

**Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies
Fresno, California**

**General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches
Board of Trustees**

An Inventory of Records

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Creator: General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. Board of Trustees.
Title: Records of the Board of Trustees
Inclusive dates: 1934-2002.
Quantity: 3.84 linear ft.
Record Group No.: A230.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Board of Trustees (originally known as the "*Direktorium*" or the "Board of Directors") was established in 1908. Its role was "to administer for and on behalf of the [General] Conference all property held in the name of the Conference and all property vested in the Board in trust for the benefit of the Conference." It received gifts to the conference and issued receipts therefor, entered into agreements to provide for annuities for the benefit of the Conference, made loans and extended credit to agencies of the Conference, and invested the funds of the Conference. The Board of Trustees ceased to exist in 2002, following the dissolution of the General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

This record group contains minutes of the full Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee of the Board; financial reports; correspondence; endowment fund records; and leaflets and pamphlets created by the Board of Trustees. Most of the correspondence is that of C. C. Warkentin, who served variously as a member, vice chairman and chairman of the Board from 1951 until 1966, and J. J. Riediger, the Executive Secretary of the Board from 1978 to 1987.

LANGUAGES APPEARING IN THE COLLECTION

Most minutes from 1934 to 1941 are in German with typewritten English translations. Some correspondence is in German.

CITATION GUIDELINES

Cite as: General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches Board of Trustees Records, Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Fresno, Cal.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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