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COLLECTION 911: Papers of R. Kenneth Strachan

Administrative Information

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Papers of R. Kenneth Strachan

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Biography

Robert Kenneth Strachan (b.1910, Tandil, Argentina - d. Feb 1965, Pasadena, California) was a missionary for twenty-nine years, and general director of the Latin America Mission (LAM), formerly the Latin America Evangelization Campaign. His parents founded the LAM, and Strachan served as their deputy with leadership responsibilities for six years prior to his official directorship from 1945-1965. During his tenure, Strachan sought to transfer control of the organization into Latin American hands, a task finally accomplished in 1971.

Strachan’s other notable efforts included coordinating the Billy Graham Crusade in the Caribbean region in 1958. He is also credited with the so-called “Strachan theorem”, which states “The growth of any movement is in direct proportion to its success in mobilizing its total membership in the constant propagation of its beliefs.” Strachan began the Evangelism-in-Depth movement, which aimed to harness individual participation in concentrated evangelistic activities within single, highly visible Latin American republics. Strachan participated in three movements: Nicaragua (1960), Costa Rica (1960-1961), and Guatemala (1962). The initiative extended to other Latin American countries over the course of the decade.


Strachan’s declining health caused him to retire from missionary work. His family moved to Pasadena, CA. Strachan worked at Fuller Seminary as a Visiting Professor of Christian Missions from 1964-1965.

For more information, see:

Randall Herbert Balmer, Encyclopedia of Evangelicalism, p. 661.

Scope and Content

The Papers of R. Kenneth Strachan consist of personal papers, notebooks, journals, files, and correspondence.

Subjects:
Evangelistic work
Missions
Social movements
Latin America

Arrangement

This collection is organized into 26 boxes consisting of 5 series as follows:

Series 1: Personal papers, letters, and materials (Boxes 1-13)
Series 2: Files and Correspondence (Boxes 14-20)
Series 3: Notebooks and Journals (Boxes 21-22)
Series 4: Note Cards and Post Cards (Boxes 23-25)
Series 5: Miscellaneous (Box 26)