

HAROLD JOHN OCKENGA: PRESIDENTAL PAPERS
1929-1977

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Biographical History

Harold John Ockenga (June 6, 1905 – February 8, 1985) was a leading figure of 20th century American evangelicalism, particularly in the reform movement known as "Neo-Evangelicalism." He helped found Fuller Theological Seminary and the National Association of Evangelicals. He also authored various works on biblical, theological, and devotional topics.

Ockenga served as a pastor of Park Street Church in Boston, Massachusetts from 1937-1969. In 1950, the church hosted Billy Graham's Boston evangelistic crusade, the success of which led to Graham and Ockenga's subsequent tour partnership throughout New England. Ockenga later assisted Graham, Carl F. Henry, and Nelson Bell's launch of "Christianity Today."

In 1947, Ockenga co-founded Fuller Theological Seminary and became its first president. He served as president in absentia from 1947-1954 and again from 1959-1963. Ockenga served actively on the Fuller Seminary Board of Trustees from 1947 until 1969, then as an honorary trustee from 1969 until his death in 1985.

Publications:

- Ockenga, Harold J. (1937). *These Religious Affections*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.
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- ——— (1940). *Have You Met These Women?*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.
- ——— (1942). *Every One That Believeth*. New York: Fleming Revell.
- ——— (1944). *The Comfort of God*. New York: Revell.
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- ——— (1956). *The Church in God*. Westwood: Revell.
- ——— (1957). *Protestant Preaching Through Lent*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.
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- ——— (1962). *The Epistles to the Thessalonians*. *Proclaiming the New Testament*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker.
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David Allan Hubbard: Presidential Papers, Fuller Theological Seminary

Edward John Carnell: Presidential Papers, Fuller Theological Seminary

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Philothean Fellowship Collection, 1947-1961, Fuller Theological Seminary

Scope and Content

The Harold John Ockenga: Presidential Papers, 1929-1977 contains correspondence and papers related to the administration of Fuller Theological Seminary. Primary correspondents include Dr. Harold Lindsell, Dean of Students; Donald Weber, Assistant to the President and later Director of Public Relations and Development; and David Allan Hubbard, President of Fuller Seminary.

The collection also includes annual reports from the President to the Seminary Board of Trustees, development records, and a manifesto by the faculty. It also includes Ockenga's records with the Student Volunteer Movement and a Park Street Church commemorative program.

Subjects

Fuller Theological Seminary
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Lindsell, Harold

Container List

Box 1: Harold John Ockenga, Correspondence as President, 1947-1955

Contents are arranged in chronological order. Folder title “correspondent” is the recipient of letters from Harold J. Ockenga unless otherwise noted. Contents include correspondence Ockenga received as President of Fuller Theological Seminary.

Folder	Correspondence/Item	Date/Note
1	Smith, Wilbur	6 September 1940
2	Lindsell, Harold Topics include Curriculum and Registrar	May-September 1947
3	Lindsell, Harold	November – December 1947
4	Lindsell, Harold Topics include Park Street Church officers list	1950
5	Fuller, Charles	1950, 1952
6	Miscellaneous correspondence	1951-1952
7	Lindsell, Harold	January 1951
8	Lindsell, Harold	February 1951
9	Lindsell, Harold	March 1951
10	Lindsell, Harold	April 1951
11	Ladd, George	10 April 1951
12	Lindsell, Harold	May 1951
13	Lindsell, Harold	June 1951
14	Lindsell, Harold	25 June 1951
15	Lindsell, Harold	July 1951
16	Lindsell, Harold	8 August 1951
17	Lindsell, Harold	September 1951
18	Lindsell, Harold	October 1951
19	Lindsell, Harold	November 1951
20	[?] to Harold Ockenga	5 November 1951
21	Fuller, Charles to Harold Lindsell	7 November 1951
22	Lindsell, Harold	December 1951
23	[?] to Harold Ockenga	7 December 1951
24	Lindsell, Harold	January 1952
25	Lindsell, Harold	6 February 1952
26	Curley, Richard	22 February 1952
27	Fisk, Glen (Mrs.)	22 February 1952
28	Smith, Wilbur (Mrs.)	22 February 1952
29	Lindsell, Harold	March 1952
30	Lindsell, Harold	April 1952
31	Lindsell, Harold	May 1952
32	Lindsell, Harold	June 1952
33	Ladd, George to Ockenga	28 June 1952

34	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	2 July 1952
35	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	August 1952
36	Lindsell, Harold	September 1952
37	Fuller, Charles	October 1952
38	Lindsell, Harold	October 1952
39	Roddy, Clarence S. (Mrs.)	16 October 1952
40	Duties and Responsibilities of the Dean of Students	18 October 1951
41	Lindsell, Harold	November 1952
42	Registrar to Harold Ockenga	11 November 1952
43	Price, Rebecca	26 November 1952
44	Lindsell, Harold	December 1952
45	Lindsell, Harold	January 1953
46	Price, Rebecca	20 January 1953
47	Young, Paul	21 January 1953
48	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	February 1953
49	Lindsell, Harold	March 1953
50	Lindsell, Harold to B. D. Howes	4 March 1953
51	Lindsell, Harold to Charles I. Carpenter	16 March 1953
52	Lindsell, Harold to Douglas G. Scott	16 March 1953
53	Marteney, Charles W. to Harold Lindsell	20 March 1953
54	Marteney, Charles W. to Glenn J. Witherspoon	20 March 1953
55	Scott, Douglas G. to Harold Lindsell	20 March 1953
56	Witherspoon, Glenn J. to Harold Lindsell	30 March 1953
57	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	April 1953
58	Lindsell, Harold to B. D. Howes	8 April 1953
59	Lindsell, Harold to Saba Foster	5 May 1953
60	Lindsell, Harold	26 August 1953
61	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	September 1953
62	Lindsell, Harold	October 1953
63	The New Evangelicalism. Ockenga. Typescript, 2 p.	Undated
64	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	November 1953
65	Lindsell, Harold	20-28 November 1953
66	Henry, Carl F. H. to Harold Ockenga	10 December 1953
67	Lindsell, Harold	December 1953
68	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	January 1954
69	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	1 February 1954
70	Morris, Clarence	24 February 1954
71	Lindsell, Harold	March 1954
72	Lindsell, Harold	April 1954
73	Members of the Faculty	1 April 1954
74	Lindsell, Harold	May 1954
75	Lindsell, Harold	June 1954
76	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	20 July 1954
77	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	August 1954

78	Woodbridge, Charles J. to Harold Ockenga	10 September 1954
79	Lindsell, Harold	October 1954
80	Lindsell, Harold	January 1955
81	Lindsell, Harold	February 1955
82	Lindsell, Harold	March 1955

Box 2: Harold John Ockenga, Correspondence as President, 1955-1962

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Folder	Correspondence/Item	Date/Note
1	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	April 1955
2	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	May 1955
3	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	July 1955
4	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	August 1955
5	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	8 September 1955
6	Lindsell, Harold	October 1955
7	Kilcoyne, John T. to Harold Ockenga	March 1956
8	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	March 1956
9	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	April 1956
10	Lindsell, Harold	1 May 1956
11	Brown, Lossie	19 June 1956
12	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	2 July 1956
13	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	September 1956
14	Lindsell, Harold	October 1956
15	Lindsell, Harold to Fred Bush	30 October 1956
16	Lindsell, Harold	19 December 1956
17	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	January – December 1957
18	Lindsell, Harold	23 January 1958
19	Lindsell, Harold	March 1958
20	Lindsell, Harold	26 May 1958
21	Lindsell, Harold	June 1958
22	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	August 1958
23	Lindsell, Harold	September – October 1958
24	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	October-November 1958
25	Lindsell, Harold	March-November 1959
26	Friend of Fuller Seminary	11 June 1959
27	Kimber, Anne to Mary Mackenzie	May 1959
28	Taylor, Robert G. to Harold Ockenga	16 June 1959

29	Kimber, Anne to Harold Ockenga	June 1959
30	Gregory, Amos to Harold Ockenga	13 July 1959
31	Granberg, Lars I.	18 December 1959
32	Kimber, Anne to Harold Ockenga	26 February 1960
33	Granberg, Lars I.	16 March 1960
34	Kimber, Anne to Harold Ockenga	June 1960
35	Lindsell, Harold	January-May 1960
36	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	July 1960
37	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	September 1960
38	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	October 1960
39	Lindsell, Harold	November 1960
40	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	December 1960
41	Cummings, Norman L. to Harold Ockenga	27 March 1967
42	Lindsell, Harold to Harold Ockenga	November 6, 1969
43	Taylor, Herbert J.	1961-1963
44	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	1956-1958
45	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	January-December 1959
46	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	January-December 1960
47	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	January 1961
48	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	March-April 1961
49	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	May-June 1961
50	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	July 1961
51	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	August 1961
52	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	September 1961
53	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	October 1961
54	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	November 1961
55	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	December 1961
56	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	January 1962
57	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	February 1962
58	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	March 1962
59	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	April 1962
60	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	May 1962
61	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	June 1962
62	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	July 1962
63	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	August 1962
64	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	September 1962
65	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	October 1962
66	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	November 1962
67	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	December 1962

Box 3: Board of Trustees, Correspondence & Reports, 1954-1967

Contents are arranged in chronological order. Folder title “correspondent” is the recipient of letters from Harold J. Ockenga unless otherwise noted.

Folders 1-11 complete the correspondence Ockenga received as President of Fuller Theological Seminary. Contents of Folders 12-53 relate to the Fuller Seminary Board of Trustees and Ockenga’s activities as Chairman of the Board. Annual President’s Reports run from 1960-1963.

Folder	Correspondence/Item	Date/Note
1	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	January 1963
2	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	February 1963
3	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	March 1963
4	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	April-May 1963
5	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	June 1963
6	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	July 1963
7	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	October 1963
8	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	November 1963
9	Weber, Donald to Harold Ockenga	October 1964
10	Budget 1960-1961	c. 1960-1961
11	Report on Individual Donors, 1956-1961	c. 1961
12	Carnell, Edward J. to Board of Trustees	1954-1955
13	Carnell, Edward J. to Board of Trustees	1956-1957
14	Carnell, Edward J. to Board of Trustees	1958
15	Carnell, Edward J. to Board of Trustees	1959
16	Board of Trustees	1960
17	Board of Trustees	1961-1963
18	Board of Trustees / Anne Kimber	1961
19	Board of Trustees / Dolores Loeding	1962
20	Board of Trustees – includes C. Davis Weyerhauser, Billy Graham, and Robert Taylor	January 1963
21	Annual Report to the Board of Trustees / President’s Report	May 1960
22	Annual Report to the Board of Trustees / President’s Report	24 May 1960
23	Annual Report to the Board of Trustees / President’s Report	May 1961
24	President’s Report	5 December 1961
25	President’s Report	1963
26	Annual Report of Administration to the Board of Trustees / President’s Report	1962-1963
27	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	January – June 1963
28	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	August 1963
29	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	September 1963
30	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	October 1963
31	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	November 1963
32	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	December 1963
33	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	January 1964
34	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	February 1964

35	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	March 1964
36	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	April 1964
37	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	May 1964
38	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	June 1964
39	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	July 1964
40	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	September 1964
41	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	October 1964
42	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	November 1964
43	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	December 1964
44	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	January – March 1965
45	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	April 1965
46	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	May – June 1965
47	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	July – August 1965
48	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	September – December 1965
49	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	January – June 1966
50	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	July – December 1966
51	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	January – April 1967
52	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	May – June 1967
53	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	September – December 1967

Box 4: Board of Trustees, Correspondence & Reports, 1968-1977

Contents are arranged in chronological order. Folder title “correspondent” is the recipient of letters from Harold J. Ockenga unless otherwise noted. Contents relate to the Fuller Seminary Board of Trustees and Ockenga’s activities as Chairman of the Board.

Folder	Correspondence/Item	Date/Note
1	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	January – June 1968
2	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	July – December 1968
3	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	January – May 1968
4	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	May – June 1969
5	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	August – November 1969
6	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	1970
7	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	1971
8	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	1972

9	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	1973
10	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	1974
11	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	1975
12	Hubbard, David to Harold Ockenga	1976
13	Curley, Richard to Harold Ockenga	1977
14	Student Volunteer Movement: Registration and Letters	1929
15	Convocation Address: Challenge to the Christian Culture of the West, Transcription and CDs	1 October 1947
16	A Christian Witness: A Manifesto by the Faculty of Fuller Theological Seminary	October 1960
17	Park Street Church: 24th Annual Missionary Conference Brochure	1963
18	Park Street Church: Ockenga, Reviewing 32 Years of Ministry	June 1969
19	The Bulletin (Vol 1, and Vol 12, No. 5), and Ockenga stationary	Undated