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**RECORDS OF THE BROOKLYN DIVISION OF  
THE PROTESTANT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
1840-1979 (Bulk Dates: 1895-1974)**

**GUIDE TO THE RECORDS OF THE BROOKLYN DIVISION OF  
THE PROTESTANT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

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## Introduction

The Records of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches trace the history of the Brooklyn Division and its numerous predecessors over a period of nearly one hundred and fifty years. The records in this collection date back to the Brooklyn City Tract Society, founded in 1829. The Tract Society was the earliest predecessor of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches. The organizations documented in this collection trace the history of Protestantism and missionary work in Brooklyn well into the twentieth century. In their missionary and evangelical work, the organizations represented here involved themselves in numerous aspects of Brooklyn's growth as a city, promoting immigrant acculturation, aiding in social reform, supporting education, and facilitating interracial relations.

Restrictions: Box 17:6; Box 20:1; Box 22:1 contain personal information about incarcerated persons.

### Note on Brooklyn History:

Present day Brooklyn encompasses the whole of Kings County, the westernmost portion of Long Island. Now a borough of New York City, Brooklyn grew out of six separate towns established in the colonial period, including the town of Breuckelen (Brooklyn), founded by the Dutch in 1646. The Village of Brooklyn was established via state charter in 1816, developing around the ferry landing that lay nearest to Manhattan Island. Though only one-mile square, the Village of Brooklyn soon expanded beyond the immediate vicinity of the ferry landing. Brooklyn's importance as an East River crossing spurred the growth of waterfront businesses as well as residential development. The expanded village acquired a city charter in 1834 and continued its growth, annexing the towns of Bushwick and Williamsburgh in 1854. A village less than twenty-five years earlier, the City of Brooklyn became similar in size to Philadelphia and Boston, and continued to grow due to waves of immigration, becoming the third largest city in the United States in 1860. The City of Brooklyn gradually expanded to include all of Kings County, and consolidated with New York City in 1898. As a borough, Brooklyn has continued to experience changes in population, politics, and economy, and in 2000 is the most populous borough of New York City.

From its beginnings, religious institutions played a significant role in Brooklyn's history. In February 1654, three Reformed Dutch churches were organized in what is now Brooklyn. By the middle of the nineteenth century, its many churches were of such prominence that Brooklyn was known as "The City of Churches." Immigrants and merchants were drawn to the city as it prospered and formed communities that were often identified through religious institutions.

With the demographic changes of the early and mid twentieth century, the face of Brooklyn Protestantism changed greatly. The increases in immigration of non-Protestant groups and the expansion of population to the suburbs led to a major decrease in the population of Protestant Brooklynites. By the latter half of the twentieth century, Protestants had become a religious minority within both the borough of Brooklyn and the city of New York, causing the churches to reevaluate their positions

within their communities. Despite changing population patterns, the Protestant churches continued to promote outreach. Working in unity to promote understanding social reform, they ensured their importance as members of the community. Today the church remains a vocal and committed voice in the borough, and Brooklyn remains home to numerous congregations and denominations, representing the borough's wide diversity in population.

Volume: The Records of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches occupy 15.5 cubic feet (28 document boxes and 8 custom ledger boxes).

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Identification of item, date (if known); Records of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches; Library; The Brooklyn Historical Society.

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Clergy- New York (N.Y.)  
Evangelicalism and Christian Union  
Evangelistic work  
Interdenominational Cooperation  
Missions- Educational Work  
Missions- Societies, etc.  
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### Related Materials

Primary Materials in The Brooklyn Historical Society Collection:

American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions	ArMs 1977.083
Brooklyn Church Records Collection:	ArMs 1986.013-.033
Brooklyn Clerical Union Records:	ArMs 1978.153
Episcopal Diocese of Long Island- Arch Deaconry of Brooklyn Records:	ArMs 1985.088

### **Institutional History**

The Records of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches offer the history of a century of Protestant organizations originating from the “Brooklyn City Tract Society, Auxiliary to the American Tract Society.” The Brooklyn City Tract Society was founded as a branch of the American Tract Society in 1829 to “promote the interests of evangelical religion, by the systematic distribution within the bounds of [Brooklyn], of religious Tracts published by the American Tract Society: and to aid that Society, with all surplus funds, in extending its operations.”<sup>1</sup> Originally focusing on the dissemination of religious literature and scripture, the Society soon expanded to offer religious services, and employed missionaries to extend their work throughout the City of Brooklyn. The Society’s name was changed in 1858 to “The Brooklyn City Mission and Tract Society” and in the same year its Constitution was amended to reflect this change.

The Society continued to prosper under its new name, employing both men and women as missionaries, and made active efforts to reach out to the underprivileged, including mothers and children, especially recent immigrants. Much of the Society’s work focused upon the idea of “American Christianity” with the hope of turning its wards into devout Christians and “reliable and helpful citizens.”<sup>2</sup> Each missionary was charged with the task of visiting every tenement in his or her district, distributing literature and, if welcomed, establishing neighborhood prayer meetings.

In 1886 “The Woman’s Branch” of the Brooklyn City Mission and Tract Society was formally organized. Known as the “Women’s Auxiliary” from 1887 on, this division

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<sup>1</sup> Brooklyn City Tract Society Constitution, 1848; Records of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches; Library; The Brooklyn Historical Society.

<sup>2</sup> *The Goodwill News*. Nov. 1919: 6.

coexisted alongside the Society and “was to supplement the work of The City Mission, by taking up mission work to be done in homes among women and children.”<sup>3</sup> All Christian women were encouraged to join the Auxiliary, not necessarily to work as missionaries but to lend their prayers, influence, and financial support to the cause of missionary work.

The Society sponsored many activities aimed at drawing persons away from vices such as alcohol and gambling. Activities sponsored by the Society included lectures, Prayer Meetings, Bible Classes, and a Sewing School. The Society founded a “Floating Bethel” in 1893. This boat/ meeting house was removed from the brothels and taverns of the waterfront and provided a space where sailors could come to read, write, rest, and pray.

In addition, the Society worked to “rescue the perishing,” primarily through its City Mission Night Shelter for Homeless Men, which provided food, shelter, aid in obtaining employment, and religious services.<sup>4</sup> The Society itself offered employment to many, running a broom factory and chair caning facility. These successful business ventures helped defray the costs of the Society’s charitable work.

As the Society continued to expand, it focused less on the dissemination of literature. Missionary work had become the Society’s primary function, and by 1906 it operated sixteen mission stations in Brooklyn. The Society chose to change its name accordingly in 1929, to the Brooklyn City Mission Society. The By-laws were also amended declaring the Society’s objective, “to promote interdenominational missionary interests in the Borough of Brooklyn and to minister to the spiritual and material needs of the unfortunate.”<sup>5</sup>

Shortly after this change in 1932, the Brooklyn City Mission Society took on the work of the Brooklyn Federation of Churches. The Federation had been established in 1920 to bring all Protestant denominations and races together in a cooperative effort to promote Christianity through religious education, social service, court work, and other venues. The two organizations had operated side by side for many years, sharing a Secretary, Dr. Frederick M. Gordon, from 1926 to 1932. The Society again changed its name, this time to the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation. The By-Laws of the Brooklyn City Mission Society were amended in accordance with the restructuring to declare a twofold object:

1. To unite the Protestant Churches of Christ in Brooklyn for the prosecution of work that can better be done in union than in separation, and to secure a larger combined influence for the churches in all matters affecting the religious, moral and social welfare of the people, so as to promote the application of the law of Christ in every relation of human life.
2. To promote interdenominational missionary interests in the borough of Brooklyn, and to minister to the spiritual and material needs of the unfortunate.

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<sup>3</sup> *The City Mission and Tract Society Journal*. Feb. 1895: 2.

<sup>4</sup> *The City Mission and Tract Society Journal*. Jan. 1896: 4.

<sup>5</sup> Board of Directors’ Minutes, April 3, 1929; Records of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches; Library; The Brooklyn Historical Society.

The Federation continued to operate as such over the next decade, working throughout Brooklyn to reach out to a large, diverse, and changing community. With the Great Depression, the church had to rethink its mission, focusing more on service to the community and providing aid to those in need. Outreach during this time included mothers' clubs, boys' clubs, parole and court work, civic affairs conferences, industrial relations conferences, and population surveys. The Federation also began to focus on church unity, as it observed that cooperative efforts would "produce greater strength and a more definite program and positive results."<sup>6</sup>

In June 1946, the Federation "voted to amalgamate its program and activities with The Protestant Council of the City of New York to become the Brooklyn Division of the Council."<sup>7</sup> Although the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation was not officially dissolved, the organization was now widely known as the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches. As such, the organization further shifted its focus to church unity and the future survival of the Protestant Church.

With the demographic changes of the early and mid twentieth century, the face of Brooklyn Protestantism had changed greatly. At the turn of the century, Protestants made up more than one-half of Brooklyn's population. By 1950, Protestant Brooklynites had dropped to 19.5 percent of the total population.<sup>8</sup> The increase in immigration of non-Protestant groups and the movement of the population to the suburbs led to a major decrease in the population of the Division's traditional Brooklyn base of white Protestants. By the later half of the twentieth century, Protestants had become a religious minority within both the borough of Brooklyn and the city of New York, causing the church to reevaluate its position within the community. The Division expanded its field of social services to include work with veterans, hospital and jail chaplaincies, interracial projects, peace activities, and economic justice programs. As the Division moved its focus towards social service and away from direct mission work, it strove to identify the church as an indispensable part of the community. It strove to promote unification especially with the growing African-American Protestant community that made up nearly one-half of Brooklyn's Protestant population by 1963.<sup>9</sup> The Division continued for the remainder of the twentieth century to use its influence as a united body within the community to strive for social reform to assist Brooklyn's ever changing population.

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<sup>6</sup> "The Church United Evolves." *Brooklyn, N.Y. Eagle*. 7 June 1938.

<sup>7</sup> Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation: Report for the Year 1946: 1; Records of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches; Library; The Brooklyn Historical Society.

<sup>8</sup> "Brooklyn: A Working Document," 1968: 3-4; Records of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches; Library; The Brooklyn Historical Society.

<sup>9</sup> "Brooklyn: A Working Document"

## Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches Chronology

- 1829 July 22 "Brooklyn City Tract Society, Auxiliary of the American Tract Society" founded
- 1858 Jan 30 Name of "Brooklyn City Tract Society" changed to the "Brooklyn City Mission and Tract Society." No longer considered an auxiliary of the American Tract Society
- 1865 Feb 20 Certificate of incorporation of "Brooklyn City Mission and Tract Society" filed with the State of New York
- 1920 Sept 20 "Brooklyn Federation of Churches" founded
- 1929 May 4 Name of "Brooklyn City Mission and Tract Society" changed to "Brooklyn City Mission Society"
- 1932 Nov 16 "Brooklyn City Mission Society" takes over expenditures and activities of "Brooklyn Federation of Churches"
- 1932 Dec 6 Name of "Brooklyn City Mission Society" changed to "Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation"
- 1946 June "Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation" voted to amalgamate its programs and activities with "The Protestant Council of the City of New York" to become the "Brooklyn Division of the Council." The "Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation" would continue to exist, operating for the benefit of the Brooklyn Division

## Scope and Content

The records of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches trace the history of Protestantism and missionary work in Brooklyn well into the twentieth century. The bulk of the collection consists of office files dating from 1950 to 1974, however, much of the material in this collection concerns missionary work at the turn of the nineteenth century and the collection dates back to 1840. Included in the collection are minutes, subject files, publications, financial records, and newspaper clippings.

The collection consists of materials donated to The Long Island Historical Society (now The Brooklyn Historical Society) in 1980 by the Brooklyn Council of Churches (the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches). The collection has been arranged functionally according to seven series.

- I. Related Organizations
- II. Minutes and Reports
- III. Financial Records
- IV. Publications
- V. Subject Files
- VI. Scrapbooks
- VII. Photographs

Each of these series has been arranged chronologically; the records in Series V were then arranged alphabetically.

The most complete collection of materials is Series II: Minutes and Reports, which consists of minutes and reports of the Brooklyn Division and of many of the Division's predecessors. The minutes range in date from 1848 to 1972, and trace the histories of the Brooklyn City Tract Society, the Brooklyn City Mission and Tract Society, the Brooklyn City Mission Society, the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation, and the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches. These minutes, taken either on leaves of paper or in ledgers, detail the structural composition of these organizations. Detailed here is the business aspect of each organization, including financial concerns, election of officers, and structural changes, such as amendments to the By-laws. Minute books document many of the transformations that occurred within various organizations over a period of over one hundred years that led to the creation of the Brooklyn Division.

The materials found in the Related Organizations series track organizations that worked in tandem with the Brooklyn Division and its predecessors or that were subsumed by the Brooklyn Division, most notably the Brooklyn Federation of Churches. This series is primarily composed of reports and minutes from these organizations. Most often represented in this series is the Brooklyn Federation of Churches. The series contains minutes of both the Federation as a whole and of its smaller committees. The minutes of the Federation trace the social concerns, community involvement, and organization of this group during its twelve years of existence, including the reasons behind the Federation's merger with the Brooklyn Church and Mission Society.

The daily running and concerns of the Brooklyn Division are also seen in the financial records in Series III. The majority of these records concern the finances of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches and the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation as a part of the Division. Included are account books, financial statements, lists of salaries, and finance committee minutes.

The subject files make up a significant portion of the collection. Dating from 1950 to 1974, the files cover topics the Brooklyn Division was concerned with during this period, as well as files concerning the day to day running of the Division. Files include information on different parishes, the clergy volunteer program, the education committee, the 1973 United Farm Workers' Strike, and neighborhood revitalization. Many of these files contain detailed statistical analysis of the demographics of Brooklyn, gathered by the Division to determine how Protestant churches might best serve and appeal to the community. Included in the files are newspaper clippings, correspondence, pamphlets, and committee minutes. Some of the material in these files is restricted due to issues of privacy.

Issues pertinent to the Brooklyn Division can also be traced through the Scrapbooks of Series VI. Dating from 1934 to 1964, these scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings and photographs regarding the Brooklyn Division's activities and current events of interest to the organization. The newspaper clippings also detail the activities of many individual Protestant parishes within Brooklyn. Additionally, the series contains photocopies of Grace Church Vestry minutes from 1847 to 1864.

The publications of Series IV make up a small, yet significant, portion of the collection. Ranging in dates from 1861 to 1979, this series provides significant documentation of nineteenth century Protestantism and missionary work. The journals of the Brooklyn City Mission and Tract Society, dating from 1861 to 1897, detail the missionary work of the Society. Originally published as the Society's annual report, the *Journal* came to be published monthly. The *Journal* contained poetry, fictional stories, photographs, and reports on the Society's missionary work. Each issue focused on the report of one major missionary project, whether the Floating Bethel, the City Mission Night Shelter for the Homeless, or one of the Society's missions. Included are statistics on how many had taken advantage of a given facility, the services provided there, financial breakdowns, staffing information, and the goals of the facility. Also included in the journals are lists of officers, missionaries, and the members of the Women's Auxiliary, testimonials, and brief updates on other work in the community.

Finally, the Photographs in Series VII document the Brooklyn Division's events and gatherings—most notably its testimonial dinners—from the early 1900s to 1974.

**The Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of Churches**  
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