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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregational Library & Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Conn, Howard (Howard James), 1911-2000
<b>Creator:</b>	Plymouth Congregational Church (Minneapolis, Minn.)
<b>Title:</b>	Howard Conn papers, 1944-1986.
<b>ID:</b>	MS0058
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1944-1986
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.09 Cubic Feet (1 box)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Howard James Conn was born June 19, 1911 in Fresno California. He attended Fresno High School, followed by Fresno State College and Stanford University where he received is B.A. He studied philosophy at Harvard as a graduate student and then completed his B.D. at Yale University. He served as minister to a number of churches, with the majority of his time devoted to Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis, where he served as Senior Minister from 1944-1976. During his career he held many other positions including President of the Minnesota Council of Churches (1952-1954), Trustee of Carlton College (1948-1972) and Chaplain of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches (1961). His preaching called upon his background in philosophy and his understanding of contemporary events. He died in the year 2000. This collection contains the printed versions of Howard Conn's Sermons, speeches, and lectures. Additionally it contains some books and periodicals written by Conn, as well as some material from magazines.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Information

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged into three series with each individual series further arranged chronologically. The first series contains published books and a lecture-sermon series all written by Conn. The second series contains sermons written by Conn. The final series contains information related to Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis, where Howard Conn spend a majority of his ministry.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

Zachary Bodnar: added new accrual to collection, minor edits to record titles and dates, minor changes to subject headings. July 18, 2019

### Restrictions on Access

Access to this collection is unrestricted and open to the public.

### Restrictions on Use

Items in this collection are subject to U.S. Copyright Law. It is the responsibility of the researcher to determine the copyright status of collection items and to secure any permissions necessary for their reproduction and publication. Requests for permission to publish material must be discussed with the archivist or librarian.

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Reverend Howard Conn in October 1987. No accession number given.

Additional Howard Conn materials added to the collection, July 2019, through an internal transfer; accession 2019-16.

### Processing Information

Collection was never given an accession number and was fully processed by Simmons intern Abelard Newell in 2017. Re-described in August 2018 by William McCarthy.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

The Howard J. Conn personal papers are kept at the Yale Divinity School archives, under the broad spectrum of "Miscellaneous Personal Papers". Additionally, some of Conn's writing can be found in the Council of Social Action collection, RG0057, under the sub-series "Board of Review-Opposition to CSA".

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Church records and registers.
- Pastors.
- Sermons, American -- 20th century.
- Conn, Howard (Howard James), 1911-2000
- Plymouth Congregational Church (Minneapolis, Minn.)

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## Collection Inventory

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### Published literature and the lecture-sermon series, 1944-1975

Physical Description: 11 Folders

#### Scope and Contents

Contains published books and a few years of the Conn lecture-sermon series.

Title/Description	Instances	
Publications, 1944, 1968, undated	box 1	folder 18
Symbolism in Stone and Glass, 1949	box 1	folder 19
The Hope that Sets Men Free, 1954	box 1	folder 20
The Dilemma of Congregationalism, 1962	box 1	folder 21
Carl Jung and Modern Man's Search for a Soul, 1966	box 1	folder 22
Teilhard de Chardin and the Phenomenon of Man, 1967	box 1	folder 23
The Pilgrim Spirit in the Age of Aquarius, 1970		

	box 1	folder 24
The Life and Thought of Nicolai Berdyaev, 1970	box 1	folder 25
Paul Tillich: Our Human Predicament in its Eternal Dimension, 1972	box 1	folder 26
Abraham J. Heschel: Lyric Adventurer in Biblical Faith, 1973	box 1	folder 27
Plato: The World's Most Influential Thinker, 1975	box 1	folder 28

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## Sermons, 1944-1986

Physical Description: 18 Items (17 folders, 1 microfiche)

### Scope and Contents

Contains sermons in chronological order, as well as microfiche copies.

Title/Description	Instances	
Sermons, 1944-1946	box 1	folder 1
Microfiche of Sermons, 1945-1986	reel 1	
Ten Most Important Events of the Year, 1946-1964	box 1	folder 2
Sermons, 1947-1949	box 1	folder 3
Sermons, 1950-1953	box 1	folder 4
Sermons, 1954-1959	box 1	folder 5
Sermons, 1960-1962	box 1	folder 6
Sermons, 1963-1964	box 1	folder 7
Sermons, 1964-1965	box 1	folder 8
Sermons, 1965-1967	box 1	folder 9
Ten Most Important Events of the Year, 1965-1969	box 1	folder 10
Sermons, 1968-1969	box 1	folder 11
Sermons, 1969-1971	box 1	folder 12
Ten Most Important Events of the Year, 1970-1975	box 1	folder 13
Sermons, 1972-1973	box 1	folder 14
Sermons, 1974-1976	box 1	folder 15
Sermons as interim minister at Bushnell Congregational Church, 1980-1981	box 1	folder 16
Sermons and writings, 1982-1986	box 1	folder 17

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## **Plymouth Congregational Church, 1950-1982**

Physical Description: 2 Folders

### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains records related to the Plymouth Congregational Church and Howard Conn, including dedications, services and reflections.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis records, 1950-1971	box 1	folder 29
Invitation to Howard Conn 20th anniversary observance, 1964	box 1	folder 31
An Appreciation of Howard Conn, 1964	box 1	folder 32
Reflections of Reverend Conn's Time at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1976-1982	box 1	folder 30

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