

ANDOVER NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL
FRANKLIN TRASK LIBRARY
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Boston Baptist Bethel City Mission Society
An Inventory of Records

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION:

Creator:

Title: Boston Baptist Bethel City Mission Society

Date: 1846-1969

Quantity: 9 linear ft.

Location: C.S. Mss. 1987-1

History

1843	Bethel Union organized
1845	Boston Baptist Bethel organized
1898	City Mission Society organized
1921	Boston Baptist Bethel and City Mission Society merged to form Boston Baptist Bethel City Mission Society
1969	Boston Baptist Bethel City Mission Society and the Massachusetts Baptist Convention merged to form The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts

The Bethel Union, later the Boston Baptist Bethel, was organized initially by the Boston churches to meet the need for a ministry to seamen. In the late nineteenth century, the City Mission Society was organized to conduct missionary activity in the Boston area by assisting foundering churches and by supporting new churches to meet specified needs. The various mission ventures continued the purposes for which the two organizations were formed with the merger in 1921. The work of the organization is maintained by TABCOM.

The records of the various merging organizations are arranged in one chronological list. The organizational structure used to establish the series order is that which was functioning in 1969, at the time of the merger with Massachusetts Baptist Convention.

Series Description

Box 1

Series 1

Legal

1.1 By-Laws
1962

1.2 Appraisal of Property
332-338 Hanover Street, 1959
332-338 Hanover Street, 1973

Series 2

Officers

2.3 Treasurer

Annual Reports (included in annual reports of
The Society)

Box 2

Boston Baptist City Mission Society account
book, 3/29/1911-3/20/1920

Boston Baptist Bethel Society account book,
4/1/1911-4/18/1912

Boston Baptist Bethel Society account book,
5/1/1911-5/30/1912

Boston Baptist Bethel Society account book,
4/1/1911-4/3/1917

Financial Reports to the Massachusetts
Department of Public Welfare, 1925-1962

Tax Reports to Board of Assessors of Boston,
1931-1969

Tax Reports to Board of Assessors of Norfolk,
1946-1968

Tax Receipts and Abatements, City of Boston,
1948-1957

Home Mission Edifice Funds, Reports,
1923-1968

Correspondence, 1927-1967

Supporting Documents

2.5 Clerk

Boston Baptist Bethel Society minute book,
5/3/1886-4/25/1917

Box 3

Boston Baptist City Mission Society minute
book, 3/6/1898-4/13/1898

Boston Baptist City Mission Society minute
book, 6/30/1898-1/19/1921

Boston Baptist Bethel City Mission Society
minute book, 1917-1969

Series 3 Board of Directors
Boston Baptist City Mission Society minute book,
6/30/1898-3/2/1908
Box 4 Boston Baptist Bethel City Mission Society minute
book, 1925-1957
Boston Baptist Bethel City Mission Society minute
book, 1957-1969

Series 4 Trustees *1906-1920*
Annual reports, ^ 1922, 1925-1955, 1959-1969
[Box 5 begins with 1945 report]
Box 5 Copies of property deeds

Series 5 Executive Secretary
5.1 Reports (included in annual reports of
the Society)
5.2 Correspondence, 1933-1964
5.3 Working Files
Aided Churches
(see TABCOM Executive Minister's file)
Boston, Metropolitan
Cambridge, Broadway
Dorchester, Immanuel
Hyde Park, Evangelical
Beacon (newsletter)
Box 6 Bethel Center
Committee minutes
First Mariner's Church
Historical material
Ladies' Bethel Society
Literature and publicity
Miscellaneous
Remodelling
Bilingual Ministry
Filipino work
General bilingual reports
Spanish work
Syrian work
Boston Baptist Bethel City Mission Society
Agreements, by-laws, etc.
Board of Directors-- Minutes
Box 7 Business Committee
Coffee House
Debt Reduction 1941-1944
Executive Committee

Finance Committee
History
Personnel
Columbia Point
Committee on Negro Work
Evaluation of Boston area churches
F.I.R.E.
Heath Center
 Committee Minutes
 Evaluations
 Heath family
 History
 Payment from B.R.A.
 Publicity and Programs
 Remodelling
 Special Reports
Historical Papers
 (see also Bethel Center-Historical)
Housing Project Ministry
Box 8 Merger (complete file in TABCOM Executive
Minister's file)
Miscellaneous
Neighborhood Ministries
 Committee minutes
 General
Pond Camp
 Committee minutes
 Financial
 General
 Newsletters
 Publicity
 Remodelling
Publicity
Radio and Television
Senior Citizens
Strategy and Planning
The Way
West End Ecumenical Center
Women's Auxiliary

Box 9

Series 6

Standing Committees
6.1 Executive Committee
Boston Baptist Bethel Society minute book,
5/5/1903-5/20/1909
Boston Baptist Bethel Society minute book,
6/7/1909-10/20/1925

Series 7 Annual Meeting
7.1 Annual reports, 1903, 1906-1913, 1915-1930,
1932-1969
[Box 10 begins with 1944 report]

7.2 Programs, 1930, 1938-1969

Series 8 Projects Sponsored by the Society
Box 19 8.1 General statistical file
Card index file: Reports from stations
and workers of BBBCMS and MBC 1936-1957

Boxes 10-13 8.2 Boston Baptist Bethel
[see separate series description, p.6]

Box 14 8.3 Heath Christian Center
Minute book, 5/2/1946-10/6/1946
Minute book, 1/19/1950-5/3/1952
Annual financial reports, 1934, 1944-1952,
1956-1967

Box 15 8.4 Bethany Cottage
Account Book, 1921-1922

8.5 Baptist Servicemen's Center
Account Book, 1943-1944
Account Book, 1945-1946

Series 9 Photographs
Boxes 20-22 3 document cases of unitemized photographs

Series 10 Association Material
Boxes 15-17 10.1 Women's Auxiliary
[see separate series description, p.7]

10.2 Surveys
Box 17 1930: A statement of the work and the needs of the
Boston Baptist Bethel City Mission Society
Box 18 1957: The Boston Survey: a report on 27 greater
Boston Baptist churches and the Boston
Baptist Bethel City Mission Society

Boston Baptist Bethel (Series 8.2)

History

Boston Baptist Bethel was formed in 1845 and was sponsored by all Boston Baptist churches. The initial impetus for organization was the need for a ministry to seamen. After the merger in 1921 with the City Mission Society, the work of the Bethel was continued as a mission project of the parent body.

<u>Series 8.2</u>	<u>Boston Baptist Bethel</u>
	<u>sub-series 8</u> <u>Projects sponsored by the Bethel</u>
Box 10a	s-s 8.1 First Mariner's Church Minute book, 3/1952-6/1957 Annual letter and report, 1948-1951, 1953, 1955-1956 Account book, 5/1951-4/1954 Miscellaneous account sheets
Box 11	Membership lists Club membership book History of First Mariner's Church 100th anniversary program
	s-s 8.2 Mariner's Exchange Daily ledger, 5/1879-12/1884 Daily ledger, 1/1885-4/1894
	s-s 8.3 Bethel Christian Center Annual reports, 1930-1932, 1941, 1947, 1953, 1956, 1958, 1963 Staff meeting minutes, 9/1951-4/15/1956 Letters received record book, 1950-1962 Mailing list, 1960-1965 Guest book, 1/1944
Box 12	Guest book, 1953 Account book, 7/1945-11/1949
	<u>sub-series 10</u> <u>Association Material</u>
	s-s 10.1 Boston Ladies' Bethel Society By-laws, historical sketch, 1902 Bethel Sewing Circle minute book, 1/1/1846-4/7/1861 Ladies Bethel Society minute book, 1/24/1912-6/5/1940 Account book, 2/23/1921-10/1941

- Box 13 S-S 10.2 Phineas Stow Seamen's Home
 Trustees minute book,
 2/17/1887-2/27/1899
- s-s 10.3 Mariner's Total Abstinence Society
 Record book, 1/1886-7/1900
- s-s 10.4 Affiliated Clubs
 General club membership book,
 1942-1944
 Men's club membership book
 Boy's club membership book

Women's Auxiliary (Series 10.1)

History

The Woman's Auxiliary was formed in 1924 with the stated objective as "to cooperate with the Boston Baptist Bethel City Mission Society in prosecuting evangelical, missionary, benevolent and educational work in Greater Boston."

- Series 10.1 Women's Auxiliary
 sub-series 2 Officers
- Box 15 s-s 2.1 President
 Reports, 1944-1946
- s-s 2.2 Vice President- one from each of
 the Boston area associations
- s-s 2.3 Recording Secretary
 Minute book, 3/20/1924-11/2/1931
 Minute book, 1/4/1932-5/11/1937
 Minute book, 6/7/1937-5/4/1942
 Minutes, 5/19/1942-4/7/1969,
 10/19/1972
 [Box 16 begins 6/6/1949]
- Box 16 s-s 2.4 Treasurer
 Account book, 1924-1962
 Account book, 1962-1969
- Box 17 s-s 2.5 Financial Secretary
 Reports, 1937-1959, 1952,
 1959-1960, 1962
 Account book, 5/17/1927-4/5/1940
- s-s 2.6 Auditor
- s-s 2.7 Directors- one from each of the