



# ArchivesSpace

a community served by †Lyrasis

## Charles Tudor Leber travel correspondence4492662

---

This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on January 14, 2025.

Description is written in: English.

appm

Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary

3041 Broadway

New York, NY 10027

Telephone: (212) 851-5606

[burke@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burke@library.columbia.edu)

URL: <https://library.columbia.edu/locations/burke.html>

---

## Table of Contents

---

Summary Information .....	3
Biographical / Historical .....	3
Scope and Contents .....	4
Arrangement .....	4
Administrative Information .....	4
Controlled Access Headings .....	5
Burke Library record group: .....	6
Collection Inventory .....	6
Charles Tudor Leber travel correspondence .....	6

---

## Summary Information

---

<b>Repository:</b>	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
<b>Creator:</b>	Leber, Charles Tudor, 1898-1959
<b>Title:</b>	Charles Tudor Leber travel correspondence
<b>ID:</b>	4492662
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1944 -- 1953
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.25 linear feet 0.25 linear feet; 1 box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Charles Tudor Leber was General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The collection contains Leber's correspondence while on tour from 1944-1945 and again in 1953 in Asia, Europe, and Central and South America.

### Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL 12: Charles Tudor Leber travel correspondence, 1944-1953, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Biographical / Historical

---

Charles Tudor Leber (1898 – 1959) was a native of Baltimore, Maryland. He attended Baltimore City College and later Johns Hopkins University. Leber earned his Doctorate of Divinity at Princeton's Theological Seminary, studying under J. Ross Stevens. Leber was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church of Baltimore in 1923 and served first in Trenton, New Jersey. That same year Leber married Eloise Heath. Shortly following his ordination Leber moved back to Baltimore in 1924 and became pastor of the Forest Park Presbyterian Church. In 1936, Leber was called to serve the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions as secretary for Japan, Korean, the Philippines, and Thailand. Following his service to the Board of Foreign Missions in that capacity, Leber served as General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America beginning in

1952. During his tenure Leber circumnavigated the globe three times, paying visits to many of the countries in Europe, Africa, Asia, and North, Central and South America. Leber died of a heart attack in 1959, at the age of 60, while attending the 18th General Council of the World Presbyterian Alliance in Sao Paolo Brazil.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Scope and Contents

---

This collection contains the correspondence of Charles Tudor Leber while on tour representing the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church from 1944-1945 and again in 1953. Leber's letters describe the countries, people, and social and economic environments he traversed, and illustrate the nature of travel and the work of missionaries in the mid-20th century. Locations visited include Japan, Pakistan, Taiwan, Thailand, Spain, Korea, Indonesia, India, Germany, Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Arrangement

---

This collection is arranged in one chronological series.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Administrative Information

---

### Publication Statement

Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary

3041 Broadway

New York, NY 10027

Telephone: (212) 851-5606

[burke@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burke@library.columbia.edu)

URL: <https://library.columbia.edu/locations/burke.html>

## Revision Description

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2021-04-15

## Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

## Conditions Governing Access

The following boxes are located offsite: Box 1. Please note that requests for use of boxes held in offsite storage must be made three business days in advance.

## 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

Materials were cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-08-03. 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. Any items in an advanced state of deterioration were placed in Mylar envelopes. The finding aid was created by Elizabeth Beller in 2013 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2021.

## Conditions Governing Use

Some material in this collection may be protected by copyright and other rights. Information concerning copyright, fair use, and reproduction requests can be consulted at Columbia's Copyright Advisory Office.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Controlled Access Headings

---

- Missions -- Latin America
- Missions -- Europe
- Missions -- Asia
- Latin America -- Description and travel
- Europe -- Description and travel
- Asia -- Description and travel
- Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Board of Foreign Missions

- Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. -- : Missions

---

## Burke Library record group:

---

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL12, Ecumenical/World Mission

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

---

## Collection Inventory

---

### Charles Tudor Leber travel correspondence, 1944 -- 1953

Physical Description: 0.25 linear feet 0.25 linear feet; 1 box

Conditions Governing Access:

**Conditions Governing Access**

This series is open for research.

#### Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically.

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains the correspondence of Charles Tudor Leber while on tour representing the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church from 1944-1945 and again in 1953. Leber's letters describe the countries, people, and social and economic environments he traversed, and illustrate the nature of travel and the work of missionaries in the mid-20th century. Locations visited include Japan, Pakistan, Taiwan, Thailand, Spain, Korea, Indonesia, India, Germany, Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

Title/Description	Instances	
MRL list of Leber correspondence, 1944-1945 tour, 1944 -- 1945	box 1	folder 1
1944 – 1945: Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela [sic], 1944 -- 1945	box 1	folder 2
MRL list of Leber correspondence, 1953 tour, 1953	box 1	folder 3
July 1953: India, Pakistan, 1953	box 1	folder 4
August 1953: Berlin, West Berlin, East Sector of Berlin, Hamburg, Germany, Madrid Spain, 1953	box 1	folder 5
September 1953: Bangkok, Thailand, Tokyo, Japan, 1953	box 1	folder 6

---

October 1953: Taipeh [Taipei] Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Djakarta Indonesia, Philippines, Hiroshima, Baiko, Nagano Japan, 1953	box 1	folder 7
November 1953: Seoul Korea, Tokyo Japan, 1953	box 1	folder 8

---

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)