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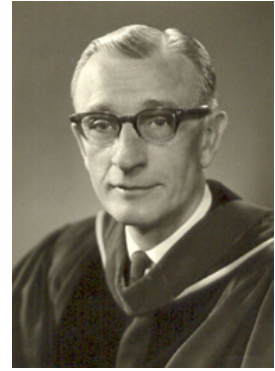
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A collection of papers related to the life and work of Albertus G. Bossenbroek (1919-1997). Collection covers his family background and information from throughout his ministry in the Reformed Church of America. Over half of the collection is of his sermons. Hope College class of 1932; Western Theological Seminary class of 1936; executive secretary of the General Synod of New York, 1964-1979; president of the General Synod, 1977-1978.



Accession No: H97-1317  
Provenance: Albertus G. Bossenbroek  
Donor: Albertus G. Bossenbroek  
Photographs: 63 images (Box 1)  
Processed by: John Massen, November 1998  
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Lisa Purcell, October 2001

### Biography

Albertus G. Bossenbroek was born on a farm in Brandon, Wisconsin, on October 16, 1910. He and his nine siblings were educated in a one-room schoolhouse. In 1936, he married Hilda Lanting. They had three daughters, Nina Kay, Margaret, and Donna Louise.

Upon finishing high school, Bossenbroek went to Hope College in Holland, Michigan. He had planned on entering the ministry, but after graduation was uncertain if this was his calling. After some time working in a grocery store, he began his studies at Western Theological Seminary in Holland. He was ordained November 16, 1936. His first congregation was at Helderberg Reformed Church, in Guilderland Center, New York. After five years there, he was called to the First Reformed Church in Chatham, New York. In 1947, he moved to Hastings-on-Hudson, where he served at the Hastings Reformed Church for seventeen years. In 1964, his career took a new turn, and he became the executive secretary of the Synod of New York. He worked in this position until being elected president of the General Synod in 1978. Bossenbroek formally retired in 1979, but continued working part-time at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary. During his career, Bossenbroek sat on numerous committees and acted as trustee to Hope College, Central College, and Western Theological Seminary.

Albertus G. Bossenbroek passed away in 1997.

### Scope and Content

Most of the collection consists of Bossenbroek's sermons. On the back of each sermon he has listed when (and sometimes where) the sermon was given. Other parts of the collection include his diplomas from Hope College and Western Theological Seminary, newsletters from churches where he worked, and correspondence from throughout his career.

Container List

Box 1

Biographical items, 1910-1983  
Bossenbroek generations, 1725-1986  
Brochure, "Building the team," 1976  
*Church Herald* report to the General Synod, June 28, 1978 and July 28, 1978  
Correspondence, 1941-1976  
Correspondence, Camp Warwick development fund, 1983-1985  
Course material of the Pastoral Administration-New Brunswick Theological Seminary (NBTS), 1981  
Diploma  
    Hope College, 1933  
    Western Theological Seminary, 1936  
Fiftieth wedding anniversary, 1986  
Fiftieth anniversary of ordination, 1986  
Funeral messages by Albertus Bossenbroek, 1976-1988  
Graduation announcement, Hope College Class of 1932  
Lectures and class materials, Spring term NBTS, 1981 (2 folders)  
Lectures, Pastoral administration NBTS, 1961, 1980  
Oaklawn remembered, Memoir, 1987  
Papers  
    Installation as Field Secretary-Particular Synod of New York (PSNY), 1964  
    Term as President of the General Synod-Reformed Church of America (RCA),  
        1978  
Photographs  
    Church/Synod, 1970-1979 (14 items)  
    Family/Personal, 1908-1965 (27 items)  
    General, n.d. (13 items)  
    General Synod-RCA, n.d., 1978 (9 items)  
Sermons, 1940-1990 (6 folders)  
Tributes and resolutions, 1964-1993  
Wedding invitation, June 10, 1936  
Workshop materials, 1977

Box 2

Sermons  
    Missions, stewardship, 1961-1979  
    Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost, 1968-1989  
    Ten Commandments, The, 1951-1963  
    Thanksgiving, 1943-1979  
    Will of God, The, 1945-1948

Genesis, Exodus, 1937-1964  
Leviticus-Samuel, 1936-1962  
Kings-Job, 1936-1960  
Psalms, Proverbs, 1932-1963  
Proverbs, 1937-1980  
Ecclesiastes-Malachi, 1936-1956  
Matthew (2 folders), 1937-1963 and 1937-1962  
Mark, 1936-1976  
Luke, 1936-1982  
John (2 folders), 1937-1957 and 1937-1982  
Acts, 1936-1965  
Galatians, Corinthians, 1938-1964  
Romans, 1936-1964  
Hebrews, James, 1937-1964  
Ephesians, Philippians, Timothy, Titus, 1936-1964  
John, Peter, Revelation 1937-1963

**Box 3 (RESTRICTED)**

General Synod  
    Chairman, 1978-1980  
    President, 1977-1978  
Personal, 1923-1977