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# Guide to the Associate Board of the Women's Christian College (Madras, India) Records

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 187

**CREATOR:** Women's Christian College (Madras, India). Associate Board

**TITLE:** Associate Board of the Women's Christian College (Madras, India) Records

**DATES:** 1942-1973

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Associate Board of the Women's Christian College, Madras, was the American governing body of the College, which was founded in 1915 in Chennai (Madras), India, as a joint venture of several British and American mission boards.

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.187>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the New York office of the United Church Board for World Ministries

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Associate Board of the Women's Christian College (Madras, India) Records (RG 187), Special Collections, Yale Divinity Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

The Women's Christian College, Madras was opened in July 1915 with forty-one students. Affiliated with the University of Madras, it was among the first institutions for higher education for women in South India and was under the management of a Council representing the following missionary bodies: Church Missionary Society, Church of England Zenana Missionary Society, London Missionary Society, Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, Church of Scotland Mission, United Free Church of Scotland Mission, Arcot Assembly, American Baptist Telugu Mission, American Madura Mission, Methodist Episcopal Mission, Canadian Presbyterian Mission, American Evangelical Lutheran Mission. Miss Eleanor McDougall, formerly Classical Lecturer at Westfield College was principal for the first twenty years.

The Associate Board of the Women's Christian College, Madras was formerly known as the American Section of the Governing Board. In 1954 the Associate Board had representatives from the following boards and societies: American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Woman's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, The Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church, Department of Women's Work of the Mission Boards Reformed Church in America, The Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada, and Mount Holyoke-in-Madras.

Christa Seva Vidhyalaya was founded in 1945 as a Missionary Training Centre in the Women's Christian College, Madras. Its purpose was to provide training for Indian women graduates who were seeking to pursue leadership positions in Christian educational, evangelistic, and medical service.

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## Scope and Contents

- [I. Associate Board of the WCCM](#)
- [II. Women's Christian College, Madras](#)
- [III. Christa Seva Vidhyalaya](#)

There are minutes and meeting records for each of these related organizations. These would appear to be the official archives of the Associate Board because the material includes original financial records and the official seal of the Board. The minutes, reports, publications, and correspondence related to the Women's Christian College, Madras itself, and the Christa Seva Vidhyalaya were most likely sent to the Associate Board as documentation of their activities.

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## Arrangement

- I. Associate Board of the WCCM
- II. Women's Christian College, Madras
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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Associate Board of the WCCM

#### Minutes and meeting records

b. 1, f. 1	Minutes of the American Section of the Governing Board, Women's Christian College, Madras, Inc.	1943 May - 1947 Sep
b. 1, f. 2	Minutes of the American Section of the Governing Board, Women's Christian College, Madras, Inc.; name changed to Associate Board of the WCCM in 1950	1948 Feb - 1950 Dec
b. 1, f. 3-6	Minutes of the Associate Board	1951 May - 1963 Oct
b. 1, f. 7	Announcements of meetings	1948 May - 1963 October
b. 1, f. 8	Annual meeting agendas	1948 May - 1963 May
b. 1, f. 9	Lists of Board members	1943-1963

#### Other Board records

b. 1, f. 9a	Financial records
b. 2	Seal of the Associate Board

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**Series II: Women's Christian College, Madras**

## Minutes

b. 3, f. 10-15	College Council minutes	1943 Mar, 1972 Sep
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## Reports

b. 3, f. 16-20	College Council reports	1942-1971
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## Publications

b. 3, f. 21	Brochures
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b. 3, f. 22	<i>The Sunflower</i> (student magazine)
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b. 4, f. 23	Histories, handbook
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**Series III: Christa Seva Vidhyalaya**

## Minutes

b. 4, f. 24-30	Board of Management minutes	1948 Mar, 1973 Sep
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b. 4, f. 31	British Committee, Corresponding Board minutes	1949 Dec, 1958 Jun
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## Correspondence

b. 4, f. 32	To/from Margaret Wigan and Hester Huggins	1948 May, 1955 May
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b. 4, f. 33	To/from Elizabeth Paul and Pauline Cutler	1968 Nov, 1973 Jul
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b. 4, f. 34	Circular letters - Elizabeth Paul	1969 Mar, 1973 Dec
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b. 4, f. 35	Circular letters - staff	1956-1970
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b. 4, f. 36	To/from Benjamin Johnson and Hester Huggins	1948 Jun, Nov
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b. 4, f. 37	Letters acknowledging receipts	1948-1949
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## Publications

b. 4, f. 38	Brochures	1948-1960
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b. 4, f. 39	Silver Jubilee brochure	1970
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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Universities and colleges -- India  
Women's colleges -- India

### **Corporate Body**

Women's Christian College (Madras, India)