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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Chinese Church of Christ in Korea
Title:	Chinese Church of Christ in Korea records
ID:	6354185
Date [inclusive]:	1908 -- 1975
Physical Description:	0.25 linear feet 0.25 linear feet;1 box
Language of the Material:	English , Chinese .
Abstract:	The Chinese Church of Christ in Korea was founded in 1912 by American missionary C. S. Deming, with Cheh Tao-hsin as one of the first elders of the church in Seoul and Li Kwohfeng as one of his first pastors, to address the increasing population of the Chinese in Korea. The collection contains reports, letters, research on Christian Education Mission Schools, facts sheets on human rights violations, and other materials.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL8: Chinese Church of Christ in Korea records, 1908-1975, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Conducting its first service at the Korean YMCA in May 1912, the Chinese Church of Christ was formed to meet the needs of the increasing population of the Chinese Christians living in Korea, which had reached about 18,000 by 1911. An American missionary born in China, C.S. Deming organized meetings for the creation of the Chinese church and was aided by Chinese Christians such as Cheh Tao-hsin and Li Kwohfeng. With its first church established in Seoul, the Chinese church added additional congregations in other areas such as Chemulpo, Pyongyang, Wonsan, Fusan, and Seishin.

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Biographical / Historical

Beginning with just a dozen people at its inception, in 1913 the Chinese church had an average Sunday attendance of about 40, with 22 boys and girls enrolled in the day school. The numbers increased steadily on an annual basis; by 1916 the average Sunday attendance was 60, with 43 enrolled in the day school. In the fall of 1929, Deming was succeeded by M.J. Quinn, a retired missionary from China. The Foreign Mission Boards of both the Presbyterian Council and Methodist Council worked together as a union mission to further the continuation of the Chinese Church of Christ in Korea.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains historical information on the formation of the Chinese Church in Korea from its creation in 1912. Fact sheets, pamphlets, and indices of school names and other demographic data place the Chinese Church of Christ in the larger context of Protestant missionary work in Korea. News articles, programs, informational pamphlets, statistics and graphs contain evidence related to the founding and operation of the Church and missionary-run schools along with more general resources on Korean missionary efforts, school demographics, and resources for newcomers to Korea. Documents related to the foundation of the Church include the Constitution and minutes of the first meeting. Articles and reports, most of which are commissioned by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, and research from the committee of Christian Education Mission Schools chronicle the establishment and administration of church centers and schools. Correspondence excerpts include narrative history of the Church founding and operation and indices listing key members of the Church and missionary school community. A listing of Mission Stations in Korea dated 1915 includes Japanese spelling equivalents. More than thirty fact sheets on the socio-political condition of South Korea, specifically violation of human rights, are also found in this collection. The work of the Chinese Church of Christ in Korea proceeded against a backdrop of larger historical context, including references to riots and unrest that interrupted missionary work in 1931, and later with the advent of World War II [see folder 1].

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

The 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 finding aid was created by Aram Bae in 2007, updated by Elizabeth Willse in 2014 as part of the Henry Luce Foundation grant, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2020.

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Title/Description	Instances	
Constitution and minutes of first meeting, 1912 <u>Language of the Material</u> : Chinese.	box 1	folder 1
Immediate Source of Acquisition		
Gift of C.S. Deming.		
History of Chinese Church in Korea: reports, articles, and excerpts of letters, 1912 -- 1938	box 1	folder 2
History of Chinese Church in Korea: reports by E.A. Kraege, 1912 -- 1961	box 1	folder 3
Missionary records: pamphlets, reports, minutes, and graphs, 1908 -- 1916	box 1	folder 4
Christian Education Mission School: reports from committee , 1914 -- 1915	box 1	folder 5
General items: letters, news articles, program, statistics graph, 1909 -- 1969	box 1	folder 6
Fact sheets: violation of human rights in South Korea, 1973 -- 1975	box 1	folder 7

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