The Latourette Initiative is a proactive program to preserve and provide access to the documentation of world Christianity. It provides funding for the microfilming and digitization of published and archival resources documenting the history of Christian missions and the life of the churches in countries where missionaries served.

The Initiative is named for Kenneth Scott Latourette (1884-1968), who was D. Willis James Professor of Missions and World Christianity at Yale Divinity School. Latourette was instrumental in changing the focus of the Day Missions Collection at Yale from a resource for training missionaries to a collection documenting the history of Christian missions. The endowment he established to further the work of the Yale Divinity Library provides the funding for the Latourette Initiative.

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- YDSL [Fiche Ms117](#)
- [Digital version available to Yale community](#) through Brill

#### World Student Christian Federation Archives, held by the World Council of Churches

- YDSL [Film Ms313](#)
- Portions of WSCF archives held at Divinity Library (RG 46)

Programme to Combat Racism (Brill)

- YDSL [Film Ms367](#)

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- YDSL [Film Ms381](#)

Christian Medical Commission (Brill)

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- YDSL [Film Ms517](#)

Correspondence of the General Secretaries (Brill)

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General correspondence (Brill)
- YDSL Fiche Ms113 [14]

Centre for the Study of World Christianity, University of Edinburgh

Regions Beyond Missionary Union Archives (distributed by AM, formerly Adam Matthew)

- YDSL Film Ms312 [15]
  - Parts 1-4 (reels 1-46) have been digitized and are now part of Missionary Studies (AM)
  - Part 5: Correspondence and Reports of Regions Beyond Missionary Union: All Regions, c1955-1990 has not been digitized

Sudan United Mission (AM)

- YDSL Film Ms387 [17]

Missionary periodicals & Alexander Duff pamphlet collection (AM)

- YDSL Film Ms576 [18] / Guide [19]

Melbourne School of Theology (Australia)

Unevangelised Fields Mission (distributed by Pacific Manuscripts Bureau)

- YDSL Film Ms536 [20]

South Sea Evangelical Mission (PMB)

- YDSL Film SD2345 [21], Film SD2346 [22], Film Ms271 [23], Film Ms271 [24], Film Ms271 [25]

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

ELCA mission archives

- see YDSL Archives of Organizations [26] listing for specific microfilm call numbers

Uganda Christian University: Church of the Province of Uganda Archives (Brill)

Finding aids and link to digital files [27] [Digital files available only on Yale campus]

Gujarat United School of Theology: Gujarat Diocese Archives, Church of North India (Brill)

Monograph collection [28] [Digital files available only on Yale campus]

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Documentation of Chinese Christianity

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Archives of the Presbyterian Church of Cuba Online

Available through BrillOnline Primary Sources [40]

Missionary Archives from Lesotho, 1832-2006

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