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HOPPER (HUBERT HIRAM) PAPERS, 1947-1953

Descriptive Summary

Title: Hubert Hiram Hopper papers

Dates: 1947-1963

Accession Number(s): 1994-210

Extent: Ten inches

Language: Materials are written in English.

Biographical Note:

Hubert Hiram Hopper (1910-1976) was a Presbyterian minister active in church leadership in Texas. Hopper attended the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (BD, 1935) and became licensed and ordained in 1935. In 1950 Hopper received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Austin College. Hopper served as pastor at churches in the Houston area throughout the 1930s and 1940s.

Hopper served on many committees and councils in the Presbyterian Church, notably the Synod of Texas' Stewardship Committee and of the Synod of Texas' Council. Hopper was the long-time Chairman of both committees. Hopper was Moderator of the Synod of Texas in 1951, and was Director of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation from 1953-1962.

After his tenure at the Texas Presbyterian Foundation, Hopper returned to preaching. Hopper served at churches in the Dallas area from the 1960s until his death in 1976.

Scope and Contents:

Ten inches of correspondence, financial records, reports, minutes, and printed material (1947-1953) record the activities of Hubert Hiram in roles of church leadership, particularly on the Synod's Stewardship Committee and the Synod's Council. The material is arranged in three series: Synod's Stewardship Committee (1947-1950), Synod's Council (1950-1953), and General (1952-1953). Original folder titles and arrangement have been maintained.

The first and most voluminous series, Synod's Stewardship Committee (1947-1950), documents the endeavors of the Synod of Texas' Stewardship Committee. The Stewardship Committee was responsible for overseeing the process of asking for and accepting benevolent donations for the Church from Presbyterians in the Synod of

Texas. The material in this series illuminates difficulties the Committee encountered, particularly in securing donations due to competition from the General Assembly's and the Presbyterian Program of Progress' askings. Hubert Hiram Hopper's campaign for new Church-wide rules governing the process of asking for, accepting, and distributing donations is well-documented in this series' correspondence, as is the Presbyterian Church's process of implementing the policies to enact the changes Hopper proposed, resulting in a Central Treasurer. Other topics frequently discussed in correspondence include the Austin College Friendship Circle, the Synod's Radio Committee, Hopper's poor health, and the Youth Participation in a Unified Budget program. E.A. Dean, Secretary Treasurer of the Synod of Texas, is a frequent correspondent.

The second series, Synod's Council (1950-1953), documents the Synod's Stewardship Committee's transformation into the Synod's Council as a result of the 1950 re-organization of the Church's committees. The Synod's Council was comprised of the same membership as the Stewardship Committee and served largely the same function, though the Council's official purpose was to serve as the governing body of the Synod between sessions.

General (1952-1953), the third series, is comprised primarily of documents relating to the Synod's Stewardship Committee, Synod's Council, and Memorial Oaks Presbyterian Church of Houston, Texas.

Restrictions:

Materials are available by appointment only. Contact the archivist for details.

Index Terms:

Dean, E. A.
Hopper, Hubert Hiram, 1910-1976.
Austin College (Sherman, Tex.)
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.--Synod of Texas.
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