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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary   |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Committee on East Asia  |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | China Planning Committee records  |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | 10751123  |
| <b>Date [inclusive]:</b>         | 1944 -- 1945  |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 1 linear feet 1 linear feet; 2 boxes  |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English .   |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                 | This collection contains records of the Subcommittee of the East Asian Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America (FMCNA), who organized a study conference about Christian work in post-war China. Included is correspondence, schedules, and records from the conferences. |

### Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL 6: China Planning Committee Records, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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## Biographical / Historical

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The China Planning Committee was a sub-committee of the Committee of East Asia of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America (FMCNA), an association of several Christian mission boards that was in activity from 1893 to 1952. It was created by several Boards of Missions at the end of the Second World War to plan Christian work in post-war China. The Committee organized ten study conferences in the United States and in Canada throughout September and October 1944. The conferences were attended by American and Chinese missionaries from various denominations. They featured talks and discussion about missionary leadership, education, medical issue, relationship between Church and State, etc. Interdominational meetings were also planned in Britain and China. The goal of the CPC was to gather information and establish strategy, which is why most of its work consisted

in conferences, meetings and record. The plan was to "help the churches move out on any correlated program which they desire by autumn, 1945" ("Memorandum Regarding Work and Plans of the China Planning Committee", Box 1, Folder 71). This may imply that the Committee was put to an end around that time.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

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### **Revision Description**

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2022-10-27

### **Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Formerly part of the independent Missionary Research Library (MRL), these records were accessioned by the Burke Library at the time of the MRL's closure in 1976.

### **Processing Information**

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The collection was created from a large amount of unprocessed material and was put back in what is believed to be the original order. The finding aid was created by Cecile Queffelec in 2014 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2022.

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## **Related Materials**

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MRL12: Foreign Missions Conference of North America (FMCNA) Records, 1894 – 1968. The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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## Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL6, China

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## Collection Inventory

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