

Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies (Fresno)**Record Group A280****Board of Education.** Records, 1935-1955.

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Historical note

The Board of Education of the General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches was organized in 1933 to oversee the operation of Tabor College. Founded in 1908, Tabor was run by an independent corporation until 1933, when the General Conference adopted it as a conference school. Facing serious financial difficulties, one of the first acts of the new board was to close the college for the 1934-1935 school year. When the college reopened in the fall of 1935, it did so under the direction of the Board of Education of the General Conference.

The Board oversaw the operation of Tabor until 1954, when it was given to the United States Conference Mennonite Brethren Church and placed under the direction of a U.S. Conference Board of Education (Record Group C240). Pacific Bible Institute, which until this time had been run by the Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, also became a U.S. Conference school in 1954.

Scope and content note

This record group contains minutes for the Board of Education and its Executive Committee for the years 1935-1954. It also includes the minutes of the Board's Steering Committee on Coordination, which planned the transition to U.S. Conference responsibility, from 1951-1954. A small amount of correspondence dating from 1952-1955 is also included here. For records of the U.S. Conference Board of Education (1954-1980), see Record Group C240.

Language note

Some minutes and reports through 1948 are in German. Some correspondence is in German.

Related records

See record group C240 for the U.S. Conference Board of Education, 1954-1979.

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