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.

Projects funded by the Latourette Initiative include:

### World Council of Churches

World War II-era records of the World Council of Churches (distributed by Brill /IDC Publishers)

- YDSL Fiche Ms117
- Digital version available to Yale community through Brill Online Primary Sources

World Student Christian Federation Archives, held by the World Council of Churches (Brill)

- YDSL Film Ms313
- Portions of WSCF archives held at Divinity Library (RG 46) also filmed:
  - Fiche Ms123

Programme to Combat Racism (Brill)

- YDSL Film Ms367

Dialogue with People of Living Faiths (Brill)

- YDSL Film Ms381

Christian Medical Commission (Brill)

- YDSL Film Ms516

Relations with the Roman Catholic Church (Brill)

- YDSL Film Ms517

Correspondence of the General Secretaries (Brill)

- YDSL Film Ms518

General correspondence (Brill)
- YDSL Fiche Ms113

Centre for the Study of World Christianity, University of Edinburgh
Regions Beyond Missionary Union Archives (distributed by AM, formerly Adam Matthew)

- YDSL Film Ms312
- Parts 1-4 (reels 1-46) have been digitized and are now part of Missionary Studies (AM)
Missionary Union: All Regions, c1955-1990 has not been digitized

Sudan United Mission (AM)

- YDSL Film Ms387
Missionary periodicals & Alexander Duff pamphlet collection (AM)

Melbourne School of Theology (Australia)
Unevangelised Fields Mission (distributed by Pacific Manuscripts Bureau)

- YDSL Film Ms536
South Sea Evangelical Mission (PMB)

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
ELCA mission archives

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

Uganda Christian University: Church of the Province of Uganda Archives (Brill)
Finding aids and link to digital files

Gujarat United School of Theology: Gujarat Diocese Archives, Church of North India (Brill)
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Reichelt Collection [37]
Studium Biblicum OFM [38]
Taiwan Lutheran Church [39]

Archives of the Presbyterian Church of Cuba Online
Available through BrillOnline Primary Sources [40]

Missionary Archives from Lesotho, 1832-2006
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