

**CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL.**  
**Christian Methodist Episcopal Church File, 1905-1961**

Paine College  
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### Descriptive Summary

Creator: Christian Methodist Episcopal

Title: Christian Methodist Episcopal Church File

Dates: 1905-1961

Number: Box 38

Size: .5 linear ft. (1 box)

Abstract: File on the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, formerly the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church (C.M.E) from 1905 until 1961.

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### Usage Information

#### **Access**

Unrestricted access.

#### **Citation**

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### Collection Description

#### **Biographical and Historical Note**

The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was formed out of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which had separated in 1844 from the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, primarily over the issue of slavery. During the antebellum and Civil War periods, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, included a large number of slaves, who were cared for by slave preachers. In the

wake of the Civil War and the emancipation of the slaves, the newly freed slaves under the leadership of their former slave preachers separated from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (ME Church, South), and established the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church (the CME Church), which was later renamed the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

The CME viewed education as an important element in its mission. The church established several educational institutions, the most important of which were Paine College, in Augusta, Georgia, and Lane College, in Jackson, Tennessee. Paine College was established in 1882 with the cooperation and support of the ME, South. The trustees came from both churches, and the first president was the Reverend Morgan Callaway, a white presiding clergyman of the ME, South. The presidency of the college was held by a white until 1971 when Lucius Henry Pitt became the first African American CME president of Paine College. The ME, South, Church provided scholarships for CME young men to attend the college, and after the ME, South, merged into the United Methodist Church in the twentieth century, the United Methodists continued this support.

*(Excerpt, with correction, from Oxford African American Study Center, The online authority on the African American Experience).*

### **Scope and Content**

The file includes correspondence, meetings, newsletters, reports, programs, and booklets. Material spans 1905-1961.

### **General Note**

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### **Subjects**

Church history  
Meetings  
Conferences

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### **Container List**

#### **Box 38**

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| Folder 1 | Laymen Pamphlets, 1952-1961  |
| Folder 2 | <u>Journal of the 22<sup>nd</sup> General Conference and the 21<sup>st</sup> Quadrennial Session of the C.M.E. Church</u> , 1950 |
| Folder 3 | Letter – W.L. Graham - May 21, 1954  |

- Folder 4      *Methodist History* – June, 1948
- Folder 5      Women’s Missionary Council, 1952-1954
- Folder 6      Evangelical Campaign of the Fifth Episcopal District – Georgia, Florida [n.d.]
- Folder 7      Quadrennial Reports, Conferences and Sessions, 1946-1954
- Folder 8      Souvenir Program – College of Bishops, May 5-11, 1952
- Folder 9      Commission on the John Wesley Gilbert Memorial Fund – May, 1950
- Folder 10     Newsletter – *C.M.E. Laymen*, 1950-1961
- Folder 11     *The Daily Christian Index*, 1958
- Folder 12     Memorial – The 24<sup>th</sup> General Conference and 23<sup>rd</sup> Quadrennial Session Meeting, Detroit, MI – May 7, 1958
- Folder 13     Local Council of Laymen’s Brotherhood - Organization Chart, [n.d.]
- Folder 14     Correspondence 1950-1954
- Folder 15     A Resolution to Take the Racial Designations from the Name of the C.M.E. Church, [n.d.]
- Folder 16     A Proposal Ritual for the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church – May 7, 1952
- Folder 17     *1868-9 -1938 Historical Booklet and Souvenir Program of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Founding of the Colored Georgia Conference – November 16-20, 1938*
- Folder 18     Programs, 1957-1958
- Folder 19     Methodist Federation for Social Action, 1947-1948
- Folder 20     The Ministry of the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, by Ralph Felton [1953]
- Folder 21     The Study Commission for Educational Institutions, C.M.E., [1954]
- Folder 22     History Article – “C.M.E. Church,” by Thomas E. Carney
- Folder 23     Photograph - Wives of the Bishops of the CME Church, 1905