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Administrative History

Particularly noteworthy in the beginning of the Wesleyan Theological Society were a series of conferences in the early 1960s conducted at Wesleyan/Holiness colleges under the leadership of Kenneth Geiger, president of the National Holiness Association (NHA). Important papers from these conferences were published as *Insights into Holiness* (1963) and *Further Insights into Holiness* (1963). These conferences culminated in the Winona Lake Study Conference on the Distinctives of Arminian-Wesleyan Theology, held in November 1964, and sponsored by the NHA. Papers from this conference were published as *The Word and the Doctrine* in 1965. This meeting set the stage for the organization of the Wesleyan Theological Society at the April 1965, NHA meeting in Detroit.

In November 1965, the organization's inaugural meeting at Spring Arbor College drew approximately sixty people. Reflecting the diversity of its parent body, the NHA, papers were presented by members of the Methodist Church, Church of the Nazarene, United Missionary Church, Free Methodist Church, Wesleyan Methodist Church, and the Salvation Army. When the initial membership drive ended in January 1966, the organization could claim ninety-two charter members. Since its inception, the WTS has experienced steady membership growth with 286 members by 1970. In 2005, there were 600 members from around the world.

Among the numerous ecumenical endeavors have been joint meetings with the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS). SPS hosted the first joint meeting at the Church of God Theological Seminary in Cleveland, TN, in 1998. Building on the success of that meeting, a second joint WTS-SPS meeting hosted by the Wesleyan/Holiness Studies Center of Asbury Theological Seminary Meeting occurred in 2003. A third joint meeting was held in 2008.

Scope and Content

This collection includes 16 linear feet of correspondence, organizational documents, minutes, membership records, audio tapes, microfilm, and conference papers. Also included is a full run of *Wesleyan Theological Journal*.

Subjects

Asbury Theological Seminary
Church of the Nazarene
Free Methodist Church of North America
Salvation Army
United Missionary Church
Wesleyan Holiness Movement
Wesleyan Methodism

Arrangement

The collection has been organized into the following series:

- Series I: Correspondence, 1965-2000 (Boxes 1-3)
- Series II: Membership Lists, Applications, and File Cards, 1965-2002 (Boxes 3-11)
- Series III: Officers' Reports, 1965-2003 (Box 12)
- Series IV: Financial Documents, 1965-2000 (Boxes 12-14)
- Series V: Minutes, 1970-2002 (Box 15)
- Series VI: Printed Material, 1965-1996 (Box 16)
- Series VII: Annual Meetings, 1992-2005 (17-18)
- Series VIII: Papers of Annual Meetings (bound volumes)
- Series IX: Wesleyan Theological Journal

Container List

Series I: Correspondence, 1965-2000. Boxes 1-3.

Box 1: Correspondence

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Thomas D. Hersey	1965-1982
2	Correspondence	1965
3	Correspondence	1966
4	Correspondence	1967
5	Correspondence	1968
6	Correspondence	1969
7	Correspondence	1970
8	Correspondence	1970
9	Correspondence	1971
10	Correspondence	1971

Box 2: Correspondence

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Correspondence	1972
2	Correspondence	1973
3	Correspondence	1973
4	Correspondence	1974
5	Correspondence	1975
6	Correspondence	1976
7	Correspondence	1977
8	Correspondence	1978
9	Correspondence	1979
10	Correspondence	1980
11	Correspondence	1981
12	Correspondence	1982
13	Correspondence	1983
14	Correspondence	1984
15	Correspondence	1985
16	Correspondence	1986
17	Correspondence	1987
18	Correspondence	1988
19	Correspondence	1989

Box 3: Correspondence, Membership lists

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Correspondence	1990
2	Correspondence	1991
3	Correspondence	1992
4	Correspondence	1993

5	Correspondence	1994
6	Correspondence	1995
7	Correspondence	1996
8	Correspondence	1997
9	Correspondence	1998
10	Correspondence	1999
11	Correspondence	2000

Series II: Membership Lists, Applications, and File Cards, 1965-2002. Boxes 3-11.

Box 3: Membership lists

Folder	Item	Date/Note
12	Membership lists	1965-1971
13	Membership lists	1972-1977
14	Membership lists	1978-1980
15	Membership lists	1981-1987

Box 4: Membership lists, applications

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Membership lists	1988-1991
2	Membership lists	1997-1999
3	Membership lists	2002-2003
4	Membership applications	1977-1979
5	Membership applications	1986
6	Membership applications	1987
7	Membership applications	1988-1989
8	Membership applications	1990
9	Membership applications	1991
10	Membership applications	1992
11	Membership applications	1993
12	Membership applications	1994
13	Membership applications	1999
14	New members	2001-2002
15	Charter members lists, copies of earliest members' letters	1965-1998

Box 5: Applications

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Membership applications	A
2	Membership applications	Ba-Bear
3	Membership applications	Beas-Boy
4	Membership applications	Bra-Brown
5	Membership applications	Browna-Bz
6	Membership applications	Ca-Chia
7	Membership applications	Chib-Clu
8	Membership applications	Co

9	Membership applications	Cp-Cz
10	Membership applications	Da-De
11	Membership applications	Df-Dz

Box 6: Applications

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Membership applications	E
2	Membership applications	Fa-Fine
3	Membership applications	Finlayson-Fz
4	Membership applications	Ga-Gk
5	Membership applications	Gl-Gz
6	Membership applications	Ha-Har
7	Membership applications	Has-Hey
8	Membership applications	Hi-Hz
9	Membership applications	I
10	Membership applications	J
11	Membership applications	Ka-Kem
12	Membership applications	Ken-Kz

Box 7: Applications

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Membership applications	La-Lem
2	Membership applications	Len-Lz
3	Membership applications	Mc
4	Membership applications	Ma
5	Membership applications	Mb-Mi
6	Membership applications	Mj-Mz
7	Membership applications	N
8	Membership applications	O
9	Membership applications	Pa-Pe
10	Membership applications	Pf-Pz
11	Membership applications	Q
12	Membership applications	Ra-Rex
13	Membership applications	Rey-Rz
14	Membership applications	Sa-Sc

Box 8: Applications

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Membership applications	Sd-Sm
2	Membership applications	Sn-Std
3	Membership applications	Ste-Sz
4	Membership applications	Ta-Thoma
5	Membership applications	Thomb-Tz
6	Membership applications	U
7	Membership applications	V

8	Membership applications	Wa-Was
9	Membership applications	Wat-Wilk
10	Membership applications	Will-Wz
11	Membership applications	X-Y
12	Membership applications	Z

Boxes 9-11:

Folder	Item	Date/Note
9	Membership cards, Fuller & Associate A-Y	
10	Membership cards, Inactive members A-R	
11	Membership cards, Inactive members S-Z, standing orders dropped, students, honorary members, colleges, standing orders	

Series III: Officers' Reports, 1965-2003. Box 12.**Box 12: Officers' Reports**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Presidents' reports Report First Vice President, Programs (1996)	1973-1996, 1999, 2002
2	Reports of the Editor of Wesleyan Theological Journal	1971-1991, 1992-2001
3	Reports of the Promotional Secretary	1965-1990, 1997, 2002-2003
4	Membership reports	1970-1992
5	Reports of the Nominating Committee	1970-1994
6	Reports of the Secretary/Treasurer	1966-1979
7	Reports of the Secretary/Treasurer	1980-1999, 2001-2003
8	Report of liaison to the Faith & Order commission of the National Council of Churches	
9	By-laws and Constitution	1978-1991
10	Wesleyan Holiness Study project	1987
11	Special report re Inerrancy definition	
12	Agenda for Executive committee	2001, 2002, 2003
13	Report of liaison to Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy	2000-2003

Series IV: Financial Documents, 1965-2000. Boxes 12-14.**Box 12: Financial records**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
14	Treasurer's Report	1968-1969
15-16	Miscellaneous financial records	

Box 13: Financial records, 1965-1997

Box 14: Financial records, 1998-2000

Series V: Minutes, 1970-2002. Box 15.

Box 15: Minutes

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Annual Meetings	n.d. and 1970-1973
2	Executive committee meetings	1972-1984
3	Executive committee meetings	1985-1994
4	Annual Meetings	1984-1998
5	Proceedings: minutes	1966-1979
6	Proceedings: minutes	1980-1982
7	Proceedings: minutes	1982, 1983
8	Proceedings: minutes, annual meetings	1979-1990
9	Executive committee meetings	1994-1996
10	Executive committee meetings	1997-2002

Series VI: Printed Material, 1965-1996. Box 16.

Box 16: Printed material, newsletters, literary productions

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Printed material	
2	Printed material	
3	Newsletters	Miscellaneous, 1973-1996
4	Programs	1965-1990
5-6	Literary productions: proposals for papers	
7	Web page print outs	
	Audio cassettes of papers given	1978, 1991, 1994

Series VII: Annual Meetings, 1992-2005. Box 17-18.

Box 17: Annual Meetings

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Photographs	1992 meeting
2	Annual meeting book display confirmations	1993-1999
3	Annual meeting	1994-1995
4	Annual meeting	1995
5	Annual meeting	1995-1996
6	Annual meeting registrations	1996
7	Annual meeting election	1996
8	Annual meeting	1997
9	Annual meeting: joint SPS/WTS, Purity and Power	1998
10-11	Annual meeting: proposed papers and evaluation forms	1999

12	Annual meeting: business meeting, report of the ecumenical representative Donald Dayton, Wesleyan Theological Journal guidelines, program, call for papers	1999
13	Annual meeting	2000
14	Annual meeting: call for papers, index of proposals	2000
15	Annual meeting: registration	2000
16-17	Annual meeting	2001
18	Annual meeting: call for papers, program	2002

Box 18: Annual Meetings

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Joint meeting of the Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology and the Wesleyan Philosophical Society	2003
2	Business meeting papers, Joint meeting with SPS	2003
3	Program: Faith Working through Love Conference, Bahamas	2003
4-9	Bahamas conference papers	January 2003
10	Annual meeting: call for papers, program	2004
11	Joint conference with Seoul Theological University	2005

Series VIII: Papers of Annual Meetings. Bound volumes.

Series IX: Wesleyan Theological Journal.