

**Paul M. Lederach Collection  
Inventory**

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**MHEP Hist. Mss. 1-435**

## **PAUL MENSCH LEDERACH**

## **Biography**

Born July 28, 1925, Norristown, Pennsylvania

Parents: Willis Kulp Lederach and Mary Heckler Mensch Lederach

Sisters: Ruth Mensch Lederach (b. November 19, 1928) married Philip Rittgers

Mary Jane Lederach (b. May 5, 1930) married Hiram Robert Hershey

Brother: John Mensch Lederach (b. March 9, 1930) married Naomi Kauffman

### **EDUCATION**

Trooper Elementary School, Lower Providence Township, Montg. Co., PA, grades 1-8

Steward Junior High School, Norristown, PA, grade 9

Eisenhower Senior High School, Norristown, PA, grades 10-12, class of 1942

Goshen College, Goshen, IN, B.A. 1945

Goshen College Biblical Seminary, Goshen, IN, Th.B., 1946

Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, M.R.E., 1947

Thesis: "A Plan for the Organization of a Mennonite Youth Fellowship"

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX, D.R.E., 1949

Dissertation: "History of Religious Education in the Mennonite Church"

(Colonial period to 1949)

Lilly Post-Doctoral Empirical Research Fellowship

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 1965-1966

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX, D.Ed., 1976

### **FRANCONIA MENNONITE CONFERENCE, 1944-1952**

Ordination: Minister, August 6, 1944, Mennonite Gospel Mission, Norristown, PA, to assist Markley Clemmer. Ordained by bishops Warren Bean & Amos Kolb.

Ordination: Bishop, November 22, 1949, to assist Amos Kolb in the Western District.

Ordained by bishops Amos Kolb and Arthur Ruth.

Pastor: Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, Blooming Glen, PA, 1950-1952

### **ALLEGHENY MENNONITE CONFERENCE, 1953-1987**

1954-1987, Member, Mennonite Church of Scottdale

Bishop/Overseer

1956-1960, Minister of Conference

1960- , Chair: Leadership Commission

1953-1957, appointed to Mennonite Board of Education

1960, appointed to Mennonite General Council

1961-1965, appointed to Trustee Board, Eastern Mennonite College

### **CHURCHWIDE**

#### **Mennonite Commission for Christian Education, 1952-1959**

1952-1959, Field Secretary, ½ time employment

1956-1959, appointed to Mennonite General Council

1956-1960, Member, Coordination of Church Program Committee of General Council

**Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, 1952-1976**

Part time assignments (1/2 half time to 1959, full time to 1978)

1947 - 1949, Writing Uniform SS materials

1950, Revise Uniform Sunday School lesson helps

Editor, Herald Uniform Sunday School Series

Editor, Herald Teacher, October 1950 - January 1957

1951, Appointed to Curriculum Committee of Mennonite Publication Board

1953, Editor, Mennonite Graded Sunday School Series, with Willard Claassen of the  
General Conference Mennonite Church

1954-1961, Chair, Christian Education Department of Mennonite Publishing House

1962-1969, Director, Curriculum and Service Department

1970-1973, Director, Congregational Literature Division

1973-1977, Director, Anabaptist Curriculum Project

1967-1969, National Council of Churches, Division Christian Education,  
International Uniform Lesson Committee

1962-1965, Cooperative Curriculum Project

1964-1965, General Conference Worship Committee

**Mennonite Board of Education, 1964-1971**

1964, Member at large

1965, President-Elect

1966-1971, President

1966-1968, seminary study

1966-1969, youth research

1969, reorganization of Board

1970, MBE-EMC Consultation

Presidential Selection Committees

Hesston, Laban Peachy

Goshen, successor to President Mininger

1970-1975, Chair, "Church Member Profile" Committee

March 1977 - April 1979, Chair, "Affirmation of Faith" Committee

**Other**

1978-1985, Westmor Insurance Service, Scottdale, PA, President

1983-1987, Mennonite Mutual Aid, Board of Directors

1986, Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, India, Christian Education lecturer

**RETURN TO FRANCONIA MENNONITE CONFERENCE**

1987-1991, Lead Pastor, Franconia Mennonite Church, Telford, PA

1987-1991, Chair, Leadership Commission

1991-1995, Chair of Overseers (staff position)

1991-1992, Norristown New Life coordinator

1991-1995, appointed to Mennonite Church General Board

1997-1998, Interim Pastor, Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton, PA

1998-1999, Interim Pastor, Plains Mennonite Church, Hatfield, PA

2000, Interim Pastor, Bahia Vista Mennonite Church, Sarasota, Florida

**BOOKS PUBLISHED**

1948 *Mennonite Youth Fellowship Manual* (MCCE)

1964 *Learning to Teach*

1968 *Reshaping the Teaching Ministry*

1970 *Living with Kindergarten Children*

1971 *Mennonite Youth*

1973 *Spiritual Family and Biological Family* (pamphlet)

1979 *Teaching in the Congregation*

1980 *A Third Way*

1981 *The Christian on the Highway* (for GMCC)

1994 *Daniel* (*Believer Church Bible Commentary Series*)

2002 *The Road to Goodville* (history of GMCC)

2003 *Seeking What Cannot Be Seen* (history of Blooming Glen Mennonite Church)

2004 *Surrounded by Many Witnesses* (history of Franconia Mennonite Church)

2005 *Intimate Mutuality* (history of Dock Woods Community)

## PAUL M. LEDERACH COLLECTION Box 1

1. Photographs
2. Elementary school papers – Trooper School and Steward Jr. High School, Norristown.
3. Norristown High School, graduated 1942
4. Goshen College, Goshen Biblical Seminary, 1942-1946
5. Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1946-1947
6. Thesis, M.R.E., 1947 – Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (binder)  
“A Plan for the Organization of a Mennonite Youth Fellowship”
7. Manuscript for first *Mennonite Youth Fellowship Manual* (binder)
8. Copy of the first *Mennonite Youth Fellowship Manual*, by Paul M. Lederach.  
Published 1948 by the Mennonite Commission for Christian Education.  
Printed by the Mennonite Publishing House, Scottsdale, PA.
9. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1947-1949.  
Doctor of Religious Education, D.R.E. (exchanged for D. Ed. in 1976)
10. University of Pittsburgh, 1964-1965  
Lilly Foundation Post-Doctoral Empirical Research Fellowship
11. Bishop work – Nov. 22, 1949, on Record Book
12. Ordinations: 1944 (minister), 1949 (bishop)
13. Franconia youth survey, 1946
14. Notes, September 1946 – trip to New England for Mission Board
15. First curriculum writing, Uniform S.S. Series, 1947-1948
16. Mennonite World Conference, Goshen, IN, 1948
17. General Conference Assemblies, 1947, 1963
18. Brunk Evangelistic Campaigns, Franconia Conference, 1951
19. Weddings
20. Christianity Today, 1959, 1963, 1967
21. Early automobile records

**Paul M. Lederach , Box 1 (continued)**

**Correspondence**

22. 1945-1951
23. 1952-1969
24. 1970-1978
25. 1979-1980
26. 1981
27. 1982
28. 1983
29. 1984-1985
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31. 1987
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35. 1992-1993
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41. 1999

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**Box 2**

1. Church programs, 1946-1951
2. Church programs, 1951-1954
3. Church programs, 1954-1966
4. Church programs, 1970-1999
5. Preaching text, time, place, 1944-1949
6. Topical sermons

***Sermons from:***

7. Old Testament
8. Matthew
9. Mark
10. Luke
11. John
12. Acts
13. Romans
14. Corinthians
15. Galatians, Ephesians
16. Philippians, Colossians
17. Thessalonians, Timothy
18. Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James
19. Peter, John, Jude, Revelation
  
20. Study materials, Genesis
  
21. Study, sermon, teaching materials, Joshua
  
22. Study, sermon, teaching materials, Isaiah
  - A. Chapters 1-34
  - B. Chapters 35-66
  - C. Sermons
  
23. Study materials, Jeremiah
  
24. Study materials, Psalms
  
25. Study materials, I Daniel
  
26. Study materials, II Daniel

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**Box 3**

1. A. Sermons, Luke  
B. Sermons, Luke
2. Sermon study material, Acts chapters 1-8
3. Sermon study material, Acts chapters 9-15
4. Sermon study material, Acts chapters 16-28
5. Sermons, Acts
6. Sermon study material, 2 Corinthians
7. Unity, Colossians (unfinished)
8. Study material, 1 & 2 Thessalonians
9. Study material, 1 & 2 Thessalonians
10. Sermon study material, 1 & 2 Timothy
11. Six sermons from Hebrews (at Rockhill) (binder – see box 4 for tapes)
12. A. Study material, 1 & 2 Peter, Jude  
B. Study material, 1 & 2 Peter, Jude
13. Study material, 1 John
14. Sermon study material, 1 John
15. Indiana-Michigan Conference 1966, prayer
16. Blooming Glen pastorate, 1950-1952
17. Blooming Glen records, 1975-2003
18. Mennonite Publishing House, personal records, 1949
19. Tapes, Region V Assembly; J. C. Wenger, Paul M. Lederach, Don Jacobs



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**Box 4**

1. Tapes: Apr. 5-9, 1978 – “Sermons from Hebrews” at Rockhill (Mss. in box 4)
2. Tapes 1-10: May 17, 1987 - Mar. 6, 1988 – “Luke” at Franconia
3. Tapes 11-17: Mar. 13, 1988 - Aug. 7, 1988 – “Luke” at Franconia
4. April 19, 1987
5. Tapes: Daniel 5 & 6
6. Tapes: Ministering with/to Business Community
7. Study Guide – Romans
8. Sermon Study Materials – Romans
9. Notebook, Study of Romans
10. Notebook, Study of Hebrews
11. Notebook, Study of Revelation
12. Manuscript, Six Lectures on Revelation

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**Box 5**

1. Editorials, *Herald Teacher*, Oct. 1950 - Sep. 1955 (title page, contents)
2. Editorials, *Herald Teacher*, Oct. 1955 - Oct. 1957 (title page, contents)
3. A. Sunday School Workshop Materials (MPH, MCCE)  
B. Seminar, Mennonite Graded SS Curriculum, June 7-24, 1955  
C. Papers from Writers' Conference, Newton, KS, June 18-30, 1956  
Mennonite Graded Sunday School Curriculum  
D. Statement of Educational Policies in Curriculum Planning, 1956  
E. Sunday School Administration A, 1956-1973  
F. Sunday School Administration B
4. Eastern Mennonite College commencement, June 6, 1955
5. Men and women sitting together in public worship, Bishop L. Kniss.
6. A. 14<sup>th</sup> World Convention of Christian Education, Tokyo, Japan, 1958  
B. Tokyo trip, photos and souvenirs.
7. Report of trip to Japan, Korea, India, Hong Kong, Europe, 1958 (black folder)
8. MBM, One Church, One Mission, 1961 address at MBM meeting
9. Papers from Youth Nurture Workshop, Laurelville, Aug. 20-24, 1962 (binder)
10. Christian Nurture in Congregations of the Mennonite Church, MCCE meeting, Elkhart, IN, July 18-29, 1962
11. Close communion, 1962
12. A Stance for Coordination of Church Program, Nappanee, IN, October 1962
13. A. Role, Responsibility and Relationship of the Various Units of the Church  
Mennonite General Conference, Kalona, IA, August 20-23, 1963  
B. Mennonite World Conference, Kitchener, Ontario, August 1-7, 1962
14. Christian Education Seminar, Bethel College, 1963  
Policy on use of Bible versions  
Curriculum Undergirding the Program
15. Christian Education Seminar, Goshen College, June 14-18, 1965 (binder)  
Why and How We Got to this Point
16. A. and B. World Consultation on Curriculum, Fürigen, Switz., June 13-July 4, 1965 (binder)

17. World Consultation on Curriculum, Report, Oct. 1964 (Missing – Jan. 2009)  
Supplementary report, Agape Verlag
18. Planning the Teaching Ministry, May 1964
19. Book review, *Church Nurtures Faith* by J. C. Wenger
20. Mission of the Church, Aug. 1964
21. The Church in the City, Dec. 1964
22. Settings in Christian Education, June 1965
23. Planning Curriculum Materials for Church Kindergarten in the Anabaptist Tradition, 1966  
(binder)
24. Lilly Foundation, Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, 1965-1966 (papers)
25. CURR Survey, October 1966, MCLE
26. Baccalaureate, Goshen College, June 5, 1966
27. Baccalaureate, Central Christian High School, May 29, 1966
28. Institute on World Evangelism, EMS June 1967, AMBS July 1967
29. Mennonite World Conference, Amsterdam, July 25, 1967  
Christian Education Ministry in Local Congregation
30. Commencement, Western Mennonite High School, Salem, Oregon, June 3, 1968
31. Teaching ministry, Mennonite Brethren Seminary, Fresno, CA, Feb. 15-22, 1969
32. Laurelville Christian Education Seminar, June 8-12, 1970

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**Box 6**

1. Jacob Mensch Collection, March 1971
2. Outline, Omnibus Curriculum, 1971
3. Papers from Writers' Seminar, St. Louis, MO, July 12-16, 1971
4. Committee on Personnel Services, 1972
5. Conference C. E. cabinets, Laurelville, 1972; Iowa, 1972
6. Proposal, S. B. S. revision, 1973
7. Mennonite Mutual Aid seminar, "Life and Human Values" May 4-5, 1973
8. Bulletins, 4<sup>th</sup> [quarter?], 1974, PML, John Drescher  
PML notes on SS lessons, *Purpose*, Dec. 1973 - Feb. 24, 1974
9. African Afro-Americans Inter-Mennonite (AFRAM)  
Unity Conference, Nov. 4-11, 1973, Limuru, Kenya  
Report, Paper, "Black Christian Education"  
Proceedings, Reflections
10. Summer Bible School Workshops, Laurelville, 1972, 1973
11. Conference of Congregations, Eastern Mennonite College, January 21-22, 1974  
Congregational Life from Anabaptist Perspective  
Christian Nurture in the Congregation  
Child in the Congregation
12. Child in Anabaptist Theology, 1974  
Objectives and Contents in Christian Education before and after Accountability
13. Hermeneutics Conference, Bluffton, May 3-5, 1974
14. Proposal, Foundation Series, June 1974
15. Use of Stories, Foundation Series
16. Story Collection, Foundation Series (book published by Evangel Press, Faith and Life Press,  
Mennonite Publishing House, 1978, PML editor)
17. Completing *Martyr's Mirror* to 1975 (stories)
18. "Kingdom of Heaven", General Assembly address 1975
19. Congregational Uniqueness as a Learning Community, Laurelville, January 2, 1976

20. *Mennonite Community / Christian Living* conflict, 1973-1980
21. Leader's Guide, Foundation Series, 1976 (manuscript and printed copies)
22. Book review, *The Battle for the Bible* by Lindsell
23. Dispensationalism, 1976
24. Commission of Mission Board Secretaries, St. Paul, MN, 1976  
Address: "The Foundation Series and Churches around the World"
25. Evangelism, Foundation Series, 1977
26. Schletheim II, May 16-31, 1977; Paper: "The Nature of the Church"
27. "The Philosophy of Christian Education within the North American Context"  
Latin American Congress, San Antonio, TX, July 21, 1978  
"Backgrounds for Curriculum Development" for MBM, Elkhart; EMBM, Salunga
28. Proposal for *Mennonite Bible Commentary*, January 3, 1978
- 28A (added). Consultation, S. E. Convention, 1978
29. Task Force on Affirming our Faith, Chair, 1976-1979
30. In memorium
31. Christian education talks
32. Church architecture, 1980
33. Manuscript for Uniform SS Adult Lessons 10-14, *Builder*, May 1981
34. Mennonite Economic Development Associates, November 12-15, 1982

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**Box 7**

1. Conversations on Faith, February 27-29, 1984; March 5-7, 1986
2. Teaching, Union Biblical Seminary, August - December 1986
3. Lectures, Union Biblical Seminary, 1986
4. Uniform Sunday School Lessons – Romans, June, July, August 1987

**CHURCH WIDE WORK**

5. Mennonite Encyclopedia 1987, 1988 – Insurance
6. Inter-Mennonite Consultation, Des Plaines, IL, October 23-24, 1987
7. Mennonite Mutual Aid, 1987-1988; Goodville Mutual Casualty Company
8. Mennonite Board of Education, President, 1965-1971
9. Mennonite Board of Education, Administrator’s Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, Nov. 14-16, 1997  
– two lectures
10. Correspondence with John Howard Yoder

**ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

11. Scottdale Mennonite Church
12. Civil Religion
13. Executive Committee minutes, 1956-1960 (binder)
14. Conference Sermon, Franconia 1979: “Challenges to the Faith”
15. Allegheny Conference materials, “How to Behave in Church”
16. Hyattsville
17. Brunk
18. S. Shetler correspondence
- 18A (added): Consultation on Leadership Polity, Stryker, Ohio, 1984.
- 18B (added): Consultation on Ordination, Goshen, Ind., 1986.

**FRANCONIA CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES SINCE 1987**

19. Franconia Mennonite Church, 1987-1991 #1
20. Franconia Mennonite Church, 1987-1991 #2
21. Franconia Mennonite Church, 1987-1991 #3
22. Franconia Mennonite Church, membership study guide (binder)
23. Franconia Mennonite Church, pre-marital counseling guide (binder)
24. Franconia Mennonite Church, pre-marital counseling materials
25. Franconia Mennonite Conference, divorce and remarriage issue, 1991-1992
26. Franconia Mennonite Conference Leadership Commission, 1988-1989
27. Franconia Mennonite Conference Leadership Commission, 1990-1991
28. Overseer, Perkasio Mennonite Church, 1987-1992
29. C. Norman Kraus' book *Jesus Christ Our Lord*, 1988
30. Franconia Mennonite Conference overseer work, 1996-1997
31. Norristown Mennonite Mission/Church historical material, including article written by Lederach in 1999 for the *MHEP Quarterly*.

*See also* Franconia Conference Archives: Staff files: Paul M. Lederach, Chair of Overseers, 1991-1996.

1. Franconia Mennonite Conference, church wide discussion on homosexuality, 1994-1999
2. Franconia Mennonite Conference, church wide discussion on homosexuality, 2000-2002
3. Philhaven teleconference, November 14, 1991
4. Steinbach Bible College commencement address, May 1, 1994
5. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination 1944-1994
6. General Board 1991-1995; final word, July 24, 1995
7. Christopher Dock Mennonite High School involvement, 1952-1954, 1957, 1967, 1995, 1999
8. Christopher Dock Mennonite High School  
– patriotism, flag discussion 2001; 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book, 2004
9. *Franconia Mennonite Conference Leadership Manual*, 1996
10. Franconia Mennonite Conference, Education Philosophy Task Force, 1996-1997
11. Franconia Mennonite Conference, Interim Pastor Workshop, 1999  
“Congregation and Conflict”
12. Interim Pastorate, Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton, 1997-1998
13. Interim Pastorate, Plains Mennonite Church, Hatfield, 1998-1999
14. Interim Pastorate, Bahia Vista Mennonite Church, Sarasota, FL, 2000
15. *Learning to Teach*, Christian Worker Training Series, Herald Press, Scottsdale, PA  
Faith and Life Press, Newton, Kansas, 103 pages, 1964.
16. Lectures:
  - A. “Teaching for Mission”, Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba,  
Feb. 16-18, 1967
  - B. Published as *Reshaping the Teaching Ministry*, (Herald Press, 1968), 125 pages
  - C. “The Spiritual Family and the Biological Family” lecture, December 5, 1972.  
Published; Focal Pamphlet #24 (Herald Press, 1973), 32 pages  
Unpublished revision 1996
17. *Living with the 3s, 4s, and 5s* (Nappanee, IN: Evangel Press; Newton, KS:  
Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1977), 100 pages  
Manuscript for *Living with the 3s, 4s, and 5s* completed August 10, 1976



18. *Teaching in the Congregation* (Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1979)  
#7 in Mennonite Faith Series; 69 pages (translated into French)
19. *A Third Way* (Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1980), 148 pages  
Sermons leading to book  
Portugese and Spanish translations
20. Binder: Correspondence regarding Believer's Church Bible Commentary on *Daniel*
21. *The Road to Goodville* (New Holland, PA, 2002)  
The story of Goodville Mutual Casualty Company through 75 years  
Two addresses: "Loss Prevention", November 11, 1988  
"Stewardship and Insurance", February 1991

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**Box 9**

1. Herald Press, promotional materials, reviews of books by PML
2. Herald Press, promotional materials, reviews of books by PML
3. Papers, articles, 1969-1997
4. "Neither Right nor Left" article 1994-1997
5. Peacemaking, Blooming Glen elective, 2003
6. Broker Insurance license 1980, 1983
7. E. Huntingdon Township Planning Commission 1963-1968
8. Injury in Chicago, March 11, 1975
9. Purchase Florida lots, February 1951
10. Smithton Road property, E. Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland Co., PA, Feb. 1952
11. Urie Bender property, 1955, 1964, 1965
12. Byers property, E. Huntingdon Twp., Westmoreland Co., PA
13. Cottom Farm, E. Huntingdon Twp., Westmoreland Co., PA, 1971-1977
14. Woodland, Ruth and Rhoda Ressler, 14 acres, November 28, 1977  
Property owned West Overton, Westmoreland Co., PA, 1981  
Bullskin Property, 1980-1989
15. 16 Grace Road, Scottdale, PA
16. 804 Loucks Ave., Scottdale, January 30, 1983-October 1988
- 17 A. Lederach/Yelinek, 226 Harleysville Pike, 1987-1996
- 17 B. 226 Harleysville Pike, 1987-1996
18. Real Estate License 1978
19. Real Estate Activity 1978-
20. Datebooks, 1946-2005
21. Early sermon outlines on index cards
22. Miscellaneous cassette tapes of sermons/lectures

