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### **Administrative Information**

**Title:**

Papers of William E. Pannell, 1929-2015

**Collection Identifier:**

CFT00918

**Creators:**

Pannell, William E.

**Size:**

5 Boxes

**Repository:**

David Allan Hubbard Library  
Fuller Theological Seminary  
135 N Oakland Ave  
Pasadena, CA 91182  
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**Provenance:**

Donated to Fuller Seminary, gift of Dr. William E. Pannell, c. 2013

**Conditions Governing Access/Restrictions:**

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**Language:**

English

**Processing:**

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## **Biography**

William E. Pannell (June 24, 1929 - ) joined the Fuller Theological Seminary Board of Trustees in 1972 as the first African American member and then became a faculty member in 1974.

Pannell was born in Sturgis, Michigan to William and Olive (Davidson) Pannell. In 1947, he entered Fort Wayne Bible College in Indiana. He graduated in 1951 with a B.A. He later earned an MA in Social Ethics from the University of Southern California. He married Hazel Scott in 1955, and they had two sons, Philip and Peter.

From 1955-1965, Pannell worked as a youth minister in Detroit and an area youth director for the Plymouth Brethren Assemblies. His ministry led to his first book, *My Friend, the Enemy* (1968), which explored the topics of social justice and racial reconciliation. In 1968, Pannell left the Youth for Christ (YFC) for Tom Skinner Crusades (later Tom Skinner Associates).

In 1974, Pannell became Fuller Seminary's Assistant Professor of Evangelism and Director of the newly initiated Theological Studies' Program for Black Ministers. He taught at the seminary for 40 years, receiving emeritus faculty status in 2014. The program developed, eventually becoming the William E. Pannell Center for African American Church Studies in 2015.

In 1992, Pannell became the Arthur DeKruyter/Christ Church Oak Brook Professor of Preaching. From 1992 to 1998, he served as dean of the chapel. In 1993, his faculty colleagues selected him to receive the C. Davis Weyerhauser Award for Excellence.

In addition, Pannell received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Malone College in Ohio, an honorary Doctor of Christian Service degree from Geneva College in Pennsylvania, and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, from Taylor University in Indiana.

## **Scope and Content**

The Papers of William Pannell, 1929-2015 contain topical folders, miscellaneous records, and binders of research materials related to the preaching and spirituality.

## Box Inventory

Box	Description	Notes
1	Topical Folders	
2	Topical Folders	
3	Topical Folders	
4	Miscellaneous	
5	Miscellaneous	

## Additional Materials

3 cubic feet of binders