

**Title:** Congregational Christian Chaplain Applicant Collection

**Creator:** General Commission on Chaplains

**Dates:** 1939-1973 [bulk 1941-1950]

**Physical Description:** 6 boxes; 7.8 linear feet

**Collection number:** RG 4373

**Access Restrictions:**

**Copyright:** Requests for permission to publish material from this collection should be discussed with the  
archivist or librarian

--If use is restricted differently at the series level, see below.

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Congregational Library and Archive

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*Collection processed by Jessica Steytler, January 2011*

**Abstract:**

Collection comprises applications from Congregational Christian ministers to the military to act as chaplains. The majority of the files were generated during World War II, however some files span as far forward as the early 1970s. Application materials include: photographs, bureaucratic forms, reference letters, pamphlets, typed manuscript sermons written by candidates, publicity material, and correspondence. Not all files contain all previously noted types of material.

**Acquisition Information:**

Donated by UCC Archives, Kay Schellhase (Archivist), 1997. No meta data provided at the time of transfer.

**Organizational History:** No information about the organization included with collection.

**Scope of Collection:**

Denominational Affiliation: Congregational Christian. If not, listed in notes. 99.9% are Congregational.  
No internal records outside of applicant files.

Candidate information can include any of the following:

- Photograph of candidate
- Forms from General Commission on [Army and Navy] Chaplains (name changes)
- Reference Letters
- Pamphlets
- Typed manuscripts of sermons by applicants
- Publicity materials
- Correspondence

Branches applied to:

- Air Force
- Air Force Reserve
- Army
- Army Reserve
- Civil Air Patrol
- Marines
- National Guard
- Navy
- Navy Reserve
- Veterans Association
- Maritime
- Officers' Reserve Corps
- Civilian Auxiliary AF

**Arrangement:** Alphabetic. Box 1 A-Co; 2 Co-Gr; 3 Gr-K; 4 L-N; 5 O-Sm; 6 Sm-Z

**Access Terms:**

General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains  
General Commission on Chaplains

**Detailed Description and Container List:**

See attached name index