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553 Minutes of annual sessions, 1911-1939.
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The St. Louis Annual Conference included congregations in metropolitan St. Louis and throughout southeastern and south-central Missouri. The Conference was composed of District associations centered in Charleston, De Soto, Farmington, Poplar Bluff, St. Louis, West Plains, and, by 1938, Cape Girardeau.

The annual meetings were held in September or October, and lasted several days. At these convocations, presided over by a bishop, the business of the Conference was conducted by its clerical members and lay delegates. Pastors were assigned to local churches, reports were offered on the status of the denomination and its programs, departed brothers and sisters of the faith were eulogized, and detailed statistics were gathered concerning the membership and finances of local congregations, Districts, and the Conference.

The volume for 1939 contains the minutes of the ninety-second, and final, session of the St. Louis Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Grace Methodist Church in St. Louis, 10-12 October, and the first session of the St. Louis Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, held at University Methodist Church in St. Louis, 12-15 October. A useful feature of the final session of the Southern church is a list of clergy attached to the Conference since its inception in 1847, including birth dates and places, terms of service, and death dates and places.

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Presiding Bishop</u>
1911	Kirkwood, Mo.	Collins Denny
1938	Fredericktown, Mo.	W. T. Watkins
1939	St. Louis, Mo.	Charles C. Selecman

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