

## Finding Aid Report

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# Franconia Mennonite Conference Archives: Part I

This first part of the Franconia Mennonite Conference archives contains records from 1907, when official minutes were first kept, to 1971, when the conference was restructured. Copies of earlier unofficial minutes, kept by Jacob Mensch and Jonathan Kolb, are also included.

Boxes 1-4: Franconia Conference Assembly  
Boxes 5-7: Executive Committee/Bishop Board  
Box 8: Peace/Industrial Relations Committees  
Box 9: Ministerial Committee  
Box 10: Youth Work  
Box 11: Christian Guidance Committee  
Box 12: Financial Records

See also the Franconia Mennonite Mission Board Collection and personal papers of ministers who were active in conference leadership, such as John Lapp, Elmer Kolb and Jacob Moyer.

## Container List

Location	Container	Folder	Title
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 01 (Assembly)	Folder 01 (bound)	<b>Minutes (unofficial), 1880-1907 (transcription)</b> <i>Written in German by Jacob Mensch, translated by Raymond Hollenbach.</i>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 01 (Assembly)	Folder 02	<b>Minutes (unofficial), 1892-1895 (photocopy)</b> <i>Written in English by Jonathan Kolb. File also includes photocopy of a paragraph account of conference, 1735, by Huppert Cassel (now in the collection of Juniata College).</i>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 01 (Assembly)	Folder 03	<b>Minutes / resolutions / record of actions, 1907-1966</b> <i>Half sheets distributed to bishops and ministers (this was Stanley Beidler's set). Beginning in 1966, minutes were published in the conference report booklets.</i>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 01 (Assembly)	Folder 04	<b>Original minute books, 1907-1921</b> <i>These have been copied into the large minute book.</i>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 01 (Assembly)	Loose in box	<b>Minute book, 1907-1961</b> <i>Secretaries: J. C. Clemens, 1907-1949; Jacob M. Moyer, 1950-1961.</i>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 02 (Assembly)	Folder 01 (bound)	<b>Membership statistics for Franconia Conference congregations, 1905-1989</b> <i>Includes list of conference officers and committees to 1960 (after which they were listed in conference report booklets).</i>

Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 02 (Assembly)	Folder 02	<b>Map and directories, 1960, 1970</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 02 (Assembly)	Folder 03	<b>Rules and Disciplines, 1909-1960</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 02 (Assembly)	Folder 04	<b>Notes on dress, 1880-1948</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 02 (Assembly)	Folder 05-07	<b>Resolutions / Record of Actions at Conference, 1910-1971</b> <i>These were distributed, at least to ministers, to be read in congregations.</i>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 02 (Assembly)	Folder 08	<b>Conference agenda and reports, 1944-1960</b> <i>Beginning Fall 1960, these are bound, on the shelf next to this box.</i>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 02 (Assembly)	Folder 09	<b>Eastern District of Franc. Conf.: pastoral correspondence, 1950s-1960s</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 02 (Assembly)	Folder 10 (bound)	<b>Educational Census of Franconia Conference, 1965</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 02 (Assembly)	Folder 11	<b>Proposed Discipline, 1965</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 02 (Assembly)	Folder 12	<b>Conference Organization Committee, 1968-1970: Evaluation responses from congregations and ministers</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 02 (Assembly)	Folder 13	<b>Conference Organization Committee, 1968-1970: Secretary's file (James M. Lapp)</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 03 (Assembly)	Loose on shelf	<b>Conference report booklets, 1960-1971</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 03-04 (Assembly)		<b>Conference assembly audio recordings, 1965-1971</b> <i>17 reel tapes and 12 cassette tapes</i>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 05-06 (Exec. Comm.)		<b>Bishop Board / Executive Committee minutes, 1938-1971</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 06 (Exec. Comm.)	Folder 01	<b>Documents, 1954-1969</b> <i>Includes notes from discussions of change and discipline, 1967-1968.</i>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 06 (Exec. Comm.)	Folder 02	<b>Financial, 1961-1967</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 07 (Exec. Comm.)		<b>Franconia congregation court case, 1956-1957</b> <i>Congregational leaders sued other congregational leaders, conference bishops, and Union National Bank for ownership of the Franconia congregation's meetinghouse, cemetery and land.</i>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 08 (Peace Comm.)	Folder 01	<b>Minutes, 1939-1948, 1960-1971</b>

Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 08 (Peace Comm.)	Folder 02	<b>Campee Aid Fund, 1941-1946, and miscellaneous</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 08 (Peace Comm.)	Folder 03-05	<b>Register of Men of Draft Age, 1952</b> <i>Cards arranged alphabetically.</i>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 08 (Peace Comm.)	Folder 06	<b>CPS Annual Reunions, 1947-1958</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 08 (Peace Comm.)	Loose in Box	<b>Book about CPS Unit #63 at Marlboro State Hospital, New Jersey, 1942-1945</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 09 (Ministerial)	Folder 01	<b>Ministerial Meetings, 1938-1968</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 09 (Ministerial)	Folder 02	<b>Bible Instruction and other meetings, 1935-1972</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 09 (Ministerial)	Folder 03-04 (RESTRICTED)	<b>Ministerial personnel, 1950-1971</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 09 (Ministerial)	Folder 05	<b>Ministerial Support Committee, 1958-1974</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 09 (Ministerial)	Folder 06	<b>Ministerial Retirement Committee, 1964-1971 (Wilmer Reinford file)</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 09 (Ministerial)	Folder 07	<b>Ministers' Prayer Fellowship (conservative movement in Conference), 1967-1971</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 10 (Youth)	Folder 01	<b>Young People's Institute / Mennonite Youth Institute, 1946-1966</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 10 (Youth)	Folder 02	<b>Young People's Institute--photos, 1946-1954</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 10 (Youth)	Folder 03	<b>Youth Meeting programs, 1947-1955</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 10 (Youth)	Folder 04	<b>Young People's Activities Committee, 1948-1955</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 10 (Youth)	Folder 05	<b>Young People's Activities Committee--letters, 1948-1955</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 10 (Youth)	Folder 06	<b>Mennonite Youth Fellowship (MYF) Messenger, 1961-1965</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 10 (Youth)	Folder 07	<b>Mennonite Youth Fellowship Service Committee, 1963-1967</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 10 (Youth)	Folder 08	<b>Mennonite Youth Fellowship, 1963-1966 (James Lapp file)</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 10 (Youth)	Folder 09	<b>Youth Secretary, 1966-1968 (James M. Lapp, James C. Longacre)</b>

Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 10 (Youth)	Folder 10	<b>Workshop on Youth Ministry, 1966 (James Lapp file)</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 10 (Youth)	Folder 11-12	<b>Servanthood Work Camps, 1964-1967 (James Lapp files)</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 11 (Christian Guidance)	Folder 01-02	<b>Minutes and documents, 1954-1971 (Marvin Benner files)</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 11 (Christian Guidance)	Folder 03	<b>Religious Welfare Committee, CDMHS and elementary schools, 1957-1963</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 11 (Christian Guidance)	Folder 04	<b>Music Committee, 1968-1971 (Ralph Alderfer file)</b>
Franconia Conf. Archives: Part I	Box 12 (Financial)	Loose in Box	<b>Treasurer's records, 1942-1972</b> <i>Five ledgers, one folder</i>