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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	All-Africa Church Conference
Title:	All Africa Christian Conference records
ID:	4492523
Date [inclusive]:	1959 -- 1972
Physical Description:	0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English , French .
Abstract:	This collection contains records of the All Africa Christian Conference, including correspondence, photographs, memos, publications, and meeting minutes and supplemental materials.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

The Churches of Africa met at Ibadan, Nigeria for the first time in 1958; the establishment of a permanent organization of the Church of Africa was introduced at this time. The All Africa Christian Conference, also known as the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), was formed in April 1963 during the second meeting of the Assembly of the Churches of Africa held in Kampala, Uganda. This ended the missionary era and ushered in the independence of African Churches. The third meeting of the Churches of Africa met in 1969 during the Second Assembly. Since then, the Assembly has met in 1974; 1981; 1987; 1992; 1997 and 2003. The AACC served as a regional ecumenical body cooperating with the World Council of Churches. The organization now consists of a total of 173 members in 40 African countries comprised of churches, national Christian councils, theological and lay training institutions and other Christian organizations. The headquarters of AACC is based in Nairobi, Kenya and directs programs in the following fields: The Life of the Church in Africa; Urban Africa;

Communications; Social Development and Change; Family Life; Inter-Church Aid; Christian Education; Youth; and International Affairs.

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Revision Description

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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

Material was cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-07-18. Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed. Photographs as well as items in an advanced state of deterioration were placed in Mylar envelopes. One box of AACCC records were noted missing in May 2004. The finding aid was created by Brigitte C. Kamsler in 2012 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2022.

Conditions Governing Use

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Related Materials

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Records of the All Africa Conference of Churches (HR 001), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Missions -- Africa -- Societies, etc

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL1, Africa

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Title/Description	Instances	
AACC Headquarters in Nairobi, 1964 -- 1967	box 1	folder 1
AACC Pamphlets, 1967; 1972	box 1	folder 2
American Committee on Africa, 1966 -- 1971	box 1	folder 3
America Negro Leadership Conference on Africa, 1967	box 1	folder 4
Commissioned Reports, Studies and Consultations, 1963 -- 1965	box 1	folder 5
Ecumenical Programme for Emergency Action in Africa (EPEAA), 1965 -- 1969	box 1	folder 6
Minutes, 1967	box 1	folder 7
Presentations, 1965 -- 1967	box 1	folder 8
Religion and Education in Africa, 1962 -- 1969	box 1	folder 9

Second Assembly of the All Africa Conference of Churches, University of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 1969	box 1	folder 10-12
Supplemental News Articles, 1959 -- 1969	box 1	folder 13
Urban Africa Programme, 1968 -- 1969	box 1	folder 14
Bulletins, issues 21; 24 – 28; Urban Africa Programme, 1968 -- 1970	box 1	folder 15

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