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COLLECTION 172: Melvin Easterday Dieter Papers

Administrative Information

Title:
Melvin Easterday Dieter Papers

Collection Identifier:
CFT00172

Creators:
Dieter, Melvin Easterday

Size:
18 boxes

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Biography

Historian of the Wesleyan Holiness movement, Melvin E. Dieter (1924- ) studied at Eastern Pilgrim College, Muhlenburg College and Temple University (Ph.D. 1972). During World War II, he served as a Chinese language specialist. At age 25, he became the president of Allentown Bible Institute, succeeding his father in this office after his death in 1948.

In 1954 the Institute became Eastern Pilgrim College. In 1965 he resigned from the presidency to enter the doctoral program at Temple University. In the midst of these studies he used his administrative and diplomatic skills to assist in the union of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and the Wesleyan Methodist Church which was ratified in 1968.

He then became General Secretary of Educational Institutions of the newly united Wesleyan Church. His major tasks were to instill commitment to a common cause and vision and to consolidate the eleven schools of the combined denominations into six, which he accomplished with a minimum of upheaval. Dieter’s Ph. D. dissertation, "Revivalism and Holiness," later published as *Holiness Revival of the Nineteenth Century* (1980; 2nd ed. 1996).

He then joined the faculty of Asbury Theological Seminary in 1975 where he taught Church History and Historical Theology until his retirement in 1990. He was a regular contributor to several theological journals and contributed the chapter on the Wesleyan view of sanctification in the book *Five Views on Sanctification* (1987).

Scope and Content

The Melvin Easterday Dieter Collection contains correspondence, published and unpublished material, research notes, lecture notes and syllabi as well as tracts, pamphlets and ephemera documentary of the Holiness and Pentecostal Movements. The material in this collection consists of 18 boxes and spans his academic career.
Arrangement

The Melvin Easterday Dieter Papers is divided into four series.
Series I: Writings and Notes, Boxes 1-2 (2 Boxes)
Series II: Research, Boxes 3-7 (5 Boxes)
Series III: Papers and Research, Boxes 8-13 (6 Boxes)
Series IV: Houghton College Material and Others, Boxes 14-16 (3 Boxes)
Series V: Pilgrim Holiness Church, Notes, Material, etc, Box 17
Series VI: Binders, Box 18

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