dates: 1918, 1926-1964

Extent: 4 record cartons and 1 document case (4.18 cubic feet)

Collection ID Number: RG5195

Language: English

Abstract: The Pilgrim Fellowship was created to establish a national presence and forum for Congregational youth organizations. Materials include committee proceedings, photographs, newspaper clippings, and educational/program material created by the Pilgrim Fellowship.

Collection History and Status

Acquisition Information: Items transferred to the Congregational Library and Archives in 2012 from the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society.

Repository:

Congregational Library & Archives

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Accessing and Using the Collection

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Description

Historical Note: In 1936, The Pilgrim Fellowship was developed and established at a national youth conference in Lakeside, OH. The formation was a response from increasing interest of Congregational youths to address the needs and problems in local "young people's organizations." Headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts and under the advice and guidance of the Congregational Education Society, officers of the national organization were elected and governed by senior high school youth members from Congregational churches throughout the United States. Its mission; to help youth work towards a united church and to promote,

participate and secure equal rights and opportunities for all classes and races through social and missionary action, both domestically and internationally. In addition to its two main governing bodies, the executive and central committees, the national council committee was charged in creating and facilitating the biennial National Council. At these conferences, youth delegates from across the country would discuss new and current programs that promote their mission, and to hold elections for committees. Today, the Pilgrim Fellowship continues as the National Association of Pilgrim Fellowship.

Scope of Collection: Materials include minutes and correspondences from National, Central, and National Council committees; Minutes and proceedings from National Councils and International conferences; group photos from National Councils; newsletters published by the Pilgrim Fellowship, National Council, and Young People's Bulletin; program guides for summer conferences and youth camps. The collection includes a variety of program materials published by the Pilgrim Fellowship and the Congregational Education Society. Much of the collection contains material from the National Pilgrim Fellowship with a few items from state level Pilgrim Fellowships, including photos and newspaper clippings.

Further Searches

Subject Headings:

Christian Education.
 Congregational Education Society.
 International Congregational Council.
 Minutes and proceedings.
 Missionary Action.
 Newsletters.
 Pilgrim Fellowship.
 Pilgrim Fellowship National Council.
 Summer Youth Camp.
 Social Action.
 Summer Work Camp.
 Youth Worship.

Arrangement: The Pilgrim Fellowship files are arranged in five series: National Council and conference records, minutes and correspondences from national committees, newsletters, summer programs, and published program materials.

Contents

Series I: National Council and Conference Records

Date: 1925-1964

Extent: 1 record carton

Scope of Series: This series includes National Councils, International and other conference minutes, schedules, and proceedings. Series contains group photos from the National Council meetings.

	Date	Box 1/Folder
National Council records	1938	B1/F1
National Council records	1940	B1/F2
National Council records	1940	B1/F3

National Council records	1940	B1/F4
National Council records	1942	B1/F5
National Council records	1942	B1/F6
National Council records	1942	B1/F7
National Council records	1944	B1/F8
National Council records	1946	B1/F9
National Council records	1948	B1/F10
National Council records	1950	B1/F11
National Council records	1952	B1/F12
National Council records	1952	B1/F13
National Council records	1954	B1/F14
National Council records	1954	B1/F15
National Council records	1954	B1/F16
National Council records	1956	B1/F17
National Council records	1956	B1/F18
International Congregational Council	1946-1951	B1/F19
International Congregational Council	1953	B1/F20
International Congregational Council	1953	B1/F21
International Congregational Council	1955, 1958	B1/F22
International Congregational Council	1962, 1964	B1/F23
Young People's Leaders Conference	1925-1930	B1/F25
Holiday Conference	1933-1935	B1/F26

Date **Box**
4/Folder

Newspaper clippings	1938	B4/F26
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Series II: Minutes and Correspondence

Date: 1918, 1931-1960

Extent: 1 record carton

Scope of Series: Series contains minutes, memos, and correspondence from national committees within and associated with the Pilgrim Fellowship. Copies of the Pilgrim Fellowship national constitution and state constitutions, including drafts and amendments are within this series.

	Date	Box 2/Folder
Constitutions of the Pilgrim Fellowship	1938-1958	B2/F1
Emblems and art designs	1939, 1952	B2/F2
Minutes and correspondences	1937	B2/F3
Minutes and correspondences	1919, 1934-1942	B2/F4
Motions and recommendations	1938	B2/F5
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1938-1942	B2/F6
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1939	B2/F7
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1941-1942	B2/F8
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1941-1942	B2/F9
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1941-1942	B2/F10
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1943-1945	B2/F11

Minutes and correspondences from committees	1946	B2/F12
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1947	B2/F13
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1948	B2/F14
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1949	B2/F15
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1950	B2/F16
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1951-1952	B2/F17
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1953-1955	B2/F18
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1955-1956	B2/F19
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1955-1956	B2/F20
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1957-1960	B2/F21
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1957-1960	B2/F22
Minutes and correspondences from committees	1957-1960	B2/F23

Date**Box****4/Folder**

Christian Education – General Council	1946-1952	B4/F1
Christian Education – Indian Youth Development	1962-1965	B4/F2
Youth Ministry organization plan	1960	B4/F3
National Council correspondence	1931-1942	B4/F19
National Council correspondence	1931-1942	B4/F20
National Council correspondence	1931-1942	B4/F21
Emergency Service Committee	1942-1947	B4/F22
Work Camp reports	1941-1953	B4/F23
Missionary Action	1940-1941	B4/F24
Youth Committee minutes	1953-1958	B4/F25

Series III: Newsletters**Date:** 1936-1959**Extent:** 1 record carton**Scope of Series:** Contains published newsletters from the Pilgrim Fellowship and other associated youth organizations.

	Date	Box
		1/Folder
International Congregational Council Newsletter	1950-1958	B1/F24
	Date	Box
		2/Folder
National Council Newsletter	1937-1941	B2/F24
National Council Newsletter	1942-1943	B2/F25
National Council Newsletter	1944-1945	B2/F26
National Council Newsletter	1946-1948	B2/F27
National Council Newsletter	1948-1951	B2/F28
National Council Newsletter	1952-1957	B2/F29
	Date	Box
		3/Folder
Young People's Bulletin	1925-1932	B3/F1

Newsletter for Workers Among Students	1931-1933	B3/F2
Youth Bulletin	1932-1940	B3/F3
Ohio Newsletter and Illinois Newsletter	1950-1951	B3/F4
Lakeside Newsletter	1936	B3/F7
Newsletter of the Student Pilgrim Fellowship	1937	B3/F8
Pilgrim Fellowship Flashes	1936-1938	B3/F9
Preview	1953-1956	B3/F10
Preview	1957-1959	B3/F11
Program News	1950-1953	B3/F12

Series IV: Summer Programs

Date: 1941-1960

Extent: 1 record carton, 1 clamshell box

Scope of Series: This series contains guides for youth camps, summer conferences, leadership activity guides, demographic surveyed reports, and completed questionnaires from camp and conference participants. Series also contains photographs, newspaper clippings, and report from the Connecticut Pilgrim Fellowship and their participation at the Schauffler Work Camp in 1941.

	Date	Box 3/Folder
Junior High School	1941	B3/F13
Guides for summer conferences and youth camps	circa 1950s	B3/F14
Guides for summer conferences and youth camps	circa 1950s	B3/F15
Guides for summer conferences and youth camps	circa 1950s	B3/F16
Summer conferences	1939-1945	B3/F17
Summer conferences	1946-1947	B3/F18
Summer conferences	1947-1950	B3/F19
Summer visitors	1940-1942	B3/F20
Summer visitors	1943-1945	B3/F21
Summer visitors	1956	B3/F22
Summer visitors	1957	B3/F23
Summer visitors	1958	B3/F24
Summer visitors	1959	B3/F25
Summer program questionnaire and correspondence	1957	B3/F26
Summer program questionnaire and correspondence	1958	B3/F27
Summer activities surveys	1953, 1957	B3/F28
Summer activities surveys	1958	B3/F29
Senior High School summer conference material	1960	B3/F30
Junior High School camp material	1960	B3/F31
Junior High School camp material	1961	B3/F32
	Date	Box 5/Folder
Connecticut Pilgrim Fellowship Work Camp	1941	B5/F1
Connecticut Pilgrim Fellowship Work Camp	1941	B5/F2
Connecticut Pilgrim Fellowship Work Camp	1941	B5/F3

Series V: Pilgrim Fellowship Published Materials, Programs and Guides

Date: 1926-1959

Extent: 1 record carton

Scope of Series: The bulk of this series contains ephemera published by the National Pilgrim Fellowship and distributed to local youth organizations. The guides contain mission statements of Pilgrim Fellowship programs and organizational practices. This series also contains development and editorial correspondence for several programs.

	Date	Box 3/Folder
Programs and guides	1938-1949	B3/F5
Programs and guides	1949-1950	B3/F6
	Date	Box 4/Folder
Proposals and correspondence	1939-1949	B4/F4
Proposals and correspondence	1955-1958	B4/F5
Bulletin of the Pilgrim	1932-1939	B4/F6
Missionary Action	1936-1948	B4/F7
Missionary Action	1948-1950	B4/F8
Social Action	1937-1944	B4/F9
Social Action	1945	B4/F10
Social Action	1949	B4/F11
Young People Leadership	1926-1933, 1956	B4/F12
Adult Advisors, teachers, pastors	1945-1958	B4/F13
Evangelism	1946-1958	B4/F14
Guides	1941-1955	B4/F15
Program plans	1951-1957	B4/F16
Various brochures and pamphlets	1928-1959	B4/F17
Various brochures and pamphlets	1928-1959	B4/F18
Worship materials	1932	B4/F27
Worship materials	1932	B4/F28
Group discussion material	1935	B4/F29
Group discussion material	1935	B4/F30