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Administrative Information

Title:
Papers of Dean S. Gilliland, 1928-2013

Collection Identifier:
CFT00902

Creators:
Gilliland, Dean S.

Size:
14 Boxes

Repository:
David Allan Hubbard Library
Fuller Theological Seminary
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Provenance:
The gift of the Gilliland Family in 2003

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English

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Biography

Dean S. Gilliland (1928-2013) “began his missionary career in 1956 in northern Nigeria as a bush missionary. His success in this work and his early proficiency in the Hausa language pointed to him when a teacher was needed to train vernacular evangelists and pastors in his mission school. It was while he was engaged in this work that mission and church went through the demanding experience of transferring authority from one to the other, a process in which he played the leading missionary role. When the Theological College of Northern Nigeria, serving seven mission and eight Nigerian churches, was but a few years underway Dean Gilliland was asked to serve there as a teacher. This he did in 1969 after he had largely finished his doctoral study program at Hartford Seminary Foundation. In 1972 he became principal (president) of that college, in which capacity he served until his return to the United States in 1976. Since 1977 he has had the advantage of teaching in the immensely varied church and missionary context of the School of World Mission at Fuller Theological Seminary.” Harry R. Boer in his forward to Gilliland’s Pauline Theology & Mission Practice (1983).

Dr. Gilliland retired in 2001 and passed away at the age of 84 in 2013.

Scope and Content

This collection includes class materials, conference materials, letters and correspondence from missionary and teacher Dean S. Gilliland.

Arrangement

This collection is organized into 14 boxes consisting of 5 series as follows:

- **Series 1. Fuller Theological Seminary and Class Materials** (Boxes 1-2)
- **Series 2. Letters and Correspondence** (Boxes 3-4)
- **Series 3. Conference Organizational Material, Notes, and Research Boxes** (5-9)
  - Organizations including the Mission Society for United Methodists and the Zwemer Institute
- **Series 4. Student Papers** (Boxes 10-13)
- **Series 5. Miscellaneous** (Box 14)
Box Inventory

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Boxes 10-13: Student Papers

Box 14: Miscellaneous