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Abstract

Hope class of 1938; WTS class of 1941; RCA minister; Chaplain in the US Navy, 1942-1965. Photographs, a photo album, and letters regarding Beukema’s tour of duty in Japan and the Christian Church in Japan.

Accession No.: W90-1027
Provenance: Henry James Beukema
Donor: Henry James Beukema
Photographs: 79 images and scrapbook
Processed by: Craig Wright, January 1993
             Leon Witteveen, December 1993

Biography

Henry James Beukema was born in Grand Rapids on March 7, 1911. He graduated from Hope College in 1938 and from Western Seminary in 1941. He served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1965. He attended San Diego State University from 1966-1967 and was a teacher in San Diego until his retirement in 1974.

Henry Beukema passed away on January 21, 2002.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of letters regarding Beukema’s tour of duty in Japan and the Christian Church in Japan. The bulk of the collection is made up of a photo album and photographs taken during his tour of duty as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy.

The photographs are arranged under three headings: Groups, Events, and Places.

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Photographs
    Groups
    Berkey, Admiral, 1949 (1 image)
    Beukema, Henry, n.d., 1949-1953 (16 images)
    Decker, Rear Admiral and British Ambassador Sir Gacoihne, n.d.
        (1 image)
    Ferris Seminary, 1949 (2 images)
    Japanese Groups, n.d., 1953 (10 images)
    MacArthur, Jean, n.d. (1 image)
    Men’s Fellowship (includes Dr. Merel Alexander, Lt.. Groundwater), n.d.
        (1 image)
Salisbury, Rear Admiral Stanton, 1950 (Chief of Navy Chaplains) 
2 images

Women’s Guild at Party, n.d. (1 image)

Events
Burial at Sea, n.d. (2 images)
Christmas and Easter Sculptures by Gozo Kawamura, 1948-1949
6 images
Memorial Day, 1950 (4 images)
Perry Monument Service, n.d. (3 images)
Services, 1948-1950 (5 images)
Weddings and Baptism, n.d. (5 images)
Will Adams Day, 1950 (3 images)
Yokosuka Gakuin Dedication, n.d. (4 images)

Places
Mount Fuji, 1948 (1 image)
Yokosuka Community Church, n.d., 1950 (9 images)
Yokosuka Navy Chapel, n.d. (2 images)

Scrapbook
Documenting the Yokosuka Christian Activities Association and presented in August 1950