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RECORDS OF THE FOUNDING RELIGIOUS BODIES

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Scope and Content of This Project

The following documents represent the records, maintained by the Nazarene Archives, of the ten principal founding bodies which united or merged to form the present-day Church of the Nazarene. By "records" we mean such documents as were involved in the official pursuance of their objectives and the transactions of their business. The minutes of assembly meetings and the manuals of the several religious bodies are the principal type of records microfilmed in this project. The manuals, or similar documents, contain the bylaws, constitutions, and articles of faith which define their respective organizations. Other types of records would include various committee minutes, district or regional assembly minutes, samples of ministerial credentials, etc. Most of the several record groups will also contain a small miscellaneous category of related documents.

Materials Not Included in This Project

It should be noted that this microfilm will not include the entirety of the Nazarene Archives' holdings with regard to these several religious bodies. The official periodical publications which served these groups have not generally been included, having been microfilmed in earlier projects. Other materials which are not included in this project are the papers of individuals, the records of local congregations and schools, and other collections which may be significant but only indirectly related to these bodies in an unofficial way.

Furthermore, this microfilm project has not included the records of the International Holiness Mission (UK), the Calvary Holiness Church (UK), the Gospel Workers of Canada, or Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association. The archives collections for these bodies did not seem to justify their inclusion in the project at the time of filming.

The collections of the Nazarene Archives are in the very fluid state, changing with every workday and every new acquisition. The following microfilm can only represent the entirety of the archives' holdings at the time of filming. The researchers should assume that other materials have been added to these collections in the following years. The Nazarene Archives welcomes inquiries concerning current information on its holdings.



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Record Group Listing  
Shown in Order They Appear on the Microfilm

1. Central Evangelical Holiness Association
2. Association of Pentecostal Churches of America
3. Church of the Nazarene (Los Angeles)
4. Holiness Christian Church, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference
5. New Testament Church of Christ, Milan, Tennessee
6. Holiness Church of Christ
7. Holiness Association of Texas
8. Pentecostal Mission
9. Pentecostal Church of Scotland
10. Laymen's Holiness Association



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ACCESS TO THE NAZARENE ARCHIVES

Access to the collections of the Nazarene Archives is limited to recognized scholars, published authors, church projects, graduate theses or dissertation work, and genealogists. Church projects may include projects by any institution or office within the church. Term papers for graduate or undergraduate classwork are not generally permitted; however, the archives will be happy to work with research seminars of graduate or undergraduate students when certain criteria are met. The faculty of the Nazarene colleges might especially consider conducting seminars with the Nazarene Archives during their January interims.

Certain collections in the Nazarene Archives may be closed or restricted from access or use. These materials may be restricted due to (1) preservation considerations, (2) copyright considerations, (3) confidentiality of morals cases, and (4) office files less than 15 years old.

The Nazarene Archives is generally open by appointment during business hours. Copying services for documents, photographs, and audio recordings are provided for a fee. The archives has no research staff, but will respond to questions which can be answered in a brief letter. Larger requests may require either a visit by the researcher or the hiring of an assistant. The archives will be glad to recommend someone as a research assistant.



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### THE NAZARENE ARCHIVES

Since 1936, the General Secretary of the Church of the Nazarene has been mandated by the General Assembly to maintain the denominational archives. As of 1984, the archives maintains approximately 1000 cubic feet of materials spanning from the 1870s to the present. The collection documents the rise, development, and movement of the Church of the Nazarene through photographs, correspondence, audio recordings, periodicals, minutes, sermons, personal papers, etc. The archives generally does not collect library or book format materials, theses, or dissertations. These are available to researchers at the the library of the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. The archives also does not collect materials broadly related to religious history or the holiness movement unless these materials would have a definite connection to the Church of the Nazarene.

The collections are largely focused on the denominational rather than the district or local level of the church. However, the archives does maintain what may be the most complete collection of Nazarene district assembly journals (1908- ) and a sizeable concentration of records from the American Nazarene schools. The materials related to the religious bodies which formed or later joined the Church of the Nazarene are another significant collection.



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