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### Abstract

Minister of the Reformed Church in America (RCA); received an A.B. degree from Hope College (1926), Th.B. degree from Western Theological Seminary (1929), and honorary degree D.D. from Hope College (1937); licensed by the Classis Wisconsin (1929); ordained by the Classis of Albany (New York) (1929); served as a pastor at Westerlo, New York, and Clarksville, New York (1929-1939), Williston Park, New York (1939-1948); served as a field secretary for the Particular Synod of New York for the RCA (1948-1964). Collection includes biographical information, student papers written while attending Western Theological Seminary, 1926-1929; materials produced by Neevel when he served as field secretary of the Synod of New York, 1948-1964; *Church Herald* articles, 1948-1960, and photographs of his wife, Cornelia Nettinga Neevel (Hope College Class of 1927), at Hope College Preparatory School (1921) and Holland Junior High School (n.d.), and programs for the Hope College Girl's Glee Club (ca. 1927) and B Natural Chorus (n.d.).

Accession No: W17-1748.50  
Provenance: Neevel, Alvin J.  
Donor: Neevel, James A.  
Photographs: 2 images  
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### Biography

Alvin J. Neevel was born on June 13, 1899, in Waupun, Wisconsin, and became the fourth generation of his family to graduate from Hope College. He attended Western Theological Seminary and began a long career of ministry in various New York churches. He served as pastor at Westerlo Reformed Church and Clarksville from 1929 to 1939, then Williston Park from 1939 until 1948. He served as field secretary to the Particular Synod of New York from 1948 until 1964. In 1957, Neevel received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Hope College. He died on April 30, 1965, in Nyack, New York.

### Scope and Content

The Alvin J. Neevel papers, 1921-1972, document his service as pastor to Westerlo Reformed Church from 1928 to 1939, as well as some returns on his part in following years to preach for important milestones for the church. Sermon transcripts and hand-written notes make up the majority of the collection. Photographs and a program from Cornelia Nettinga Neevel are also included.

### Container List

Articles, *Church Herald*, 1948-1960  
Biographical, 1939-1966

Cornelia Nettinga Neevel, 1921-1927 (2 images)  
Sermons in Westerlo, 1928-1953 (2 folders)  
Writings, n.d., 1939-1972  
Writings, Student Papers, n.d.