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Finding Aid for

**Chinese Church of Christ in Korea papers, 1908 – 1975**



*The Korean Mission Field, 2 (5), March 1906*

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**Summary Information**

**Creator:** Chinese Church of Christ, 1912 – 1961  
**Title:** Chinese Church of Christ in Korea papers  
**Inclusive dates:** 1908 – 1975  
**Bulk dates:** 1912 – 1961  
**Abstract:** Founded in 1912 by American missionary C.S. Deming, with Cheh Tao-hsin as one of the first elders of the Chinese church in Seoul and Li Kwohfeng as one of its first pastors; created to address the increasing population of the Chinese in Korea. Reports, letters, research on Christian Education Mission Schools, fact sheets on human rights violations.  
**Size:** 1 boxes, 0.25 linear ft  
**Storage:** Onsite storage  
**Repository:** The Burke Library  
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### Administrative Information

- Provenance:** These records were moved with the MRL to the Brown Memorial Tower of Union Theological Seminary in 1929. In 1976 the records were accessioned to the Burke Library archives with the closure of the MRL. Some of the papers were donated as a gift from Mrs. C.S. Deming in 1960.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by phone, fax or email [archives@uts.columbia.edu](mailto:archives@uts.columbia.edu), as far in advance as possible.
- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials however are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.
- Preferred Citation:** Item description, MRL 8: Chinese Church of Christ, series #, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library Archives (Columbia University Libraries) at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

### Institutional History

Conducting its first service at the Korean YMCA in May 1912, the Chinese Church of Christ was formed to meet the needs of the increasing population of the Chinese Christians living in Korea, which had reached about 18,000 by 1911. An American missionary born in China, Mrs. C.S. Deming organized meetings for the creation of the Chinese church and was aided by Chinese Christians such as Cheh Tao-hsin and Li Kwohfeng. With its first church established in Seoul, the Chinese church planted additional congregations in other areas such as Chemulpo, Pyongyang, Wonsan, Fusan, and Seishin.

Beginning with just a dozen people at its inception, in 1913 the Chinese church had an average Sunday attendance of about 40, with 22 boys and girls enrolled in the day school. The numbers increased steadily on an annual basis; by 1916 the average Sunday attendance was 60, with 43 enrolled in the day school. In the fall of 1929, Mrs. C.S. Deming's efforts and commitment was succeeded by Ms. M.J. Quinn, a retired missionary from China. The Foreign Mission Boards of both the Presbyterian Council and Methodist Council worked together as a union mission work to further the continuation of the Chinese Church of Christ in Korea.

### Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection is organized in a single series and box containing historical information on the formation of the Chinese Church in Korea from its creation in 1912. Included are reports and letters by American missionaries, most of which are commissioned by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, as well as research from the committee of Christian Education Mission Schools. More than thirty fact sheets on the socio-political condition of South Korea, specifically violation of human rights, are also found in this collection.

### Processing

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes.

**Contents**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>
1	1	Constitution and Minutes of first meeting, transcribed in Chinese, gift of C.S.Deming, 1912
1	2	History of Chinese Church in Korea: reports, articles, excerpts of letters, 1912 – 1938
1	3	History of Chinese Church in Korea: reports by E.A.Kraege, 1912 – 1961
1	4	Missionary records: pamphlets, reports, minutes, graphs, 1908 – 1916
1	5	Christian Education Mission School: reports from committee (fragile), 1915
1	6	General items: letters, news articles, program, statistics graph, 1909 - 1969
1	7	Fact sheets: violation of human rights in South Korea, 1973 – 1975