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Administrative Information

Title:

Papers of Paul E. Pierson

Collection Identifier:

CFT00903

Creators:

Pierson, Paul E.

Size:

8 Boxes, 34 Binders

Repository:

David Allan Hubbard Library
Fuller Theological Seminary
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Provenance:

Acquired in 2009

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English

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Biography

Dr. Paul Pierson was born February 13, 1927 in Los Angeles, CA. He served in the US Navy from 1945-1946 as an electronic technician, 3/c. He graduated from UC Berkeley with a BX in Chemical Engineering in 1949. He married Rosemary Luckinger on July 2, 1950. They had four children. From Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. Pierson earned an MDiv (1954) and a PhD in Church History (1971).

Dr. Pierson was a missionary with the Presbyterian Church, living in Brazil (1955-1970) and Portugal (1970-1973). He planted two Presbyterian churches in Brazil and served as professor and president at Presbyterian Seminary of the North in the city of Recife. He also served on faculty at the Evangelical Seminary of Lisbon, and, in all, he has taught and lectured in over 20 countries. Upon returning to the United States, Pierson pastored First Presbyterian Church of Fresno, California from 1973 to 1980. He has since served as interim pastor for three Los Angeles area churches, including the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood.

Dr. Pierson served as dean of Fuller Theological Seminary's School of World Mission (now School of Intercultural Studies) from 1980-1992. Dr. Pierson served as associate provost from 1992-1993, and as professor of history of mission and Latin American studies from 1992 to 1997. Throughout his career, Dr. Pierson has been appreciated for his active recruitment and encouragement of international students in the School of Intercultural Studies, and though now partially retired as a senior professor, he continues to teach a few courses each year in the Korean studies program as well as coordinating the history of mission concentration. Dr. Pierson teaches Perspectives courses on world mission about 20 times each year and has served on and chaired a number of mission boards. Pierson has received many honors for his lifetime of ministry and teaching, including both an endowed chair and an endowed scholarship in his name at Fuller.

Dr. Pierson is chair of the board of the Latin American Mission and also of the Overseas Crusades, and participated on the boards of World Impact, Air Serve, Christ for the City, and other mission organizations.

Pierson's publications include *Dynamics of Christian Mission: History through a Missiological Perspective* (2009), *Emerging Streams of Church and Mission* (2004), *Themes from Acts* (1982), and *A Younger Church in Search of Maturity: Presbyterianism in Brazil, 1910-1959* (1974); and he coedited *The Good News of the Kingdom: Mission Theology for the Third Millennium* (1993, with Dean Gilliland and Chuck Van Engen).

Missiological Education for the 21st Century: The Book, the Circle, and the Sandals: Essays in Honor of Paul E. Pierson (edited by J. Dudley Woodberry, Charles Van Engen, and Edgar J. Elliston, 1996) and the Paul Pierson Center for Global Mission at the South American Theological Seminary, Londrina, Brazil, also pay tribute to his service," Fuller Theological Seminary website (<http://fuller.edu/faculty/ppierson/>, as viewed August 11, 2015).

Scope and Content

The Papers of Paul E. Pierson consists of mainly of materials from to Dr. Pierson's later years at Fuller Theological Seminary. The collection included a selection of his class materials, writings, and research material. Many student papers, submitted to Dr. Pierson during his professorship, are a part of this collection. Dr. Pierson's areas of expertise include evangelical church in Latin America, history of the Christian missionary movement, history of evangelical awakenings, and new patterns in mission.

Arrangement

The rest of the collection is currently organized into 6 Series, as follows:

- Series I: Files, Class Materials, and Writings, Boxes 1-2
- Series II: Research Materials, Box 3
- Series III: Student Papers, Boxes 4-5
- Series IV: Personal and Miscellaneous, Boxes 6-8
- Series V: Various Topics, 34 binders, a total of 6 cubic feet

Box Inventory

Box	Name	Date - note
1	Consultation on Indigenous Missions in Africa Glory Tabernacle, Bodija, Nigeria	Programme & Papers
2	International Symposium on Pentecostal Missions. Asia Pacific TS Baguio City, Philippines	Reflecting on One Century of Pentecostal Missions
3	Evangelizing our World Inquiry	Final draft, Manual for Facilitators
4	MT 535 Third World Perspective on Mission	Readings put on reserve for students
5	MH 521	Readings put on reserve for students
6	Lesson 6: History and Structure	Outline
7	Annotated article "Legacy of Max Warren"	<i>International Bulletin</i>
8	Expansion of Christianity	