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PITTMAN, (Warren) Papers (1942-2012)

**Biography**

Warren Eugene Pittman was born on September 23, 1921 in Slidell, Louisiana. He attended Millsaps College and later graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi. Pittman earned a master of divinity degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He served as a Mississippi United Methodist minister for 74 years. During the 1960s, when many of his fellow Methodist ministers left Mississippi, he stayed to participate in the state's civil rights struggles. He later helped to initiate the merger of Mississippi's two Methodist conferences that had been historically divided by race. He served on the national Methodist Board of Evangelism and three times represented Mississippi Methodist Churches at the denomination's international General Conferences. He retired from the active ministry in 1989 as Director of the United Methodist Mississippi Conference Council on Ministries, where he organized clusters of churches to enhance the ministries of smaller churches. He established a summer fellowship program for students from Duke Divinity School to learn from Mississippi's racial reconciliation efforts. He also supported several community ministries including the United Methodist Church's outreach to the Hispanic community in DeSoto County. In 1998, Millsaps College awarded him an honorary doctoral degree. Rev. Pittman died on November 4, 2015 in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

**Scope and Contents Note**

Materials in the Pittman collection were donated in December 2015 by Tom Pittman, son of Rev. Warren Pittman. The collection includes 18 bound volumes of church newsletters collected by Rev. Pittman from 1948 to 1984. Also included are 35 pocket calendars (various years from 1965-2012) and 4 pastor pocket record books (1942-1948).

**BOX 1**

Bound church newsletters: (16 books)

Monticello	Sept. 1948-May 1952
Monticello	June 1953-May 1956
Centreville	1952-53
Forest Hill	June 1956-May 1959
Parkway Heights	1959-60
Parkway Heights	1960-61
Parkway Heights	June 1961-May 1963
Forest	June 1963-June 1965
Broadmeadow	1971
Broadmeadow	1972
Broadmeadow	1973
Broadmeadow	1974

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Broadmeadow	1975
St. Luke's	1981-82
St. Luke's	July 1982-Aug.1983
St. Luke's	Sept. 1983-June 1984

Pocket calendars "Daily Suggester" pub. by Cokesbury, Methodist Publishing House (35 books)  
1965-1980, 1980-1992, 1994, 2000, 2010-2012

Pastors Pocket Record Books (4 books)  
1942-43, 1943-44 and 1944-45, 1945, 1947-48

**BOX 2**

Bound church newsletters:

Brookhaven District, 1965-1971  
Hattiesburg District, 1975-1981

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