The Ecumenical Leaders Index Project

The aim of the Ecumenical Leaders Index Project, an endeavor funded by the Episcopal Church Foundation, has been to create a database of information regarding individuals, issues, and events connected with the ecumenical movement during the time period 1935 to 1960. It is hoped that this database will assist researchers by providing a consolidated source of biographical information about ecumenical leaders from this time period and by providing improved access to the wealth of relevant documentation available in archival and manuscript collections at the Yale Divinity School Library. It is also hoped that this Project may serve as the first steps toward a more comprehensive database which would cover a broader time period and provide access to documentation in other repositories.

The individuals represented in this Index are the "pioneers", as Willem A. Visser 't Hooft described them, "... who had the imagination and tenacity to translate the ecumenical vision into concrete plans."¹ The Ecumenical Leaders Index provides biographical information on more than 100 men and women who were active in the founding and early development of the World Council of Churches and in the many related movements which fueled the ecumenical flame between the years 1935 and 1960.

The Project staff surveyed all relevant manuscript and archival collections at the Yale Divinity Library to discover correspondence and papers of the

individuals selected for inclusion in the Index. Information about each
document, including a brief content note summarizing its content, has been
entered into a database environment. The database can be sorted and
searched to present the information in many ways. A researcher interested
in the Russian Orthodox Church, for example, can gain access to relevant
documents through name and keyword searches. Someone researching a specific
span of years, perhaps 1939 to 1945, can isolate documents from that time
period. Biographical information and documents can be sorted by confes­
sional representation, gathering together, for example the many Anglican and
Episcopalian frontrunners of the ecumenical movement. An incidental benefit
of the Index Project is that keyword searches will also provide access to
material on subjects which may be considered outside the realm of the
ecumenical movement, such as religious work among students in China.

One of the first tasks of the Project was to set limits in regard to the
time period covered. The history of the ecumenical movement, with its
interwoven and converging elements, has been told elsewhere. This complex
history is the background and context for the detailed information acces­
sible through the Ecumenical Leaders Index. In many ways, 1910 would have
been an ideal starting point for the Ecumenical Leaders Index, bringing as
it did the World Missionary-Conference at Edinburgh and the proposal of the
Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States that Churches throughout
the world unite in a World Conference on Faith and Order. But practical
restraints, coupled with the desire to include more recent material within
the scope of the Project, necessitated a later starting date. The flurry

2 See bibliography
of activity surrounding the actual organizing of the World Council of Churches beginning in the 1930s suggested that period as a cutoff. Although "ecumenical movement" is by no means synonymous with "World Council of Churches", the Council and its formation do provide a focus for study of the movement. The merger early in 1961 of two large elements of the ecumenical movement which had been "in association" since 1947, the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches, marked the end of a long and fruitful formative period and provided a convenient endpoint for the Project.

It was also an initial task of the Project to establish criteria for the inclusion of individuals in the Ecumenical Leaders Index. Many additional names could have been included in the Index without compromising the criterion of significant contribution to the ecumenical movement. It was in many cases difficult to decide which participants in conferences, committees and movements should be included. In some cases an office held made inclusion automatic, as in the case of all World Council of Churches presidents. Other criteria for inclusion were frequent mention in secondary sources and frequent appearance in letters and papers contained in the Library's collections. Several important ecumenical leaders have been excluded, or represented in a very minimal way, because their involvement occurred before 1935. An example is Bishop Charles H. Brent, at whose instigation the Protestant Episcopal Church initially invited Churches to participate in a World Conference on Faith and Order. A very few exceptions to the date limitations have been made in order to include important material. Such a case is that of Nathan Söderblom, whose efforts overlapped
and coordinated directly with those of many indexed leaders. It was a priority to include as many women and leaders of younger churches as could be justified, even to the possible exclusion of more established Western and male leaders, in order to give appropriate recognition to their pioneering work. The broadest possible confessional representation was also a high priority.

It should be noted that a substantial proportion of the letters and papers indexed in this Project are located in the John R. Mott Papers, YDSL Manuscript Group No. 45. Mott was a leader and founder of several ecumenical organizations, including the World Student Christian Federation, Student Volunteer Movement, Y.M.C.A., and International Missionary Council. He was an influential friend of early leaders in the Life and Work and Faith and Order movements and joined directly in the activities of those movements beginning with the Princeton consultation of 1935. Oldham wrote in 1955, the year of Mott's death:

In his life-long association with the ecumenical movement his judgment and decision were crucial at such a countless number of points, noticed and unnoticed, his influence on the lives of those who helped to shape the movement was so deep and extended, that one can say of him in a much more far-reaching sense than of any of his contemporaries that, had he not lived, the ecumenical movement would not have taken the form that it has done, and many fruitful growths in many different countries would not have taken place.3

As this Index begins in 1935, Mott was already 70 years old, a fact that should alert researchers to the presence of substantial relevant correspondence which is not reflected in the Index. For example, only four of forty-

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one folders of correspondence between Mott and J.H. Oldham in Record Group No. 45 are represented in the Index, because of the 1935 cutoff date.

Not surprisingly, the correspondence indexed by this project is detailed and informative to a degree rarely present in our modern age of telephone and computers. The letters provide opportunity for insights into profoundly successful ecumenical work from a grassroots perspective. The correspondence between John R.Mott and selected individuals such as Paul B. Anderson, J.H. Oldham and William Temple has been summarized in greater detail than other records within the Index in order to demonstrate the substantive content which is available in some cases. While it was not possible to cover all documents in such great detail, some especially comprehensive and historically significant documents have been asterisked at the end of the content note, to alert the researcher. The content notes will also allow the researcher to screen out nonsubstantive courtesy letters, of which there are many.

In addition to summarizing extensive correspondence, the Ecumenical Leaders Index also provides information about the important papers and addresses prepared for the first two World Council of Churches General Assemblies. Many of the early official WCC documents were originally prepared by four commissions to provide background material for discussion at the Amsterdam Assembly of 1948. The commission responsible for a certain paper has been listed along with other pertinent information, in order to indicate its context.

This edition of the Ecumenical Leaders Index should be regarded as a first
step in a larger process. Comments, corrections, suggestions and additional information are welcomed.
Selected Chronology of the Ecumenical Movement

1878 World's Y.M.C.A founded
1894 World's Y.W.C.A. founded
1895 World's Student Christian Federation founded
1908 Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America founded
1910 World Missionary Conference, Edinburgh
1910 General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States resolution to invite the Churches to unite in a World Conference on Faith and Order
1914 World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship Through the Churches founded
1919 Proposal of Church of Constantinople to form a League of Churches; encyclical letter issued by Ecumenical Patriarchate in 1920
1919 Proposal of Nathan Söderblom to form ecumenical council of churches presented at meeting of World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches at Oud Wassenaar
1921 International Missionary Council founded
1924 British Conference on Christian Politics, Economics and Citizenship (COPEC)
1925 World Conference on Life and Work, Stockholm
1927 World Conference on Faith and Order, Lausanne
1928 Jerusalem meeting of the International Missionary Council
1930 Universal Christian Council for Life and Work formed
1933 On sabbatical leave, William Adams Brown traveled throughout Europe promoting the idea of an integrated ecumenical movement; at his suggestion William Temple, Archbishop of York, invited a group of individuals representing various organizations to meet at Bishopthorpe.

1934 J.H. Oldham appointed chairman of Life and Work advisory committee on research; became central figure in movement

1935 Archbishop William Temple visited United States and met with American church leaders at Princeton

1936 Committee of thirty-five appointed by Faith and Order and Life and Work to prepare recommendations to the Oxford and Edinburgh conferences of 1937 regarding the future policy, organization and work of the ecumenical movement

1937 Jul Meeting of Committee of Thirty-Five at Westfield College in London; plan drafted for proposed World Council of Churches

1937 World Alliance for Promoting Friendship through the Churches decided to cooperate with the proposed World Council of Churches but maintain itself as a movement based on individual loyalty, with no official relation to any religious organization

1937 World Conference on Life and Work, Oxford
World Conference on Faith and Order, Edinburgh
Committee of Fourteen formed to plan for World Council of Churches

1938 May Meeting of Committee of Fourteen with church leaders, Utrecht; World Council constitution drafted; Provisional Committee formed

1938 Tambaram (Madras) meeting of the International Missionary Council

1938 Committee of Fourteen issued invitations to churches to take part in the establishment of the World Council of Churches

1938 Joint Committee of International Missionary Council and World Council of Churches formed
1939  World Christian Youth Conference, Amsterdam; sponsored
          YMCA, YWCA, WSCF, WCC, and World Alliance for
          Friendship Through the Churches.

1941-45  WCC involved in aid to refugees, chaplaincy service to
          prisoners of war, reconstruction of church life in Europe

1947  World Conference of Christian Youth, Oslo

1948  First Assembly of the World Council of Churches,
          Amsterdam

1949  WCC Central Committee meeting, Chichester

1950  WCC Central Committee meeting, Toronto. Statement issued
          on "The Ecclesiological Significance of the WCC."

1950  National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
          formed, continuing the work of the Federal Council.

1951  WCC Central Committee meeting, Rolle

1952  World Conference of Christian Youth, Kottayam

1952  World Conference on Faith and Order, Lund

1952/53  WCC Central Committee meeting, Lucknow

1954  Second Assembly of the WCC, Evanston, Illinois

1955  WCC Central Committee meeting, Davos

1956  WCC Central Committee meeting, Galyateto

1957  WCC Central Committee meeting, New Haven

1958  International Missionary Council assembly, Accra

1958  WCC Central Committee meeting, Nyborg Strand

1959  WCC Central Committee meeting, Rhodes

1960  WCC Central Committee meeting, St. Andrews

1961  International Missionary Council integrated with WCC
Bibliography


Abbreviations Used in the Index

Abp.     Archbishop
Bp.      Bishop
CCIA     Committee of the Churches on International Affairs
CIMADE   Comité Inter-mouvements auprès des Évacués
FCC      Federal Council of Churches
IMC      International Missionary Council
NCC      National Council of Churches
SCM      Student Christian Movement
SVM      Student Volunteer Movement
WA(P)(I)FC World Association for (the Promotion) of (International) Friendship through the Churches (The name was slightly altered through the years.)
WCC      World Council of Churches
WSCF     World Student Christian Federation
YMCA     Young Men's Christian Association
YWCA     Young Women's Christian Association
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Individuals included

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Ainslie, Peter, 1867-1934*
Alivisatos, Hamilcar Spiridonos, 1887-1969
Ammundsen, Ove Valdemar, 1875-1936*
Anderson, Charles Palmerston, 1864-1930*
Anderson, Paul B., 1894-
Ashworth, Robert, 1871-*
Athenagoras (Aristides Spyrou), 1886-1972
Atkinson, Henry Avery, 1877-1960
Aubrey, Melbourne Evens, 1885-
Aulen, Gustaf Emanuel Hildebrand, 1879-
Azariah, Vedanayakam Samuel, 1874-1945
Baez Camargo, Gonzalo, 1899-
Baillie, Donald MacPherson, 1887-1954*
Baillie, John, 1886-1960
Baker, James Chamberlain, 1879-1969*
Barbieri, Sante Uberto, 1902-
Barbour, George Freelund, 1882-1946
Barot, Madeleine, 1909-*
Barth, Karl, 1886-1968
Bell, George Kennedy Allen, 1883-1958
Bennett, John Coleman, 1902-
Berdiaev, Nicolai Aleksandrovich, 1874-1948
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(Besobrasoff), Cassian
Bilheimer, Robert S., 1917-
Blake, Eugene Carson, 1906-1984
Bliss, Kathleen, 1908-
Boegner, Marc, 1881-1970
Bonhoeffer, Dietrich, 1906-1945*
Brent, Charles Henry, 1862-1929*
Brilioth, Yngve Torgny, 1891-1959
Brown, Ernest
Brown, Ralph W. *
Brown, William Adams, 1865-1943
Brunner, Heinrich Emil, 1889-1966
Bulgakov, Serge Nicolaevich, 1871-1944
Buttrick, George Arthur, 1892-*
Cavert, Samuel McCrea, 1888-1976
Chakko, Sarah, 1905-1954
Chao, Tsu Ch'en (T.C.), 1888-
Cockburn, J. Hutchinson
Coffin, Henry Sloane, 1877-1954
Cooke, Leslie E.
Davis, John Merle, 1875-1960*
Decker, John William, 1890-
Dia y Granada, Leonardo*
Dibelius, Friedrich Karl Otto, 1880-1967
Ehrenstrom, Nils
Eidem, Erling, 1880-
Faulhaber, Michael von, 1869-1952*
Fisher, Geoffrey Francis, 1887-1972
Flew, R. Newton, 1886-1962
Flovovsky, Georges Vasilevich, 1893-
Fry, Franklin Clark, 1900-1968
Fuglsang-Damgaard, Hans B.
Garvie, Alfred Ernest, 1861-1945*
Germanos (Stenopoulos), 1872-1951
Grubb, Kenneth George, 1900-1980
Henriod, Henry-Louis
Hodgson, Leonard
Hoekendijk, Johannes Christiaan, 1912-1975
Holt, Ivan Lee, 1886-
Horton, Douglas, 1891-1968
Horton, Mildred McAfee, 1900-
Hromadka, Josef Luki, 1889-1969
Huber, Max, 1874-1960
Irenaus (Bishop of Novi Sad)*
Jakovos*
Kagawa, Toyohiko, 1888-1960
Keller, Adolf, 1872-1963
Koechlin, Alphons, 1885-1965
Kraemer, Hendrik, 1888-1965
Latourette, Kenneth Scott, 1884-1968
Leiper, Henry Smith, 1891-
Lilje, Hanns, 1899-1977
Mackay, John Alexander, 1889-1983
Mackie, Robert C.
Manikam, Rajah Bhushaam, 1897-1969
Maury, Pierre, 1890-1956
Michael*
Moberly, Walter*
Monod, Wilfred, 1867-1943
Mott, John R., 1865-1955
Mudge, Lewis Seymour
Neill, Stephen Charles, 1900-1984
Newbigin, Lesslie, 1909-
Niebuhr, H. Richard, 1894-1962
Niebuhr, Reinhold, 1892-1971
Niemoeller, Martin, 1892-
Niles, Daniel Thambiraaja, 1908-1970
Nolde, Otto Frederick, 1899-1972
Nygren, Anders Th.S., 1890-1978
Oldham, G. Ashton, 1877-
Oldham, Joseph Houldsworth, 1874-1969
Oxnam, Garfield Bromley, 1891-1963
Paton, William, 1886-1943
Pope, Liston Corlando, 1909-1974
Soderblom, Nathan, 1866-1931*
Schonfeld, Hanns, 1900-1954*
Sherrill, Henry Knox, 1890-1980
Siegmund-Schultze, Friedrich, 1885-1969
Stevenson, J. Ross, 1886-1939
Stewart, George Craig, 1879-1940
Swain, Leslie E.
Taft, Charles P., 1897-
Temple, William, 1881-1944
Thomas, Madathilparampil Mammen, 1916-
Tillich, Paul, 1886-1965
Tomkins, Floyd W., 1887-
Tomkins, Oliver S., 1908-
Tucker, Henry St. George, 1874-1954
Van Dusen, Henry P., 1897-1975
Vasady, Bela, 1902-
Visser 't Hooft, Willem A., 1900-1985
Warnshuis, Abbe Livingston, 1877-1958
Weigle, Luther A., 1880-1976
Wilder, Robert Parmelee, 1863-1938
Zankov, Stefan
Name: Ainslie, Peter, 1867 - 1934.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Disciples of Christ
Abbreviation: PA

Biographical data:

1910 - Created commission on Christian Union (later Association for Promotion of Christian Unity) and was elected its President. He eventually left the Association and founded the "Christian Unity League for Equality and Brotherhood," which encouraged more open Christian community, communion, and pulpit exchange.
1910 - President of Conference of Disciples of Christ
1911 - Launched the CHRISTIAN UNION QUARTERLY (continued it until his death in 1934).
1920 - Participated in 1920 Geneva Faith and Order Conference.
1927 - Participated in 1927 Lausanne Faith and Order Conference.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Alivisatos, Hamilcar Spiridonos, 1887 – 1969.
Country of origin: Greece
Denomination: Orthodox: Church of Greece
Abbreviation: HSA
Biographical data:

1918 – Professor, University of Athens
1919 – Translated for American church delegation when they were received in Athens.
1920 – Participated in Geneva Faith and Order conference and in nearly all major ecumenical meetings which followed.
1938 – Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1948-1968 – Member, WCC Central Committee and Faith and Order Commission

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Ammundsen, Ove Valdemar, 1875 - 1936.
Country of origin: Denmark
Denomination: Lutheran: Church of Denmark
Abbreviation: OVA

Biographical data:

Bishop
1933 - Represented World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches at Bishopthorpe, York
1935 - Elected President & Chairman of International Council of World Alliance after serving as Chairman of Minorities Commission since 1930 (beginning of World Alliance) and Chairman of Management Committee
- Affirmed fundamental importance of life of the Church for friendship among nations

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Anderson, Charles Palmerston, 1864 - 1930.

Country of origin: United States

Denomination: Anglican: Protestant Episcopal

Abbreviation: CPA

Biographical data:

1900 - Consecrated Bishop of Chicago
- President, Commission to organize first World Conference on Faith and Order

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Anderson, Paul B., 1894
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Anglican: Protestant Episcopal
Abbreviation: PBA
Biographical data:

Director, The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States of America and Canada -- Russian Service in Europe
Secretary, Protestant Episcopal Joint Commission on Orthodox Churches

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:

Name: Ashworth, Robert, 1871
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Baptist: Northern Baptist Convention
Abbreviation: RA
Biographical data:

1937 - Chair, committee to draft "Affirmation of union in allegiance to our Lord Jesus Christ in view of the world-situation."

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Athenagoras (Aristodes Spyrou), 1886 - 1972.
Country of origin: Turkey United States citizen, 1938-1948
Denomination: Orthodox: Church of Greece
Abbreviation: ASA

Biographical data:

1910 - Ordained deacon, took name Athenagoras.
- Elected Bishop of Corfu and Paxos, participated as representative of Greek Orthodox Church in many interorthodox and interchurch conferences.
1930 - Elected Abp. of North and South America for the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople; helped organize the Greek Orthodox Church in America.
1943 - Laid groundwork for Standing Commission of Canonical Orthodox Bishops.
1948 - Elected Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.
1951 - Took over position on WCC Presidium for the late Abp. Germanos.
1952 - Sent Encyclical re: ecumenical relations.
1955 - Established permanent representation for Orthodox Church at WCC.
1964-67 - Strengthened Orthodox relations with RCC.
1966 - Oversaw the foundation of the Orthodox Center in Chambésy near Geneva.
1966-71 - Participated in organization of theological dialogues with Anglicans, Old Catholics, German Lutherans and Oriental churches.
1968 - Oversaw the foundation of theological study centers in Salonika and Crete.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

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B. Ohse, DER PATRIARCH ATHENAGORAS I VON CONSTANTINOPLE.

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Atkinson, Henry Avery, 1877 - 1960.

Country of origin: United States

Denomination: Congregational

Abbreviation: HAA

Biographical data:

Secretary of Church Peace Union, became Co-General Secretary of the Continuation Committee of Life and Work
Resigned as General Secretary 1932, but became one of four international secretaries until 1946

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Aubrey, Melbourn Evans, 1885

Country of origin: Great Britain

Denomination: Baptist: Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland

Abbreviation: MEA

Biographical data:

- General secretary, Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland
- Moderator of the Federal Council of the Free Churches of England

1938 - Signed invitations to churches to join WCC.
1938 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1948 - Member, WCC Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Aulen, Gustaf Emanuel Hildebrand, 1879

Country of origin: Sweden

Denomination: Lutheran: Church of Sweden

Abbreviation: GEHA

Biographical data:

1913-1933 Professor of Systematical Theology, University of Lund

Bishop of Strängnäs 1933-1937 - Vice-chair of Faith and Order, chosen at Edinburgh

1946 - Contributed paper to Amsterdam Assembly Commission I, "The Universal Church in God's Design"

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Azariah, Vedanayakam Samuel, 1874 - 1945.

Country of origin: India

Denomination: Anglican: Church of South India

Abbreviation: VSA

Biographical data:

- One of the leaders in the movement which created the Church of South India
- Chair, National Christian Council of India
1895-1901 - Secretary of YMCA in Madras
1905 - Helped found the nondenominational National Missionary Society of India and became its first secretary.
1909 - Ordained Anglican priest.
1910 - Important speaker and one of 17 members of young churches at the World Missionary Conference/Edinburgh.
1912 - Consecrated first Indian bishop of the Anglican Church/Dornakal.
1938 - Led meditations on the Quiet Day at Madras IMC conference; celebrated communion for Anglican conference participants on Christmas Day.
1938-45 - Vice Chair of IMC
1927 - Present at Lausanne Conf.; member of Continuation Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Baez Camargo, Gonzalo, 1899
Country of origin: Mexico

Abbreviation: GBC

Biographical data:
Member, WCC Provisional Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Baillie, Donald MacPherson, 1887 - 1954.

Country of origin: Great Britain Scotland

Denomination: Church of Scotland

Abbreviation: DMB

Biographical data:

Professor, St. Andrews University - Systematic Theology
1939 - Appointed Chair of Commission on Intercommunion by Faith and Order Committee at Clarens

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Baillie, John, 1886 - 1960.
Country of origin: Great Britain Scotland
Denomination: Church of Scotland
Abbreviation: JB
Biographical data:

1934 on - Professor of Divinity, later Principal at the University of Edinburgh
1910 - Usher/steward at the World Missionary Conference/Edinburgh
1934 - Appointed to Advisory Commission on Research of the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work/Fano, Denmark.
1950 - Substitute to Central Committee Meeting, Toronto
1954-1960 - President of WCC

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:

Country of origin: United States

Denomination: Methodist

Abbreviation: JCHB

Biographical data:

- As Resident Methodist Bishop in Japan and Korea, visited all Southeast Asia. Later Bishop in California 1932-1952
- 1938 - Elected Vice-Chair of IMC/Madras.
- Shared in the Riverside Fellowship of Japanese and American Christians before war broke out between the two countries; visited Japan with three other churchmen immediately after the war.
- 1941-1947 - Succeeded Mott as Chair of IMC. Presided over the first post-war IMC meeting at Whitby.
- 1948-1954 - Member of Central Committee of WCC

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Barbieri, Sante Uberto, 1902

Country of origin: Argentina

Denomination: Methodist

Abbreviation: SUB

Biographical data:

Bishop, Theological Professor
1954 - Chosen member of WCC Presidium at Evanston Assembly.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Barbour, George Freeland, 1882 - 1946.
Country of origin: Great Britain Scotland
Denomination: Church of Scotland
Abbreviation: GFB

Biographical data:
1927 - Present at Lausanne Conf.; member of Continuation Committee
1937 - Appointed member of Committee of 14 by Edinburgh Faith and Order Conference
1938 - Signed invitations to churches to join WCC.
1938 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Barot, Madeleine, 1909
Country of origin: France
Denomination: French Reformed Church
Abbreviation: MBa

Biographical data:

- Involved with Federation of Student Christians
- First Protestant and first woman called to French Archaeological Institute/Rome.
1939 - Participant in Youth Conference/Amsterdam
1940 - Following return to France, meetings with Marc Boegner inspired her to move into an internment camp for Jews and Communists. Later supported there by CIMADE (Comité Inter-Mouvements auprès des Évacués).
1947 - Participant in Youth Conference/Oslo; called to Geneva as leader of the Youth Department of the WCC.
1948 - Participated with female youth group in China Conference.
1961 - Instigated name change of Women's Council to "Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society," as part of her ongoing effort to draw attention to the special gifts of women and their full recognition in communal life.
- Helped many women's conferences in The Netherlands, India, the Pacific Islands and especially in Africa, thereby encouraging also greater connection with the WCC.
1972-79 - In the Protestant Church Federation in France, worked on the "Commission for Social, Economic and International Questions."

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Barth, Karl, 1886 - 1968.
Country of origin: Switzerland
Denomination: Reformed Church
Abbreviation: KB

Biographical data:

1921 - Professor at University of Göttingen
1925 - Professor at University of Münster
1930 - Professor at University of Bonn
1934 - Wrote on the understanding of the nature of the Church for the Declaration of Barmen
1935 - Professor at University of Basel
1935 - Invited to give lectures on "The Church and the Churches" at Ecumenical Seminar in Geneva. (Signified his move from critical spectator to critical supporter of ecumenical movement.)
1946 - Contributed paper on "The Living Congregation of the Living Lord Jesus Christ" to Amsterdam Assembly Commission I ("The Universal Church in God's Design") portion of preparatory volume for the 1948 Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam
1948 - Spoke in introduction of Assembly's main theme, "Man's Disorder and God's Design."

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Bell, George Kennedy Allen, 1883 - 1958.
Country of origin: Great Britain England
Denomination: Anglican: Church of England
Abbreviation: GKAB

Biographical data:

Dean of Canterbury
Bishop of Chichester
Early supporter (1925) of permanent council of churches, but (1932) foresaw organizational obstacles to overcome. Cooperated with Archbishop Germanos and Nathan Söderblom to form the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work. 1934 - Chaired Life and Work session at Fano, Denmark 1937 - Appointed at Oxford Conference of Life and Work to the Committee of 14 of the future World Council of Churches; member of WCC Provisional Committee 1938 - Signed invitations to join WCC 1948 - Chair, Central Committee of WCC 1950 - Member, WCC Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Bennett, John Coleman, 1902
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Congregational
Abbreviation: JCB

Biographical data:

1934-37 - Secretary to United States Advisory Council on Study Program for the 1937 Oxford Life and Work Conference.
1943 - Professor of Christian Ethics, Union Theological Seminary
1946-48 - Wrote paper in preparation for 1948 Amsterdam Assembly of the WCC; edited "Man's Disorder and God's Design," the preparatory program for Amsterdam Assembly.
1952 - Wrote paper, "Our Responsibilities as Christians in Face of the Challenge of Communism," for the series on Christian Action in Society of the WCC ECUMENICAL STUDY DOCUMENTS.
1964 - President of Union Theological Seminary

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Berdiaev, Nicolai Aleksandrovich, 1874 - 1948.
Country of origin: Russia
Denomination: Russian Orthodox
Abbreviation: NAB
Biographical data:

Philosopher
1934 - Attended special meeting on "The Church and the Problem of the State" in Paris under auspices of Life and Work

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Berggrav, Eivind Josef, 1884 - 1959.

Country of origin: Norway

Denomination: Lutheran: Church of Norway

Abbreviation: EJB

Biographical data:

- Bishop of Oslo
- Bishop Emeritus of Church of Norway
- Wartime resistance leader in Oslo
  1938 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
- Vice-president of Commission of the Churches on International Affairs
  1948-1954 - Member, WCC Executive and Central Committees

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Berkelbach van der Sprenkel, Simon Frederick Hendrik Jan, 1882

Country of origin: Holland

Denomination: Reformed: Netherlands Reformed Church

Abbreviation: SBS

Biographical data:

Minister, 1927-1935
Professor, University of Utrecht, 1935-
1937 - Member of Committee of 14, appointed at Edinburgh Faith and Order Conference.
1938 - Signed invitations to churches to join WCC
1938-1941 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1948-1954 - Member, WCC Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: (Besobrasoff), Cassian,

Country of origin: Greece

Denomination: Russian Orthodox Church

Abbreviation: C

Biographical data:

Archimandrite
Professor at Russian Theological Academy in Paris
Member, WCC Provisional Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Bilheimer, Robert S., 1917
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.
Abbreviation: RSB
Biographical data:

1948 - Associate General Secretary for Program and Conference Administration of WCC
1954 - Executive Secretary of Evanston Assembly

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Blake, Eugene Carson, 1906 - 1984 (?)  
Country of origin: United States  
Denomination: Presbyterian  
Abbreviation: ECB  
Biographical data:  
1928 - Taught in Lahore, India  
1932 - Pastor, St. Albans Church/New York  
   - Professor of Christian Ethics, Williams College/Massachusetts  
1940 - Pastor/Pasadena, California  
1948-1966 - Member of WCC Central Committee  
1951 - Stated Clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA  
1954 - Delegate to the WCC Assembly/Evanston; member, Executive and Finance  
   Committees; Chair, Division of Inter-church Aid.  
1966-1972 - WCC General Secretary  
Sources of additional information:  
Published works about:  
Materials in other repositories:
Name: Bliss, Kathleen, 1908

Country of origin: Great Britain England

Abbreviation: KBl

Biographical data:

- Editor, WCC CHRISTIAN NEWSLETTER
1946 - Deputized as WCC Provisional Committee member for J.H. Oldham, attended Geneva meeting preparing for Amsterdam.
1948 - Lectured at Amsterdam on the unsolved problem of control of power.
1952 - Published THE SERVICE AND STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCHES for the Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church.
1954-1968 - Member, WCC Executive and Central Committees
1954 - Chair of Board of Trustees of Ecumenical Institute/Bossey
1958 - General Secretary of Education Committee of Church of England; chaired Joint Commission of the World Council for Christian Education and the WCC, helped compose study on "Education and the Nature of Man."
1961 - Chair, Department of Ecumenical Action, WCC

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Boegner, Marc, 1881 - 1970.
Country of origin: France
Denomination: Reformed: Reformed Church of France
Abbreviation: MB

Biographical data:
- Pastor
1934 - Chaired special meeting on "The Church and the Problem of the State" held in Paris under auspices of Life and Work.
1937 - Chaired meeting of European continental delegation to Oxford conference of Life and Work; helped to achieve unanimous acceptance of the proposed council of churches by continental church delegates.
1937 - Appointed to Committee of 14 at Oxford Conference.
1937 - Chosen Vice Chair of Faith and Order at Edinburgh Conference.
1938 - Chosen Vice Chair of WCC Provisional Committee.
1938 - Signed invitations to churches to join WCC.
- French Resistance leader during wartime occupation
1938 - Reunited all French Protestants in Federation of French Protestant Churches; President of Federation of French Protestant Churches.
- Helped to keep WCC "flame" alive and ecumenical network in operation during World War II.
1948 - Among 1st Presidium of WCC; member, Executive and Central Committees

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Bonhoeffer, Dietrich, 1906 - 1945.

Country of origin: Germany

Denomination: Lutheran: Evangelical Church in Germany/ Confessing Church

Abbreviation: DB

Biographical data:

1932 - Attended Ecumenical Youth Conference in Czechoslovakia; questioned purpose of ecumenical movement, calling attention to the need for a theology and conception of the God-given mission of the Church
1935 - Wrote article on "The Confessing Church and the Ecumenical Movement"
1941 - Visited Geneva; discussions with Visser 't Hooft
1945 - Executed for role in plot against Hitler

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Brent, Charles Henry, 1862 - 1929.

Country of origin: United States

Denomination: Anglican: Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; stationed for a time in the Philippines

Abbreviation: CHB

Biographical data:

Bishop
1910 - Participant, World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh
1910 - Introduced concept and founded Faith and Order Movement at the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Cincinnati

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Brilioth, Yngve Torgny, 1891 - 1959.
Country of origin: Sweden
Denomination: Lutheran: Church of Sweden
Abbreviation: YTB

Biographical data:
- 1936 - Present at Lausanne Conf. - Member of Continuation Committee
- Dean, and later Archbishop of Church of Sweden
- Son-in-law to Nathan Söderblom
1936 - Appointed to Committee of 35, organized on recommendation of Life and Work and Faith and Order to review work of ecumenical cooperation since Stockholm (Life and Work, 1925) and Lausanne (Faith and Order, 1927) conferences and make recommendations to Oxford and Edinburgh conferences re. future policy, organization, work of ecumenical movement.
1937 - Attended pivotal meeting of Committee of 35 at Westfield College in London, which brought together the Life and Work, Faith and Order movements and decided to set up fully representative assembly of churches which would become WCC.
1938-1948 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1947 - Invited to succeed the late Archbishop Temple as Chair of Faith and Order by its Continuation Committee at Clarens.
1948-1959 - Member, WCC Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Brown, Ernest,
Country of origin: Great Britain England
Denomination: Baptist: Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland
Abbreviation: EB

Biographical data:
1948 - Member, WCC Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Brown, Ralph W.,

Abbreviation: RWB

Biographical data:

Secretary to Faith and Order until 1933

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Brown, William Adams, 1865 - 1943.

Country of origin: United States

Denomination: Presbyterian: Presbyterian Church of the United States of America

Abbreviation: WAB

Biographical data:

- Professor at Union Theological Seminary, New York
1925, 1927 - Leader in both Stockholm Life and Work and Lausanne Faith and Order conferences
1932 - Chair, Administrative Committee of Life and Work
1933 - Used sabbatical leave, and contacts with International Missionary Council and World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship Through the Churches, to promote integrated ecumenical movement among European churches. Asked Archbishop Temple to invite representatives to meet at Bishophorpe/York, and himself represented Life and Work at that meeting.
1933 - Attended meeting at Novi Sad of Executive Committee of Life and Work, reporting particularly on visit to Ecumenical Patriarchate during which the proposal for a "League of Churches" (contained in the 1920 Encyclical from the Patriarchate) was repeated; Brown stressed the desirability of the creation of such a proposed representative council.
1935 - Published THE CHURCH: CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT, advocating a greater place for the Church in the loyalty and affection of Christians.
1937 - Finalized Faith and Order report on "Next Steps" before the conferences at Oxford and Edinburgh, both of which Brown helped to organize and lead. Report showed evolution of Faith and Order and timeliness of proposals for integration of the various ecumenical organizations.
1937 - Chaired meeting of United States delegation to Oxford conference of Life and Work; succeeded in gaining support for the proposed world council, even among those originally hesitant or opposed.
1938 - Signed invitations to churches to join WCC.
  - Chair, Joint Executive Committee of American Sections of Life and Work and Faith and Order Movements
  - Chair, FCC Dept. of Relations with Churches Abroad

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Brunner, Heinrich Emil, 1889 - 1966.

Country of origin: Switzerland

Denomination: Reformed

Abbreviation: HEB

Biographical data:

1934 - Attended international conference on "The Church and the Problem of the State" in Paris
1934 - Appointed to Advisory Council on Research of Universal Christian Council for Life and Work at meeting in Fano, Denmark
1946 - Contributed paper to Amsterdam Assembly Commission II, "God's Design and Man's Witness"

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Bulgakov, Serge Nicolaevich, 1971 - 1944.

Country of origin: Russia

Denomination: Russian Orthodox Church

Abbreviation: SNB

Biographical data:

Dean of Faculty, Theological Academy of St. Sergius/Paris

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Buttrick, George Arthur, 1892
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Presbyterian
Abbreviation: GAB
Biographical data:
President, Federal Council of Churches
Sources of additional information:
Published works about:
Materials in other repositories:
Name: Cavert, Samuel McCrea, 1888 - 1976.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Presbyterian
Abbreviation: SMC

Biographical data:
- Life Trustee, Union Theological Seminary; Vice Chair, 1948-1966
- General Secretary, Federal Council of Churches
- Member, Ecumenical Chaplaincy Commission
1933 - Represented Life and Work at Bishopthorpe gathering in York.  
1937 - Attended Westfield meeting of Committee of 35 and proposed the name "World Council of Churches."
- Secretary, Committee of 14
1938-1948 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1942 - Visited Geneva to plan for post-war reconstruction
1948 - Chair, WCC Committee on Arrangements
1950-54 - First General Secretary of NCCCUSA
1954-57 - Head of U.S. Conference for WCC
1963-64 - Interim Executive Director, The Interchurch Center/New York City

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Chakko, Sarah, 1905 - 1954.
Country of origin: India
Denomination: Orthodox: Syrian Orthodox Church of India (Church of Mar Thoma)
Abbreviation: SC

Biographical data:

- Served Syrian Orthodox and Anglican-sponsored girls' school in Alwaye; later called to Isabella Thoburn high school in Lucknow and became its Principal. 1948 - Because of her good work with Lucknow students, invited to WCC Amsterdam assembly and asked to lead the Women's Commission, which she did for a year before returning to India.
- First Executive Secretary of WCC Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church.
1951 - Upon resignation of T.C. Chao from WCC Presidium, Chakko replaced him there.
1952-53 - Invited Executive Committee to Lucknow for its annual meeting.
- Worked for refugees in border areas between India and Pakistan.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Chao, Tsu Ch'en (T.C.), 1888

Country of origin: China

Denomination: Sheng Kung Hui (Episcopal Church)

Abbreviation: TCC

Biographical data:

1926-1950 - Professor and Dean of the School of Religion at Yenching University in Peiping
1928, 1938, 1947 Delegate to IMC meetings
Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1948-1951 - Member, 1st WCC Presidium, Executive and Central Committees.
Resigned in protest of WCC's approval of U.N. military action in Korea.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Cockburn, J. Hutchinson,

Country of origin: Scotland

Denomination: Church of Scotland

Abbreviation: JHC

Biographical data:

Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1938 - Utrecht - chosen as member of WCC Secretariat in charge of the General Division of the Dept. of Reconstruction and Inter-church Aid
1945 - Director of Dept. of Reconstruction and Inter-church Aid
1948-1954 - Member, WCC Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Coffin, Henry Sloane, 1877 - 1954.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Presbyterian: Presbyterian Church in the USA
Abbreviation: HSC

Biographical data:

- Pastor, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church
- President, Union Theological Seminary
- One of founders and Chair, Board of Sponsors of CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS
- Member, Yale Corporation
  1937 - Chaired Oxford section on Church, Community and State in relation to Education.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Cooke, Leslie E.,
Country of origin: England
Denomination: Congregational Union of England and Wales
Abbreviation: LEC
Biographical data:
1948 - Member, WCC Executive and Central Committees
- Work with inter-church aid and relief
Sources of additional information:
Published works about:
Materials in other repositories:
Name: Davis, John Merle, 1875 - 1960.

Abbreviation: JMD

Biographical data:

1900 - Served with YMCA in Japan for nearly 20 years.
- General Secretary of Institute of Pacific Relations
1930 - Director of IMC Department of Social and Industrial Research
1936 - Reopened Department of Social and Industrial Research office in Shanghai in October and spent a year in the Far East in preparation for the 1938 IMC meeting; in March he moved the office to Nagpur to facilitate meeting in Tambaram.
1938 - The Department became "Department of Social and Economic Research"; Davis opened its New York office in 1939.
1938 - Helped prepare the Madras (Tambaram) IMC conference and introduced a significant new approach to young churches re: self-support vs. subsidization.
1939 - Edited volume on the economic basis of the Church, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE YOUNGER CHURCHES, focusing on the uniqueness of economics in the younger churches and implications for their structure.
1940-42 - Spent 18 months conducting surveys in Latin America.
1943 - Shared in Commission to the Indians of the High Andes and studied tribes in Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia, helping to form the United Andean Mission.
1945 - From a decade of the Department's work, wrote NEW BUILDINGS ON OLD FOUNDATIONS, contributing valuable suggestions of enduring significance to the missionary enterprise for stabilizing and rooting the younger churches in their environment.
1946 - Upon request from his successor in the directorship of IMC, Davis explored his own recommendation to do a study of African marriage customs, as major obstacles to the integrity of African Christian life.
1946 - Retired from IMC.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Biographical data:

Missionary with American Baptist Foreign Mission Society to China
Called back from mission work to serve as chief executive of missionary society
1943 - Upon resignation of Warnshuis as Co-General Secretary of IMC (with Paton), Decker chosen unanimously to be successor
1950 - Fraternal Delegate from IMC to Central Committee meeting/Toronto

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Dia y Granada, Leonardo,

Country of origin: The Philippines

Denomination: United Church of Christ in the Philippines

Abbreviation: LDyG

Biographical data:

Bishop
Member, WCC Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:

Country of origin: Germany

Denomination: Lutheran: Evangelical Church in Germany

Abbreviation: FKOD

Biographical data:

Bishop
1948-1954 - Member, WCC Central Committee
1954-1961 - Member of WCC Presidium

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Ehrenström, Nils, 1903-

Country of origin: Sweden
Denomination: Lutheran Church of Sweden

Abbreviation: NE

Biographical data:

- On staff of study department of Life and Work - Director of Research Department -
1933 - Prepared (with Schönfeld) special meeting on "The Church and the Problem of the State"/Paris
1938 - Chosen as member of WCC Secretariat, to be Director of the Study Department
1946 - Secretary to Amsterdam Assembly Commission III, "The Church and the Disorder of Society"

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Eidem, Erling, 1880

Country of origin: Sweden

Denomination: Lutheran: Church of Sweden

Abbreviation: EE

Biographical data:

- Professor at Lund University 1927 - 1931
- Abp. of Uppsala and Primate of Sweden
- 1938 - Signed invitations to WCC
- 1938-1948 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
- 1948-1950 - Member, 1st WCC Presidium, Executive and Central Committees

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Faulhaber, Michael von, 1869 - 1952.

Country of origin: Germany

Denomination: Roman Catholic

Abbreviation: MvF

Biographical data:

Roman Catholic leader under Nazis
1935 - Began informal participation with Protestants in study program preparation for Oxford 1937 Conference (Life and Work)

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Country of origin: Great Britain England
Denomination: Anglican: Church of England
Abbreviation: GF
Biographical data:

Archbishop of Canterbury
1938-1948 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1946 - Preached sermon at Cambridge suggesting Free Churches take up and develop their own episcopacy -- move toward full communion with Church of England; appointed unofficial delegates to discuss these relations.
1948-1954 - Member of 1st WCC Presidium
1954-1961 - Member of WCC Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Flew, R. Newton, 1886 - 1962.
Country of origin: Great Britain England
Denomination: Methodist: Methodist Church of England
Abbreviation: RNF
Biographical data:

Principal of Wesley House, Cambridge
1937 - Appointed Chair of Commission on the Church by Clarens Continuation Committee of Faith and Order
1947 - Appointed by Clarens Continuation Committee of Faith and Order as Vice-Chair to succeed the late A.E. Garvie
1938-1948 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1948 - Member, WCC Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Florovsky, Georges Vasilevich, 1893

Country of origin: United States

Denomination: Orthodox: Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church in North America

Abbreviation: GVF

Biographical data:

- Professor of Patristics, Russian Theological Institute, Paris
- Dean, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, New York
1937 - Member, Committee of 14, appointed by Edinburgh Faith and Order Conference
1938 - Signed invitations to become members of WCC
1938-1948 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1948-1961 - Member, WCC Executive and Central Committees
1950 - Toronto meeting of WCC Central Committee: prompted serious discussion of ecclesiology which aired important views

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Fry, Franklin Clark, 1900 - 1968.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Lutheran: Lutheran Church in America
Abbreviation: FCF

Biographical data:

1945-1962 - President of United Lutheran Church
1962-1968 - President of Lutheran Church of America
1946-1968 - President of Lutheran World Relief, Inc.
1946-1950 - Director of Church World Service
1948-1954 - Member of WCC Central Committee
1954-1968 - Chairman of WCC Central Committee
1957-1963 - Lutheran World Federation

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Fuglsang-Damgaard, Hans B.,

Country of origin: Denmark

Denomination: Lutheran: Church of Denmark

Abbreviation: HBFD

Biographical data:
1925-1933 professor of theology at University of Copenhagen
1934- - Bishop, Primate
- Member of F+O Continuation Committee

1938 - Signed invitations to churches to join WCC.
1938-1948 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Garvie, Alfred Ernest, 1861 - 1945.
Country of origin: Great Britain Scotland (Poland, until age 11)
Denomination: Congregationalist
Abbreviation: AEG

Biographical data:

1914-1922 - Principal of New College/London
1922 - Principal of New and Hackney Colleges
1927 - At request of Brent (Chair), appointed Deputy Chair of Lausanne Conference on Faith and Order. Appointed Vice Chair of Continuation Committee.
1937 - Appointed a Vice Chair of Faith and Order at Edinburgh Conference.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Biographical data:

1903 - Professor of Dogmatics and Symbolics at Theological School of Halki
1907 - Became priest in the Greek Orthodox Church
1908 - Appointed Rector (Dean of Faculty) of Theological School of Halki
1911 - Met John R. Mott and Nathan Söderblom at the Conference of the World Student Christian Federation at Constantinople
1919 - Presided over drafting and was key author of Encyclical from the Holy Synod proposing a League of Churches similar to the League of Nations
1920 - Invited (by Söderblom) to attend informally the World Conference on Faith and Order held in Geneva; also met delegates to simultaneous meeting on Life and Work. With the aid of Alivisatos, brought suggestion of League of Churches for further consideration by those meetings.
1922 - Became Archbishop/Metropolitan of Thyateira and Exarch of Western and Central Europe for the Ecumenical Patriarchate
1925 - Proposed to establish Life and Work as a permanent organization at its Stockholm meeting. The proposal for the "Universal Christian Council for Life and Work" was accepted by the Continuation Committee.
1927 - Elected Vice Chair of Lausanne Faith and Order Conference
1937 - Elected Vice Chair of Edinburgh Faith and Order Conference and also assisted in leadership of Oxford Life and Work Conference; chosen also as member of Committee of 14.
1937 - Attended Westfield meeting of the Committee of 35
1938 - Chosen Vice Chair of Provisional Committee of WCC in process of formation; signed invitations to churches to join WCC.
1948 - Member, 1st WCC Presidium

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Grubb, (Sir) Kenneth George, 1900 - 1980.

Country of origin: Great Britain England

Denomination: Anglican: Church of England

Abbreviation: KGG

Biographical data:

Publicist, Diplomat
1929 - After several years in Brazil, returned to London and continued to serve missions causes thereafter.
1935 - Honored for service to Church Missionary Society in particular and to the Church of England in general.
1938 - Utrecht - Chosen as member of WCC Secretariat in charge of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.
1946 - Executive Chair, WCC Assembly Commission IV, "The Church and International Affairs"
1946 - As Chair of the International Department of British Church Councils (1945-1956), participated in founding assembly of (WCC and IMC) Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, elected Chair of Commission. Served as chair from 1948 to 1968.
1948-1954 - Member, WCC Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Henriod, Henry-Louis,
Country of origin: Switzerland

Abbreviation: HLH

Biographical data:

- Secretary of WSCF for 14 years; later General Secretary of World Alliance for Friendship through the Churches
- 1933 - Represented the World Alliance for Promotion of International Friendship through the Churches at Bishopthorpe, York meeting of ecumenical groups called by Abp. of York.
- 1933-38 - Joint General Secretary of Life and Work and the World Alliance for Promotion of International Friendship through the Churches
- 1939 - Official of Amsterdam World Conference of Christian Youth
- Warden, Ecumenical Institute, Bossey

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Hodgson, Leonard, 1889-

Country of origin: Great Britain England

Denomination: Anglican: Church of England

Abbreviation: LH

Biographical data:

c.1930 - Appointed Theological Secretary of Faith and Order.
1932 - Temporarily appointed General Secretary of Faith and Order.
- Appointed Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, Oxford.
1934 - Appointed to Advisory Council on Research of the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work/Fano, Denmark.
1937 - Appointed General Secretary at Faith and Order Conference/Edinburgh.
1938 - Chosen Secretary to Committee of 14/Utrecht.
1938 - Chosen Member, WCC Provisional Committee and Member of WCC Secretariat in charge of Faith and Order.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Hoekendijk, Johannes Christiaan, 1912 - 1975.

Country of origin: Holland (born in Java)

Abbreviation: JCH

Biographical data:

1945-46 - Mission Consul in Dutch-India.
1947-49 - Secretary of Dutch Missions Council
1949-52 - Secretary for Evangelization in WCC
1953-65 - Professor at the State University/Utrecht
1965-75 - Professor at Union Theological Seminary/New York

- Exercised significant influence on ecumenical studies about the structure of missionary congregations, especially for Section II of WCC Assembly in Uppsala and the form of the 1972/3 World Missions Conference/Bangkok.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

D. Manecke, MISSION ALS ZEUGENDIENST, 1972
H.J. Margull, THEOLOGIE DER MISSIONARISCHEN VERKUNDIGUNG, 1959

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Holt, Ivan Lee, 1886
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Methodist Episcopal Church, South
Abbreviation: ILH
Biographical data:
1934–36 President, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America
1937 - delegate to Edinburgh and Oxford; member of Executive Committee of Continuation Committees
1938–1944 - Bishop of Methodist Church
- President of Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America
- Vice Chair, the American Committee for the WCC
1948 - Led service of worship at the beginning of the Amsterdam Assembly of WCC (August 24, 1948).
1948 - Member, Central Committee of WCC

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:

Country of origin: United States

Denomination: Congregational

Abbreviation: DH

Biographical data:
- Minister
- Professor, Chicago Theological Seminary
- Dean of the Harvard Divinity School
- Chair of the American Committee for the WCC

1948 - Member, WCC Central Committee
1950 - Attended Toronto meeting of WCC Central Committee also as Fraternal Delegate from the Congregational Christian Churches.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Horton, Mildred McAfee (Mrs. Douglas), 1900

Country of origin: United States

Denomination: Congregational

Abbreviation: MMH

Biographical data:

1940-1949 - President of Wellesley College
1948 - Delivered paper to the 1948 Amsterdam WCC Assembly
    - Helped with work of study on the Life and Work of Women in the Church.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Hromádka, Josef Luki, 1889 - 1969.

Country of origin: Czechoslovakia

Denomination: Church of Czech Brethren

Abbreviation: JLH

Biographical data:

1920-39 and 1947-1969 - Professor of Systematic Theology on Faculty of
Czechoslovakian Brotherchurch /Prague, John Hus Faculty
From 1920 on, organized discussions with Czech Marxists.
From 1924 on, fought for the appreciation of Catholicism.
1939-1947 - Instructor in Apologetics and Christian Ethics at Princeton
1948 - Presented lecture at Amsterdam, "Our Responsibility in the Post-War
World."
1948-1968 - Member, WCC Central Committee
1954 - Member, WCC Executive Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

D. Neumärker, JOSEF L. HROMADKA, THEOLOGIE UND POLITIK IM KONTEXT DES
ZEITGESCHEHENS, 1974

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Huber, Max, 1874 – 1960.
Country of origin: Swiss

Abbreviation: MH

Biographical data:

1902-21 - Professor of State and International Law at the University of Zurich
1921 - Judge, Permanent Court of International Justice/The Hague
1925-28 - Chief Justice, Permanent Court of International Justice/The Hague
1928-45 - Chair, International Red Cross
1934 - Attended special meeting in Paris on "Church and State"
1937 - Chaired section on Church and State at Oxford Conference on Life and Work; heavily influenced programs of Commission of the Churches on International Affairs and Church and Society.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

F. Wartenweiler, MAX HUBER, SPANNUNGEN UND WANDLUNGEN IN WERDEN UND WIRKEN, Zurich/1953

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Irenaus (Bishop of Novi Sad),
Country of origin: Yugoslavia
Denomination: Orthodox
Abbreviation: I
Biographical data:

1937 - Alternate, Committee of 14, appointed at Oxford Life and Work Conference.
- Member, WCC Provisional Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Jakovos,

Denomination: Orthodox

Abbreviation: J

Biographical data:

- Ecumenical Patriarchate/New York
1959 - Took over position on WCC Presidium from late Abp. Michael.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Kagawa, Toyohiko, 1888 - 1960.

Country of origin: Japan

Denomination: Church of Christ in Japan

Abbreviation: TK

Biographical data:

- Social reformer and evangelist
1928 - Led evangelistic campaign, the "Million Souls Movement"; this merged with the National Christian Council's nation-wide campaign to form the Kingdom of God campaign from 1930-32.
1938 - leader at International Missionary Council meeting, Tambaram
- President, Japanese Co-operative Federation
- Vice President, World Movement of World Federation

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

W. Axling, KAGAWA, 1946
C.H. Kurz, TOYOHIKO KAGAWA, 1951
G. Rosenkranz, FLAMMENDES HERZ IN GOTTES HAND, 1954

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Keller, Adolf, 1872 - 1963.
Country of origin: Switzerland
Denomination: Reformed
Abbreviation: AdK

Biographical data:

- Instructor of Social Ethics, Universities of Basel, Zurich and Geneva; also held ecumenical seminars in these universities which were continued at the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey.
1896-99 - Pastor, Cairo
1904-09 - Pastor, Geneva
1920 - 1st Secretary, Swiss Reformed Church Federation
1922 - Inspired 1st International Conference for Practical Aid, and in turn directed the European Central Office for Church Aid, which was established by the Conference and merged in 1945 with the WCC Department of Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid. Continued in the pastorate simultaneously until 1928.
1925 - Secretary and Member of Executive Committee of World Conference for Life and Work (Practical Christianity)/Stockholm
1927 - Director of newly formed International Social Science Institute, predecessor to the Study Department of the WCC, which published the quarterly, "Stockholm" (1928-1931).
- Member, Continuation Committee of Faith and Order

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Koechlin, Alphons, 1885 - 1965.
Country of origin: Switzerland
Denomination: Reformed
Abbreviation: AlK

Biographical data:

1910 - Pastor, Stein am Rhein
1921 - Pastor, Basel
1923 - Began participation in YMCA.
1925 - Participated in World Conference of Life and Work/Stockholm.
1933 - Was early supporter of the efforts of the Confessing Church in Germany against Hitler, recognizing the challenge national socialism posed to ecumenism. Kept Bp. of Chichester informed about the German Church conflict during the ensuing years.
1933-54 - Church council president
1936-59 - President of Basel Mission
1938-1948 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1941-54 - President of Swiss Protestant Church Federation
During WWII, Helped Visser 't Hooft keep ecumenical network operating. Was Vice-Chair of War Prisoners' Aid of YMCAs, among other positions.
1948-1954 - Member, WCC Executive and Central Committees
1954 - Retired from ecumenical offices.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

H. d'Espine, ALPHONS KOECHLIN, PASTEUR ET CHEF D'ÉGLISE, Geneva, 1921

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Kraemer, Hendrik, 1888 - 1965.
Country of origin: Holland
Denomination: Netherlands Reformed Church
Abbreviation: HK

Biographical data:

1922 - Traveled to Cairo for study of Islam, then moved for 6 years to Java. Served in Java among Moslems under Netherlands Bible Society. Visited Sumatra and Borneo missions, becoming convinced of the importance of indigenous churches.
1928 - Wrote Barthian critique of the theology of the Jerusalem IMC Conference.
1937 - Appointed Professor of Sociology of Religion/Leiden
1938 - At the request of the IMC, wrote a book in preparation of the Tambaram Conference, THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE IN A NON-CHRISTIAN WORLD.
1938 - At the Committee of 14 meeting at Utrecht, chosen a member of WCC Secretariat in charge of the Ecumenical Institute.
1946 - Chair of Assembly Commission II, "God's Design and Man's Witness" preparing for 1st WCC Assembly at Amsterdam.
1947-55 - Directed Ecumenical Institute in Bossey

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:
A. Th. van Leeuwen, HENDRIK KRAEMER, PIONIER DER ÖKUMENE, Basel, 1962
Name: Latourette, Kenneth Scott, 1884 - 1968.

Country of origin: United States

Denomination: Baptist

Abbreviation: KSL

Biographical data:

1909-10 - Traveling secretary, Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions
1910-12 - Faculty Member, College of Yale in China/Changsha
1914-16 - Professor of History, Reed College/Oregon
1916-21 - Professor of History, Denison University/Ohio
1918 - Ordained to Baptist ministry.
1921-1927 - Professor of Missions, Yale University
1927-53 - Professor of Missions and Oriental History, Yale University
1938 - Received Order of Jade from Chinese government.
1938-46 - Chair, Department of Religion, Graduate School, Yale University
1946-53 - Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religion, Yale University
1953-68 - Professor Emeritus, Yale University

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Leiper, Henry Smith, 1891
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Congregational
Abbreviation: HSL

Biographical data:

- General Secretary, Conference of USA Member Churches (WCC)
1934-37 - As Secretary of the American section of the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work, led U.S. preparation for the 1937 Oxford Conference on Church, Community and State.
1938 - Chosen as Associate General Secretary of the Provisional Committee/New York office.
- Served prior to the constituting assembly in Amsterdam as Executive Secretary of the American Committee for the WCC
1948 - Named Associate General Secretary of WCC for Promotion

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Country of origin: Germany
Denomination: Lutheran: Lutheran Church in Germany
Abbreviation: HL

Biographical data:

1924-34 - General Secretary, German Christian Student Union
- Student pastor
- Vice President, World Student Christian Federation
1935-44 - General Secretary, Lutheran World Convention
- Member, Confessing Church
1944 - Began 2-year incarceration; freed from Nürnberg prison in 1945.
- Participated in founding of the Lutheran Church in Germany (Evangelische Kirche Deutschlands) and Associated Evangelical-Lutheran Church.
1947 - Founder and publisher of SONNTAGSBLATT (today, DEUTSCHES ALLGEMEINES SONNTAGSBLATT)
1947 - Consecrated Bishop of Hannover.
1947 - Helped found Lutheran World Association/Lund.
1947-70 - Member, Lutheran World Association Executive Committee
1948-1968 - Member, WCC Executive and Central Committees
1949-67 - Deputy Chair of Council, German Lutheran Church
1952-57 - President, Lutheran World Association
1955-69 - Leading Bishop of Associated Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Abbot of Loccum/Niedersachsen Monastery
1968-75 - Member, WCC Presidium

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Mackay, John Alexander, 1889 - 1983.
Country of origin: United States born in Scotland
Denomination: Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
Abbreviation: JAM
Biographical data:
Missionary in Peru; founded Anglo-Peruvian College and was Professor of Philosophy at National Peruvian University/San Marco.
Traveled in Latin America for YMCA
1936 - President of Princeton Theological Seminary
1937 - Chaired Oxford section on the Universal Church and the World of Nations.
1938 - Chosen member of WCC Provisional Committee.
1947-58 - President, IMC
1948-1954 - Member, WCC Central Committee
1954-59 - President, World Council of Reformed Churches
1957 - Worked for first dialogue between delegates of Worldwide Christian Association/Yale
Sources of additional information:
Published works about:
J. Harbison, "Mackay of Princeton" in PRESBYTEERIAN LIFE, 1958
Materials in other repositories:
Name: Mackie, Robert C.,
Country of origin: England

Abbreviation: RCM

Biographical data:
- General Secretary, World Student Christian Federation
- Associate General Secretary of WCC for Reconstruction and Youth, WCC
- Later Director, Dept. of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees/Geneva

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Manikam, Rajah Bhushaam, 1897 - 1969.
Country of origin: India
Denomination: Lutheran
Abbreviation: RBM

Biographical data:
- Studied at Union Theological Seminary, Philadelphia Theological Seminary, Columbia and briefly at Oxford on the way back to India from the U.S.
- Taught at Andhra Christian College/Guntur
- Member of the Christian Council of India, Pakistan and Burma
1937 - Secretary of Higher Education of National Christian Council/Nagpur, responsible for 39 Christian colleges. As Executive Secretary of this Council, participated in IMC conferences at Tambaram and Whitby and the 1948 WCC Assembly in Amsterdam.
1938 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1948 - Member, 1st WCC Secretariat, appointed jointly by WCC and IMC.
1949 - East Asian Secretary of IMC/WCC
1951 - East Asian Secretariat of WCC established.
1954 - President, Association of Protestant Lutheran Churches in India
1956 - Bishop of Tranquebar
1957 - Planned East Asia Christian Conference/Prapat, Indonesia
1959 - Christian Conference of Asia/Kuala Lumpur
1961-1968 - Member, WCC Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Maury, Pierre, 1890 - 1956.

Country of origin: France

Denomination: Reformed Church of France

Abbreviation: PM

Biographical data:

1919-25 - General Secretary, French Christian Student Movement
1925-30 - Pastor, Ferney-Voltaire
1930-34 - Secretary, World Student Christian Federation
1934 - Pastor, Passy/Paris
1937 - Participant at Oxford Life and Work Conference
1943-50 - Professor, Protestant Theological Seminary in Paris
1950 - Member, WCC Central Committee
1950-53 - President, Reformed Church of France
1954 - Participant at Evanston Assembly of WCC

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:


Materials in other repositories:
Name: Michael, 1892 - 1958.
Country of origin: Greece
Denomination: Orthodox: Greek Orthodox
Abbreviation: M

Biographical data:

- Archbishop of North and South America
1954 - Elected member of WCC Presidium at Evanston assembly.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Moberly, Sir Walter,

Country of origin: Great Britain England

Abbreviation: SWM

Biographical data:

1910 - Usher/steward at the World Missionary Conference/Edinburgh
1926-34 - Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manchester
1937 - Chaired section at Oxford on Church and Community
1938 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Monod, Wilfred, 1867 - 1943.

Country of origin: France

Denomination: Reformed Church of France

Abbreviation: WM

Biographical data:

- Pastor
- 1909 - Professor for Practical Theology at the Free Protestant Seminary/Paris
- 1912 - President of "Union of Reformed Churches of France."
- 1923 - Founded a Protestant Franciscan lay order, the Third Protestant Order of Watchmen.
- Leader in Universal Christian Council for Life and Work and in the World Alliance for Promotion of Friendship Through the Churches

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Mott, John R., 1865 - 1955.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Methodist Episcopal Church, U.S.A.
Abbreviation: JRM

Biographical data:

1891 - YMCA Conference in Amsterdam
1895 - Helped found World Student Christian Federation in Vadstena/Sweden; became the 1st General Secretary of WSCF.
1910 - Presided over World Missionary Conference/Edinburgh.
1921 - Helped found IMC/Lake Mohonk, became 1st Chair.
1928 - Following Jerusalem IMC Conference, helped launch study of Christian Mass Movements in India.
1928 - IMC asked for more of Mott's time as Chair; Mott resigned from the General Secretary's responsibilities of the National Council of YMCAs of the United States and of the World's Student Christian Federation.
1937 - Helped lead Faith and Order Conference/Edinburgh and Life and Work Conference/Oxford; helped shape policy of Faith and Order as Chair of subsection on "The Church's Unity in Life and Worship." Introduced the recommendations of his subsection and approved of the proposed union of Faith and Order with Life and Work in a world council.
1938 - Chosen President and a Vice-Chair of WCC Provisional Committee.
1938 - Signed invitations to churches to join WCC.
1938 - Chaired meeting of Joint Committee of IMC and WCC at Madras, helped prepare the way for Asian, Latin American and African churches to join both organizations.
1941 - Retired as Chair of IMC.
1946 - Won Nobel Peace Prize.
1948 - Among 1st Presidium of WCC - Honorary President, WCC Central Committee
1954 - Consultant at Evanston Assembly

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:
G.S. Wegener, JOHN MOTT -- WELTBÜRGER UND CHRIST, 1965

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Mudge, Lewis Seymour, 1867-
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
Abbreviation: LSM

Biographical data:
- 1895-1921 Pastor, Presbyterian Churches
- 1921 - Stated Clerk, General Assembly
- 1938 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee until his death
- Member, FCC Executive Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Country of origin: Great Britain Scotland (Irish background) India
Denomination: Anglican
Abbreviation: SN

Biographical data:

1924 - Missionary to India
1938 - Bishop of Tinnevelly, South India; worked for church union in South India.
1946 - Secretary to Assembly Commission II, "God's Design and Man's Witness"
1948 - Associate General Secretary of WCC, in charge of Study and Evangelism/Geneva
1950 - Led evangelistic campaign in English, Canadian and American universities
1957-75 - Contributed volumes to "World Christian Books" and served as Director of the Ecumenical Series.
1962-69 - Professor for Missions and Ecumenical Studies/Hamburg
1970-73 - Professor, Department of Religious Studies/Nairobi

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Newbigin, Lesslie, 1909
Country of origin: Great Britain
Denomination: Church of Scotland; Church of South India
Abbreviation: LN

Biographical data:

1936-1959 Missionary to India; leader of South India Church Union Movement;
Bishop Church of South India Madura
1948 - Consultant at Amsterdam Assembly, WCC
1950 - Suggested need for clarity re: provisional nature of the necessary
  neutrality of early WCC reflected in the Toronto Statement.
1954-1961 - Member, WCC Central Committee
1958 - Chair, IMC
1959 - General Secretary, IMC
1961 - Helped to bring about integration of IMC & WCC.
1961 - Became Associate General Secretary of WCC.
1963 - Participated in the World Missions Conference in Mexico City which
  built the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism.
1965-74 - Moved back to Madras as Bishop of Church of South India
1974 - Professor of Missions Studies in Selly-Oak Colleges, Birmingham

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Niebuhr, H. Richard, 1894 - 1962.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Evangelical and Reformed
Abbreviation: HRN

Biographical data:

1931-1962 - Professor of Christian Ethics, Yale Divinity School
1948 - Contributed paper to WCC Assembly Commission I, "The Universal Church in God's Design."
1954 - Consultant at Evanston Assembly

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Niebuhr, Reinhold, 1892 - 1971.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Evangelical and Reformed
Abbreviation: RN

Biographical data:

1915-28 - Pastor, Detroit
1928-60 - Professor, Union Theological Seminary/New York City
1937 - Participant at World Conference of the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work on Church, Community and State at Oxford
1939 - Lectured at World Youth Conference/Amsterdam
1940 - Left American Socialist Party
1941 - Founded CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS journal
1946 - Chair of WCC Assembly Commission III, "The Church and the Disorder of Society"
1946 - As member of American Commission for a Just and Durable Peace, helped found the Committee of Churches for International Affairs.
1947 - Lecturer at World Youth Conference/Oslo
1948 - Participant in 1st WCC Assembly/Amsterdam. Emphasized throughout his work the themes of Church and Society.
1954 - Consultant at Evanston Assembly

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Niemoeller, Martin, 1892
Country of origin: Germany
Denomination: Lutheran
Abbreviation: MN

Biographical data:

1924 - Manager, Westfalen Inner Mission
1931 - Pastor, Berlin-Dahlem
1936 - Signed memorandum to Reich government
1938 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1938 - Became "personal prisoner of the Führer" in Sachsenhausen and Dachau.
1945-55 - Deputy Chair of newly created Council of German Lutheran Church and leader (until 1956) of the Church's Foreign Office
1947 - President of German Lutheran Church in Hessen and Nassau
1948 - Chair of Study Group of Christian Churches in Germany
1948-1961 - Member, WCC Central and Executive Committees
1961-1968 - Member of WCC Presidium.
1964 - President of German Lutheran Church during Retirement

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

F. Bergen, MENSCHEN WARTEN: AUS DEM POLITISCHEN WIRKEN/MARTIN NIEMÖLLER SEIT 1945, 1952
D. Schmidt, MARTIN NIEMÖLLER, 1959
------------, DER MANN IN DER BRANDUNG: EIN BILDBUCH UM MARTIN NIEMÖLLER, 1962
J. Schmidt, MARTIN NIEMÖLLER IM KIRCHENKAMPF, 1971

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Niles, Daniel Thambiraja, 1908 - 1970.

Country of origin: India SRI LANKA

Denomination: Methodist

Abbreviation: DTN

Biographical data:

Pastor
1948 - With Mott, led one of the main discussions at Amsterdam.
- Chair, World Student Christian Federation
- Consultant for proclamation to WCC/Geneva
1957-1959 - General Secretary and later President, East Asian Christian Conference
1968-1970 - Member of WCC Presidium
- Director, Jaffna Central College
- Head of Methodist Church of Ceylon

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Nolde, Otto Frederick, 1899 - 1972.

Country of origin: United States

Denomination: Lutheran

Abbreviation: OFN

Biographical data:

1923 - Ordained as Lutheran pastor.
1938 - Chosen at Utrecht as member of WCC secretariat in charge of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.
- During WWII, Member of American Church Committee for Study of Basic Conditions for a Just and Lasting Peace. Participated in outworking of Article 18 of the General Human Rights Bill on Religious Liberty.
1943-62 - Professor of Religious Education, Mt. Airy Theological Seminary
1943 - Represented FCC at International Consultation in Sweden.
1948-1969 - Director of Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.
1948 - Associate General Secretary of WCC in New York

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:

Country of origin: Sweden

Denomination: Lutheran: Church of Sweden

Abbreviation: ATSN

Biographical data:

1921 - Lecturer, Systematic Theology at University of Lund
1924-48 - Professor at University of Lund
1927 - Participated in Lausanne Conference on Faith and Order.
1937 - Participated in Oxford Life and Work Conference and at Edinburgh Faith and Order Conference.
1938 - Published EROS AND AGAPE, with great relevance for ecumenical work.
1947 - Elected 1st President of Swedish Lutheran Church.
1949 - Called as Bishop of the Diocese of Lund.
1948-1954 - Member WCC Central Committee
1952 - Served Faith and Order as Chair of Commission on Christ and the Church.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Oldham, G. Ashton, 1877
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Protestant Episcopal
Abbreviation: GAO

Biographical data:

1897 - Bishop of Albany
1936-1948 - President of American branch of World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches
- Member, WCC Provisional Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Oldham, Joseph Houldsworth, 1874 - 1969.

Country of origin: Scotland

Denomination: Presbyterian: United Free Church of Scotland

Abbreviation: JHO

Biographical data:

1910 - Helped prepare for World Missionary Conference at Edinburgh, and published reports thereof.
1920 - In proposal for International Missionary Council, predicted the future "world league of churches."
1921 - Founded and became Secretary of IMC and of its Continuation Committee.
1928 - Helped prepare preliminary study for basis of discussion on Religious Education at Jerusalem IMC Conference.
1933 - Represented IMC at Bishopthorpe meeting called by Abp. of York to discuss ecumenism.
1934 - Attended special meeting in Paris on "Church and State"; emphasized the responsibilities of Christian churches in social reform.
1934 - Appointed Chair of Advisory Committee on Research by Life and Work session at Fano; until 1938 (when he also ceased active IMC involvement) held central role in Life and Work and the ecumenical movement as a whole. Became convinced that his participation in Life and Work activities would not only encourage the inclusion of younger churches, but also benefit the general missionary endeavor. Oldham was dedicated to the question of "Church, Community and State" and was concerned that any council fully represent churches, give considerable place to the laity, and stress study and research by the ablest minds.
1934 - Participated in Faith and Order meeting preparing for its 1937 conference.
1937 - Attended Westfield meeting of the Committee of 35.
1937 - Helped prepare both Oxford (Life and Work) and Edinburgh (Faith and Order) conferences, appointed by Oxford conference to Committee of 14.
1938 - Secretary to meeting at Utrecht of Committee of 14
1938-1948 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1961-1968 - Honorary President of WCC.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Oxnam, Garfield Bromley, 1891 - 1963.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Methodist
Abbreviation: GBO

Biographical data:

1936-1960 - Bishop of Omaha, Boston, New York, Washington
1944-1946 - President, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America
1938-1948 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
1948-1954 - Among the 1st Presidium of WCC, and therefore member of Central and Executive Committees.
1950 - Presiding officer at organization of National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
1954-1963 - Member, WCC Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Paton, William, 1886 - 1943.

Country of origin: Great Britain England

Denomination: Presbyterian

Abbreviation: WP

Biographical data:

1911-1917 - Secretary of YMCA
1918 - Spent a year in India on WSCF business.
1922 - One of 1st secretaries of the National Christian Council of India, Burma and Ceylon
1924 - Called as Secretary of Indian WSCF.
1927 - Elected Secretary of IMC, responsible for preparation of 1928 Jerusalem conference.
1928 - Prepared introductory study for Jerusalem conference, "Christianity and the Growth of Industrialization in Asia and Africa." Also chaired a special meeting between the British delegation and the National Christian Council of China.
1928 - Helped launch study in India of Mass Movement to Christianity.
1933 - Represented IMC at Bishopthorpe, York meeting of ecumenical organizations.
1934 - Attended Life and Work meeting in Fano, representing IMC.
1937 - Attended Faith and Order Conference/Edinburgh.
1938 - Chosen as Associate General Secretary of WCC Provisional Committee, with his time donated by IMC.
1938 - Became secretary of Joint Committee of IMC and WCC.
1938 - As Secretary of IMC, had primary responsibility for preparation of Tambaram Conference.
- During WWII, worked for ecumenical peace efforts and maintainance of missions work worldwide; influenced the Secretary of State of the Colonies to allow missionaries to remain in Africa.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:

Country of origin: United States

Denomination: Congregational

Abbreviation: LCP

Biographical data:

1932-35 - Associate Pastor, High Point, North Carolina
1935 - Ordained.
1935-38 - Pastor, New Haven, Connecticut
1938-39 - Lecturer in Social Ethics, Yale
1939-44 - Assistant Professor, Yale
1944-48 - Editor, SOCIAL ACTION magazine
1944-47 - Associate Professor, Yale
1947-73 - Gilbert Stark Professor of Social Ethics, Yale
1947 - Editor, LABOR'S RELATION TO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY
1949-60 - Congregational delegate to NCC
1949-62 - Dean, Yale Divinity School
1950 - Chair, National Advisory Committee, Student YMCA
1954 - Member, Central and Executive Committees, WCC
1955 - Chair, Interseminary Committee, NCC
1955-56 - Traveled globally to study theological education in Asia.
1957-62 - Chair, Executive Committee, American Association of Theological Schools

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Schönfeld, Hanns, 1900 - 1954.
Country of origin: Germany
Denomination: Huguenot
Abbreviation: HS
Biographical data:

- Worked for 1925 Life and Work Conference, Stockholm.
1929 - Dispatched by German Lutheran Church Association to International Social Studies Institute, Geneva.
1931-46 - Led the Study Department of the Council for Life and Work and WCC
1933 - With Nils Ehrenström, prepared special meeting on "The Church and the Problem of the State," Paris.
1946 - After WWII helped build the Relief efforts of the Lutheran Church, particularly in the foundation of the Ökumenische Centrale.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Sherrill, Henry Knox, 1890 - 1980.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Anglican: Protestant Episcopal
Abbreviation: HKS

Biographical data:

1914 - Ordained
1930 - Elected Bishop of Massachusetts.
1946 - Elected Presiding Bishop of Episcopal General Conference.
1950-52 - President, NCCCUSA
1954-1961 - Member of WCC Presidium

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Siegmund-Schultze, Friedrich, 1885 - 1969.

Country of origin: Germany

Denomination: German Evangelical Church

Abbreviation: FSS

Biographical data:

1911 - Founded the successful Social Work Cooperative of East Berlin.
1914 - Helped found, and until 1948 was Secretary of, the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches.
1914 - Founded oldest ecumenical peace organization, the International Covenant of Peace. Remained President thereof until his death.
1913-33 - Published journal DIE EICHE and an ecumenical yearbook until 1937.
1926 - Professor of Social Pedagogy and Social Ethics/Berlin
1926 - Helped develop both Life and Work and Faith and Order Movements.
1930-41 - Published church newsletter, EKKLESIA, in 13 volumes.
1930-41 - During WWII organized P.O.W. Relief group, "Caritas inter arma."
1946 - Wrote THE OVERCOMING OF HATRED.
1948 - Professor of Social Pedagogy and Social Ethics/Münster
1948 - Was consultant in formation of the groundrules for conscientious objectors.
1948 - Organized Youth Welfare School in Dortmund and built neighborhood home for unemployed youth.
1957 - Founder and Chair of Central Office for Justice and Protection of Conscientious Objectors.
1959 - Founded Ecumenical Archives in Soest from his reports on world church conferences in Stockholm (1925), Lausanne (1927) and Prague.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Söderblom, Nathan, 1866 - 1931.
Country of origin: Sweden
Denomination: Lutheran: Church of Sweden
Abbreviation: NS
Biographical data:
- Worked with World Student Christian Federation.
1894-1901 - Embassy Pastor
1901-14 - Professor of Religious History/Uppsala
1912-14 - Professor of Religious History/Leipzig
1914 - Became Archbishop of Uppsala and the Church of Sweden.
1917-18 - 3 times attempted to invite warring countries to an International Church Conference.
1919 - Having worked for unified witness during the war, in April proposed formation of an ecumenical council; prepared for conference to lead to formation of council directly after the war.
1919 - Attended the November meeting of World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches at Oud Wassenaar, Netherlands.
1920 - Attended summer meeting to prepare for the long-envisioned conference on Life and Work; invited Germanos to visit unofficially the preliminary Life and Work meeting before officially joining the simultaneous Faith and Order conference in Geneva.
1925 - Attended Stockholm Conference on Life and Work. Chosen 1st President of Continuation Committee.
1927 - At the Lausanne Conference on Faith and Order, led and presented report of Commission on "Christian Unity and its relation to Existing Churches," which included "propaganda" on Life and Work.
1928 - Wrote to Germanos to use his position as Chair of Life and Work Continuation Committee to advance their common goal.
1930 - Won Nobel Peace Prize.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Stevenson, J. Ross, 1886 - 1939.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Presbyterian
Abbreviation: JRS

Biographical data:

1914-1936 - President of Princeton Theological Seminary
1937 - Member of Committee of 14, appointed by Edinburgh Conference on Faith and Order.
- Chairman of American Joint Executive Committee
1937 - Chaired special 60-member committee at Edinburgh Conference to review report of Committee of 35 on council plan; the committee unanimously recommended it be adopted without commitment to details, but that the Continuation Committee should approve it only after guarantees were incorporated to safeguard the nature of Faith and Order. Also appointed a Vice Chair of Faith and Order.
1938 - Signed invitations to churches to join the WCC.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Stewart, George Craig, 1879 - 1940.

Country of origin: United States

Denomination: Anglican: Protestant Episcopal

Abbreviation: GCS

Biographical data:

1930-1940 - Bishop of Chicago
   - At first critical of the plan for a world council, then supported actively and became one of 7 Faith and Order representatives on the Committee of 14 chosen to draft the Council's constitution.
   1938 - Signed invitations to churches to join the WCC.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Swain, Leslie E.,
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Baptist: American Baptist Convention
Abbreviation: LES
Biographical data:

1948 - Member, 1st WCC Executive Committee and Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Taft, Charles P., 1897
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Anglican: Protestant Episcopal
Abbreviation: CPT
Biographical data:
- Office of Federal Security Administration
  1938-1948 - Member, WCC Provisional Committee
  1948-1954 - Member, WCC Central Committee
Sources of additional information:
Published works about:
Materials in other repositories:
Name: Temple, William, 1881 - 1944.
Country of origin: Great Britain England
Denomination: Anglican: Church of England
Abbreviation: WT

Biographical data:

1929-1942 - Archbishop of York; 1942 until death - Archbishop of Canterbury
Succeeded Bishop Brent as Chair, Faith and Order; also leader in Life and Work movement
Edited THE CHALLENGE. after helping set up council for "Promoting a Christian Meeting" in United Kingdom
1910 - Steward/usher at Edinburgh World Missionary Conference
1928 - Prepared final summary message for IMC Conference in Jerusalem, reconciling 2 factions and incorporating 1927 Faith and Order statement on The Christian Message
1933 - Called meeting at Bishopsthorpe/York and there represented Faith and Order
1935 - On visit to U.S., attended Princeton meeting with American representatives of Life and Work, Faith and Order, IMC, World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship Through the Churches, and World Student Christian Federation; set up consultative group to study ways of coordination of ecumenical movement
1937 - Presided over the Westfield Meeting of the Committee of 35
1937 - Helped lead both Faith and Order and Life and Work conferences (Edinburgh and Oxford)
1937 - Chaired the committee which drafted the conference message of Oxford Life and Work meeting, reporting acceptance of the proposed council of churches
1938 - Chaired meeting of Committee of 14 with church leaders at Utrecht; chosen as Chair of Provisional Committee of WCC
1938 - As Chair of Faith and Order Continuation Committee, moved that requirements of Edinburgh delegates be included in the text of the proposed WCC constitution (Clarens meeting)
1938 - Signed invitations to WCC and sent personal letter to Cardinal Secretary of State of Roman Catholic Church to keep lines of communication open

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Thomas, Madathilparampil Mammen, 1916

Country of origin: India

Denomination: Syrian Mar-Thoma Church

Abbreviation: MMT

Biographical data:
- Studied chemistry and social ethics at Madras University; spent a year at Union Theological Seminary.
- 1947–53 - Secretary and Chair, World Student Christian Federation
- 1947 - Committee member, World Youth Conference/Oslo
- 1952 - Committee member, World Youth Conference/Kottayam
- 1960 - Committee member, World Youth Conference/Lausanne
- Director, Christian Institute for Church and Society of the Asian Christian Conference
- 1966 - Chair, German World Conference for Church and Society
- 1968–75 - At the 4th General Assembly of WCC/Uppsala, elected Chair of Central and Executive Committees.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Tillich, Paul, 1886 - 1965

Country of origin: Germany

Abbreviation: PT

Biographical data:

- Chaplain during WWI
- Lecturer at University of Berlin
- Professor of Systematic Theology/Marburg and Dresden
1929 - Professor of Philosophy and Sociology, Social Pedagogy/Frankfurt am Main
1933 - Dismissed from his office after publication of THE SOCIALIST DECISION.
1937 - Helped prepare World Conference for Life and Work/Oxford; cooperated with Section III, "Church, Community and State."
1948 - Contributed paper to Assembly Commission II, "God's Design and Man's Witness."

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:


Materials in other repositories:
Name: Tomkins, Floyd W., 1887

Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Protestant Episcopal
Abbreviation: FWT

Biographical data:

1923 - Secretary, Protestant Episcopal Commission on Faith and Order
1930 - Appointed Assistant Secretary of Faith and Order in New York; carried on much of the work of Gardiner and George Zabriskie (former treasurer).
1934 - Secretary of 1 of 3 theological commissions of Faith and Order ("The Church's Unity in Life and Worship").
1937 - Appointed Associate Secretary of Faith and Order at Edinburgh Conference.
1938 - Chosen as member of WCC Secretariat in charge of Faith and Order at Utrecht organizational meeting.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Tomkins, Oliver S., 1908
Country of origin: England
Denomination: Anglican: Church of England
Abbreviation: OST

Biographical data:

- Worker in Student Christian Movement
- Pastor, Sheffield
1945 - Director of WCC office, London
1946 - Secretary to Assembly Commission I, "The Universal Church in God's Design"
1948-52 - Associate General Secretary of WCC for Faith and Order
1952-68 - Chief, Working Committee of Faith and Order
1953-58 - Rector, Theological College/Lincoln
1958 - Bishop of Bristol
1963 - President, 4th World Conference of Faith and Order/Montreal
1968 - Member, WCC Central Committee

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Tucker, Henry St. George, 1874 - 1954.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Anglican: Protestant Episcopal
Abbreviation: HSGT
Biographical data:

1938-1946 - Served as Presiding Bishop of Protestant Episcopal Church.
1942 - Elected president of FCC.

Sources of additional information:
Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Van Dusen, Henry P., 1897 - 1975.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Presbyterian
Abbreviation: HPVD

Biographical data:
- President, Union Theological Seminary
1934 - Appointed to Advisory Council on Research of the Universal Christian
  Council for Life and Work/Fano, Denmark.
1934-37 - U.S. Secretary to the Advisory Council on Study Programme of the
1938 - Chairman of Study Commission of WCC Provisional Committee
1938 - Traveled in the Far East to observe missions work.
1938-1948 - Member of WCC Provisional Committee
1942 - Represented Study Programme Advisory Council at meeting of North
  American members of Provisional Committee.
1947 - Delivered a major address to the IMC meeting/Whitby.
1948 - Chaired Study Department Commission prior to and in preparation for the
  1st WCC Assembly in Amsterdam, as well as leading the Study Department
  Commission during the days of the Assembly itself; coordinated the 4 sections
  of Faith and Order, Life and Work, Commission of Churches on International
  Affairs and International Missionary Council.
1950 - Criticized the Toronto Statement for leaning too far in support of more
  extreme "Catholic" churches.
1954-1961 - Chairman, Joint Committee of WCC and International Missionary
  Council
1956-1963 - Chairman, Division of Foreign Missions, NCCCUSA

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Vasady, Béla, 1902
Country of origin: Hungary United States
Denomination: Evangelical and Reformed Church / Reformed Church of Hungary
Abbreviation: BV

Biographical data:
- 1936 - General Secretary of the Hungarian Reformed Ministers' Association
- Professor of Systematic Theology / The Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church
- Member, WCC Provisional Committee, appointed at Edinburgh Faith and Order Conference

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Visser 't Hooft, Willem A., 1900 - 1985.

Country of origin: The Netherlands

Denomination: Reformed / Swiss Church Federation

Abbreviation: VH

Biographical data:

- Worked in the Dutch Student Christian Movement
1924 - Secretary of the World Association of YMCAs
1925 - Youngest participant in the World Conference for Life and Work in Stockholm
1931 - Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation
1933 - General Secretary, WSCF
1933 - Represented WSCF at Bishophorpe meeting called by Abp. of York.
1934 - Appointed to the Advisory Council on Research of the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work/Fano, Denmark
1936 - Chair, WSCF
1937 - Chaired Oxford subsection of The Universal Church and the World of Nations on the Christian Attitude toward War.
1937 - Helped lead both Faith and Order (Edinburgh) and Life and Work (Oxford) conferences.
1938 - Attended Utrecht meeting of the Committee of 14; chosen as General Secretary of the Provisional Committee of WCC.
1942 - With S.M. Cavert, planned for reconstructing church life in Europe and helping the needy. Planned with the WCC Provisional Committee to hold the 2nd World Conference for Christian Youth at Oslo in 1947, and to set up Ecumenical Institute at the Château de Bossey near Geneva.
1946 - Participated in the Cambridge Conference of the new Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.
1948-66 - General Secretary of WCC
1949 - Drafted theses with disclaimers and assumptions of WCC for the Istina Center/Paris meeting of RCC ecumenists.
1968 - Was named Honorary President of WCC.

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:


Materials in other repositories:
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Reformed Church in America
Abbreviation: ALW

Biographical data:

1900-1915 - Missionary to China
1915-1920 - Secretary, China Continuation Committee
1920-1942 - Secretary, International Missionary Council.
1937 - Attended Edinburgh Faith and Order conference.
1939 - Requested by the Ad Interim Committee of the IMC to travel in the Far East to survey the situation in preparation for establishing a Far East Office of the IMC.
1939 - Traveled with J.R. Mott to Berlin to meet with German missionaries.
1940 - Helped create the Orphaned Missions Fund.
1942 - Retired from IMC service.
1944 - Emissary of American churches to Europe to discuss plans for reconstruction; important report: "The Church's Battle for Europe's Soul."
1944-1948 - Executive Vice President, Church World Service

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Weigle, Luther A., 1880 - 1976.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Lutheran
Abbreviation: LAW

Biographical data:

1928-1949 - Dean of Yale Divinity School
1928 - With J.H. Oldham, prepared study on religious education which formed the basis for discussion on that subject at the Jerusalem IMC conference.
1930-1966 - Chairman, Standard Bible Committee
1941-1950 - Chairman, Planning Committee for NCCCUSA

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:

Name: Wilder, Robert Parmelee, 1863 - 1938.
Country of origin: United States
Denomination: Presbyterian
Abbreviation: RW

Biographical data:

1919-1927 - General Secretary, Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions
1927-1933 - Executive Secretary, Near East Christian Council

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories:
Name: Zankov, Stefan,
Country of origin: Bulgaria
Denomination: Orthodox
Abbreviation: SZ

Biographical data:
1927 - Present at Lausanne Conference, Member of Continuation Committee
- "Prophet" of ecumenism in the Orthodox world
1937 - Participated in Oxford Life and Work Conference
1950 - Member of WCC Study Department Commission working on "The Bible and the Church's Message to the World."

Sources of additional information:

Published works about:

Materials in other repositories: