Summary: This collection comprises papers from the Bishop’s Office from 1948-1993, during which time the following served as Bishop of the conference:

- 1948-1964  Marvin Franklin
- 1965-1972  Edward J. Pendergrass
- 1972-1980  Mack B. Stokes
- 1985-1993  Robert C. Morgan

The papers are arranged chronologically and topically by Bishop.

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**Bishop Marvin Franklin (1948 - 1964)**

- f 1  Correspondence, North Miss. Conference, 1948-1957
- f 2  Correspondence, North Miss. Conference, 1957-1958
- f 3  Correspondence, North Miss. Conference, 1958-1959
- f 4  Correspondence, North Miss. Conference, 1959-1960
- f 5  Correspondence, North Miss. Conference, 1960-1961
- f 6  Correspondence, North Miss. Conference, 1961-1962
- f 7  Correspondence, North Miss. Conference, 1962-1963
- f 8  Correspondence, Memphis Conference, 1959
- f 9  Correspondence, Memphis Conference, 1960-1961
- f 10  Correspondence, Memphis Conference, 1961-1962
- f 11  Correspondence, Memphis Conference, 1962-1963
- f 12  Correspondence, Memphis Conference, 1963-1964
- f 13  Correspondence, Miss. Conference, 1956-1957
- f 14  Correspondence, Miss. Conference, 1957-1958
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f 15 Correspondence, Miss. Conference, 1958-1959
f 16 Correspondence, Miss. Conference, 1959-1960
f 17 Correspondence, Miss. Conference, 1960-1961
f 18 Correspondence, Miss. Conference, 1961-1962
f 19 Correspondence, Miss. Conference, 1962-1963
f 20 Correspondence, Miss. Conference, 1963-1964
f 21 The Dr. Willard H. Parson Offering, 9/7/54

- Correspondence to Bishop Franklin from Attorney John Satterfield concerning the offering made by Dr. Willard H. Parson for the Lutheran Hospital in Vicksburg

f 21a. Minister’s List (Biographical Data) c. 1960
f 21b. Minister’s List (Birthdays) 1857-1925
f 21c. Minister’s List (Conference Relation and Date of Birth) 1864-1915

Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass (1965-1972)

f 22 Action Crusade, 1967
   Donation Booklet
   Correspondence to and from Bishop Pendergrass
   Committee list
   Layman list
   Announcement letter
   Major Gift committee list
   Pamphlet
   Brookhaven Donation list
   Major Gift Prospect list
      Brookhaven district
      Jackson district
      Vicksburg district
      Seashore district
   List for additional letters
   Invitation list
   Gift list
f 23  Action Crusade, 1968-1969
     Master list of Major Gift Prospects by Districts:
     Hattiesburg
     Brookhaven
     Jackson
     Meridian
     Seashore
     Vicksburg
     Cleveland
     Greenwood
     New Albany
     Sardis
     Starkville
     Tupelo
     Summary of district list
     Information release
     Layman list

     A final report of the Miss. Methodist Action Crusade

     Financial reports:
     Audit report  (June 22, 1972)
     Director's report (June 12, 1969)
     Final report (July, 1967 - June, 1968)

f 26  Jackson Area Action Crusade, 1965-1972
     Fund raising campaign
     Planning committee list
     Mass Meeting
     Letters concerning requests, and acceptance of committee positions
     Suggestions
     Minutes
     Committee lists (Names)
     Goal
     Requests to churches
     Studies
     Subcommittees
     Survey Report
     Correspondence to and from Bishop Pendergrass
Ad Hoc Committee
Appointments
Basic Requests
Representative list
Thank-You letters
Invitations
Reports
Choir
Contributions

Altizer Case, 1965-1966 (Religion professor at Emory declared, “God is dead”)
Bulletin, "Methodists Make News"
Correspondence to and from Bishop Pendergrass
Statement from Southeastern Jurisdiction of Methodist Churches
Letters to Emory University
Emory reports

Bicentennial of Methodism, 1956-1966
Goals
Schedule
Time Capsule Project
Delegates
Brochures
Book "The Vision Glorious"
Circuit Riders
Correspondence to and from Bishop Pendergrass
Photo of Dan Tohline

Bishops' Linkage Group, 1969-1971
Mostly from Feb. 26-27, 1969
Study on violence
Student presentation
Report on meeting
Potential direction for the 1970's
Evaluation process
Urban Seminars
Paper on community and development of persons
Paper on how community affects the individual
Report from Africa
Paper on Black Church Renewal
Report of Task Force on the Fund for Reconciliation
Task Force on Project Equality
Crisis response of the Jackson area
Letter to Bishop Pendergrass

f 30 E.U.B. Merger
   Correspondence to Bishop Pendergrass

f 31 General Board of the Laity
   Correspondence to Bishop Pendergrass

f 32 The Methodist Hospital
   Mostly Correspondence between Bishop Pendergrass and Rev. Jack H. Midyett
   (See also box 2)

f 33 Lake Junaluska, 1969-1972
   Lake Junaluska Assembly Inc., World Methodist Center
   Correspondence to and from:
   Bishop Pendergrass
   Edgar Nease
   Robert Harper
   Paul Hardin
   W.I. Dooly
   D. James
   E.W. Quillen
   J. Manning Poas
   Mrs. Cambell
   Mr. Conger
   C.R. Ridgeway
   Mr. Smith
   Percy Byrnes

BOX 2

Bishop Pendergrass' Papers, continued from box 1

f 1 Letters on Race, Literature, Etc.
   Correspondence to Bishop Pendergrass
   Miscellaneous informational items

f 2 Methodist Information
   Correspondence to Bishop Pendergrass

f 3 Millions for the Master Program 1946-1948
   Three audit reports:
   Nov. 20, 1947
Jan. 8, 1947
Dec. 17, 1948
Head quarter’s Budget, July 8, 1946

f 4 Miss. Conference of Religious Leaders, 1969-1972
   Minutes
   Correspondence to and from Bishop Pendergrass
   Constitution of the Miss. Religious Conference
   Agendas
   Appointments
   Call to Meetings
   Newspaper, (Miss. Methodist Advocate, 1/10/70)

f 5 National Council of Churches, & The Delta Ministry Project (Jan. 1964 - May 1965)
   Pamphlets
   Many letters
   Correspondence to Bishop Pendergrass
   Educational Bulletins

f 6 National Council of the Churches of Christ
   Correspondence to and from the Council
   Information about the Council

f 7 North Miss. Conference Reports, 1971-1972
   Conference Council staff reports
   World Service supplement
   Resolutions concerning the restructure of North Miss. Conference
   Budget Graphs and Charts

f 8 Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR)
   Names in correspondence:
      J. Harry Haines
      Ralph Alton
      Bishop Pendergrass
      Gerhard Hennes
      Gaither Warfield

f 9 Seashore Assembly
   Correspondences to Bishop Pendergrass

S.E.J. Bishops, 1952-1963

f 10 Minutes
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Correspondence with Roy Short
Letters
List of Bishops
Jurisdictional Structure Pamphlet
Resolutions
Obituary for Bishop Hodge
Telegram for Bishop Watkin's death
Newspaper clipping

11 S.E.J. College of Bishops, 1964-1968
Paper on Jackson Methodism
Correspondence to and from Bishop Pendergrass
Minutes
Questioners
Name list
Amendment proposed
Copy of D.S.

12 Methodist Student Movement, (Youth Ministry)
Correspondence to Bishop Pendergrass
Informational items about M.S.M.

13 Wills and Legacies
Correspondence to Bishop Pendergrass

Bishop Mack B. Stokes (1972 - 1980)

14 Miss. Methodist Annual Conference, (Programs), 1947-1980
Programs from Miss. Conference
Programs from North Miss. Conference
One special occasion program honoring Bishop Stokes

15.1 United Methodist Archives and History, 1959-1979
Correspondence to and from Bishop Stokes
Church historian guide
Letters from Drew University
Newspapers, (Located in folder 15.2)
Lambuth Day
Photo, (Pearl River Church, 1968)
Dedication
Strawbridge Shrine
Woodville UMC
Wood Junior College, (Outdoor drama)
Bicentennial Project
Church Archivist guideline, (1975)
Copy list of Discipline
Paper written by Bishop Stokes
Letters to meetings
Minutes

Newspapers from United Methodist Archives and History file
  About Bishop Galloway
North Miss. Herald, Nov. 26, 1970
Miss. United Methodist Advocate, Nov. 27, 1974

The Black Church - Area, Parsonage Funding (June 1974 - Nov. 1975)
(All about church accounts, and churches requesting money for construction of parsonages)
Correspondence to and from Bishop Stokes
Checkbook and check statements for Miss. Annual Conference Parsonage fund

The Black Church - Area, Parsonage Funding (March 1975 - March 1982)
(All about church accounts and churches requesting money for construction of parsonages)
Correspondence to and from Bishop Stokes
List of black churches address
List of black churches accounts
Letters

Church Extension - Area, 1977-1984
Correspondence to and from Bishop Stokes
Requests
Grant information
Ethnic Minority Local Churches proposal for a new black congregation
Minutes
Building program

Coministries - North Miss. Conference, 1975-1977
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Correspondence to and from Bishop Stokes
Conflicts
Agenda
Policy file
Budget
Cancellations
Council on Youth Ministries
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Programs
Family Ministries Planning
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Suggestions
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Reports
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Correspondence to and from Bishop Stokes
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Various programs
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Consecrations, 1972-1980
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Nominating Committee
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Correspondence to and from Bishop Stokes
Newspaper

Dedications, 1949-1973
Paper on Christ
Dedication Programs
Christmas Message
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Newspaper clippings
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Dedications, 1974-1988
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f 24  District Plan, Feb. 1975
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Superintendents information, (lists)
Study report
Constitutional Provisions
Suggestions
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Commission on Religion and Race info.
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f 25  District Plan, March 1975
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Correspondence to and from Bishop Stokes
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f 26  Methodist Home Hospital
Important names in correspondence:
   Rev. Jack Midyett
   Mary Davis
   Garland Bonin
   Ken McDowell
   Bishop Stokes
   Rev. Jolly Harper

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f 1  Ministries - Miss. Conference, 1972-1973
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Annual conference agendas
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Minutes for Council on Ministries
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f 2  Ministries - Miss. Conference, 1973-1975
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f 3  Ministries - North Miss. Conference, July 1972 - May 1973
  Conference projects
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f 5  Ministries - North Miss. Conference, Jan. 1974 - Nov. 1974
  Conference projects
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  Correspondence to Bishop Stokes
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  Information on Lenton Bible Study

f 6  Ministries - North Miss., Dec. 1973 - April 1975
  Proposals
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The Commission on Race and Religion, 1972
Projects mentioned by letter:
- Jackson Human Rights Project
- Delta Resources Committee
Resume of proposals funded
Correspondence to and from Bishop Stokes

The Commission on Religion and Race, 1/31/73 - 5/23/73
Projects mentioned by letter:
- Modern Food Mart
- Black Women Leaders Institution
- Delta Resources Committee
- Voter Registration Project, (UMC, Greenville)
- Freedom Farm Corporation
List of projects approved by the Commission on Race and Religion for February
Correspondence to and from Bishop Stokes

The Commission on Race and Religion, 6/1/73 - 6/22/73
Letter of new chairman
Projects mentioned by letter:
- Voter Registration Program
- Sunflower County Progress, Inc. Youth Council
- City of Mound Bayou Neighborhood Development and Municipal Facilities
- Bethume Day Care Center
- Gulfcoast Pulpwood Association
- Delta Resources Committee
Bound Grant Application, (Economic Development - Craft Project)
Correspondence to and from Bishop Stokes

The Commission on Race and Religion, 8/3/73 - 12/26/73
Proposals for consideration funding committee meeting, 5/23-24/73
Delta Resources Committee proposal
Projects mentioned by letter:
- Information Center - Clay County Community Development Program
- Martin Luther King Center
Merger Review
Programs and Services (The Commission on Race and Religion)
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f 11.1  John C. Satterfield's Folder, 1974
   Correspondence from John C. Satterfield
   Information sent to Satterfield about World Methodist Evangelism

f 11.2  Newspapers - Taken from the John C. Satterfield Folder, 1973-1974
   The United Methodist Reporter, 1974
   Street N' Steeple, 1973

f 12  Special Study Committees, 1973
   Ideas for Merger Plan
   Requests of Positions
   Committee lists
   Ad Hoc committee
   Number of District Com.
   Training Course
   District study
   District leaders
   Reports and recommendations
   Memorandum
   Correspondence to and from Bishop Stokes
   Statements
   Education report

f 13  Special Study Committees, 1974-1976
   Black College Fund
   Sermon
   Correspondence to and from Bishop Stokes
   Lists of committee members
   Agendas
   Task force
   Two District Plan
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f 14  Bicentennial Celebration [1784 - 1984], 1982-1984
   Bicentennial Booklet
   Agenda
   Flyers
   Committee list
   Reports
   Goals
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Cokesbury Bell
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f 15 Correspondence from Bishop Robert C. Morgan, 1984-1991
Opening letter
Letters requesting funds
Letters requesting various actions take place on time
Letters about events and calendar
Surveys
Letters about travel
Acceptance forms

f 16 Methodist Camps and Camping in the Miss. Area, 1975-1986
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List of summer camp directors
List of summer camp dates
List of district camp promoters
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Program for naming of Camp Lake Stephen's swimming pool
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f 17 Nominating Committee, 1988-1992
The Miss. Area Quadrennial report
Miss. Conference Nominating Committee report
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Bishop Morgan's Profile
Nominations for Jurisdictional Pool list
Nomination applications

f 17a. Photos
f 17b. Grenada-Greenwood District List

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f 18 Service Records of Approved Supply Pastors in Miss. Conference, 1940-1973
   Mostly children's widow records

f 19 Service Records of Pastors in Miss. Conference, (A-G), 1934-1974

f 20 Service Records of Pastors in Miss. Conference, (H-M), 1924-1973

f 21 Service Records of Pastors in Miss. Conference, (N-T), 1928-1974

f 22 Service Records of Pastors in Miss. Conference, (U-Y), 1935-1975

f 23 Service Records of Pastors in Miss. Conference, 1887-1970
   Mostly widow's service records

BOX 4

Minister’s Biographical Data/Records, 1948-1995