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)

Boston Baptist Bethel Society account book, 4/1/1911-4/18/1912
Boston Baptist Bethel Society account book, 5/1/1911-5/30/1912
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 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

Series 4  Trustees
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
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, 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
        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.

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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."

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