

# Detroit Conference United Methodist Archives



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## Ronald Alvord Brunger Personal Papers, 1938-1993

### Biographical Note:

Rev. Ronald A. Brunger was born 14 May 1911 in Newberry, Michigan. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Albion College in 1933, a Master's degree in History from Boston University in 1935, and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology Degree from the Boston University School of Theology in 1936. He also did a year's worth of work towards a Ph.D. at Boston University from 1936-1937. He took three courses in Church History at the University of Chicago Divinity School in the summer of 1938. He was admitted into full membership and ordained as an Elder of the Detroit Conference in 1939. He was married to Florine Lebirda Hurst from 19 May 1940 until her death on 6 December 2000. He served at many churches in the Detroit Conference, including Tecumseh, Dundee, Fowlerville, and many others. In addition to his work as minister at these churches, he served on many committees and societies, including serving as President of the Detroit Conference Historical Society from 1957 until 1969 and twice as a member of the Historical Society and Committee on Archives and History. Rev. Brunger died 29 September 2001.

### Scope Note:

This collection contains writings, correspondence, coursework, notes, and record books, as well as some other materials.

### Extent:

2.4 linear feet (ca. 4,800 pages)

### Access Restrictions:

The collection is open to research.

### Restrictions on Use:

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## Conference Appointments

- 1937-1940: Dixboro & Garden City
- 1940-1942: Dexter & North Lake
- 1942-1947: Newberry, McMillan, Hulbert, Bethel Community, & State Hospital
- 1947-1948: Boyne City & Boyne Falls
- 1948-1951: Stephenson & Ingalls
- 1951-1954: Tecumseh
- 1954-1959: Dundee & Azalia
- 1959-1965: Marysville
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