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Abstract

Graduate of Hope College, 1948; Western Theological Seminary, 1951; Yale Institute of Far East Languages, 1951-1952; McCormick Seminary, 1957-1958. Served in the military during Second World War; ordained by RCA in 1951 and commissioned as a missionary; served in Japan from 1952-1974 as evangelist. In 1974, was appointed RCA Secretary for Asian/African Ministries. The collection consists of correspondence with missionaries and other RCA administrators during the years 1974-1989, along with information about the mission fields for which he was responsible (Africa, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Philippines, and Taiwan).

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Biography

Glenn Bruggers was born on August 21, 1923, in Holland, Michigan, when his father was pastor of the Sixth Reformed Church in Holland. He served in the military during the Second World War and returned to Hope College to finish his work for a B.A. degree in 1948. During the war, he felt a desire to become a missionary. In 1951, he received a degree from Western Theological Seminary and was commissioned to go to Japan as an evangelist along with his wife, Phyllis. The Bruggers served in various capacities in Japan from 1952-1974. In 1974, he was appointed as the RCA Secretary for Asian/African Ministries and returned to the United States. He retired in 1989.


Scope and Content

This collection consists primarily of correspondence with missionaries and other RCA administrative personnel during the years he was Board Secretary, along with pamphlets, articles, and information about the countries for which he was responsible as Secretary (Africa, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, and Taiwan). The collection is arranged alphabetically.

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