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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions
Title:	Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions records
ID:	9503920
Date [inclusive]:	1932 -- 1965
Physical Description:	0.50 linear feet 0.50 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains correspondence, financial records, founding documents, minutes, reports, and other resource material relating to the Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions, established to promote fellowship, spiritual life, and professional usefulness of members.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL12: Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions records, 1932-1965, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

The Teachers of Missions Group was established to promote the fellowship, spiritual life, and professional usefulness of its members through papers, discussion, prayer, and social intercourse. Membership consisted of people in New England and the Mid-Atlantic area. The earliest records in this collection, recorded by secretary Henry Winters Luce, date from 1932; however, the group began to meet informally in 1917. Early discussions included those on the Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry; interacting with the International Missionary Council; and the discussion of training missionaries. The constitution was officially adopted in April 1940 and stated the name of the group as "The Fellowship of Professors of Missions." Regular meetings were held twice per year with annual dues set at fifty cents. By 1954, the updated constitution changed the name to "The Association of Professors of Missions."

Membership was opened to professors of missions in the member institutions of the American Association of Theological Schools and by invitation. The meetings were also changed to once every two years. In 1964, the name again changed to "The Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions" to show its region, as the group was a faction of the national Association of Professors of Missions. The national group became closely allied with the American Association of Missiology beginning in 1972.

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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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

Metal clips and staples were removed from some deteriorated materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The finding aid was created by Brigitte Kamsler in 2012 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2021.

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Related Materials

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Records of the Fellowship of Professors of Missions, HR1195. Yale University Divinity Special Collections.

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Records of the Association of Professors of Missions, HR1073. Yale University Divinity Special Collections.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Missions
- Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Missions -- : Archives

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL12, Ecumenical/World Mission

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Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, 1945 -- 1965	box 1	folder 1-3
Financial records, 1940 -- 1962	box 1	folder 4
Founding documents, 1940 -- 1964	box 1	folder 5
Membership, 1949 -- 1957	box 1	folder 6

Minutes and reports, 1932 -- 1965	box 1	folder 7-8
Paper presentations, 1961	box 1	folder 9
Resource material, 1941 -- 1951	box 1	folder 10

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