

**Alaska State Library
Historical Collections**

Guide to Collection

Alaska Council of Churches

Records of the Alaska Council of Churches, 1957-1965

MS084

1 box
0.5 linear ft.

Processed By: Staff

Introduction

These records document the work and activities of the Alaska Association of Churches which organized Feb. 28, 1956 in a Fairbanks meeting at the Episcopal Church. The first assembly meeting of the organization was Feb. 26-28, 1957 at Juneau. This association was one of affiliation so that many churches might be joined together into a fellowship. A constitution was established, and concern for cooperation and the involvements of churches seeking new territories in which to open work were early topics of discussion.

In 1959 there was a recommendation to change the constitution to an Alaska Council of Churches which was adopted Feb. 3. As the Association sought to formulate into a Council of Churches in 1960 some members found this too formal an arrangement and served notice of their unwillingness to continue. A Board of Directors directs the work of the Council, and the governing body of the Council is the Assembly which meets annually. The Assembly elects officers and chairmen of standing committees created by the Assembly, authorizes basic studies of common interest to the members, and maintains general control of financial and business operations of the Council.

These files are records maintained by Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong, the third president of the Association and Alaska Council of Churches. Included in the files are several folders of church material from other church organizations such as the National Council of Churches

Alaska Committee with a report of its work form 1929-1963, the United Church Men of Alaska Constitution, and Minutes of the Greater Anchorage Council of Churches, etc.

Inventory

- Folder 1. Alaska Association of Churches.
Records, 1957-1953
2. Alaska Council of Churches.
Constitution, 1959- ; history
 3. Roster, officers, etc. 1959-1965
 4. Board of Directors. Minutes, etc. 1959-1965
 5. Treasurer's financial report, and budget, 1961-1965 Executive secretary report, 1964-1965
 6. Correspondence. 1959-1964
Includes correspondence sent and received by Presidents Fred McGinnis; R. Rolland Armstrong
 7. Assembly. Minutes, programs, etc. 1959-1961
 8. Assembly. Minutes, programs, etc. 1962-1965
 9. President's report and speeches, 1960's
 10. Committee on Research and Planning. 1961-1965
 11. Reports of Committees. 1959-1965
Includes Christian Social Relations; Christian Mission and Service; Institutional Missions; Christian Education
 12. Letter to members, by I.J. Montgomery 1961-1965 (on Alaska Legislature activity)
 13. Directory of Alaska Churches v. Church Agencies, 1900; 1964
 14. National Council of Churches. Alaska Committee. [history] 1929-1963, Minutes, etc.
 15. Conference on Work of Churches in Alaska. Minutes. 1955
 16. United Church Men of Alaska. Constitution and Bylaws. 1963
 17. Miscellaneous, 1963-1965: Church survey, Sitka; Greater Anchorage Council of Churches Minutes, Alaska Planning Conference, etc.
 18. Legislative Reports. Alaska Council of Churches. Weeekly reports for March, 1971-May 3, 1971, and January 1, 1972.