



Reverend David V. Bush Papers (S0782)

Collection Number: S0782

Collection Title: Reverend David V. Bush Papers

Dates: 1917-1957

Creator: Bush, David V.

Abstract: Reverend David V. Bush presided over the Memorial Congressional Church in St. Louis from 1917 to 1921. The collection contains correspondence regarding everyday congregational matters, such as finances and the church community dated from 1917 to 1921.

Collection Size: 0.25 cubic foot
(7 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

David V. Bush obtained his theological training at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. When faced with the decision to stay in Philadelphia or become a pastor in South Dakota, Bush chose "extreme pioneer work" and claimed he was a better man for making this initial career- making decision. He began at a community church called Federated Church of Faith. Six denominations shared one church building and pastor, but contributed separately to

their respective church boards and missions.

Bush presided over the Memorial Congressional Church in St. Louis, Missouri from 1917 to 1921. The church, known as the church with the “revolving, flaming cross” fixed on top of the building, was located at the corner of Victoria and Graham. According to a field report from 1918, the average congregation attendance was 121 people.

In addition to presiding over the Memorial Congregational Church, Bush also served as Religious Director for the St. Louis Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) and Minister of the Central People's Church located at the corner of Grand and Finney. Bush was also a Lyceum and Chautauqua lecturer, as well as a poet. He had at least three poetry publications to his credit.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in chronological order in seven folders.

Scope and Content Note:

Most of this collection contains correspondence dated from 1917 to 1921 regarding everyday congregational matters, such as finances and the church community. However, one folder contains a few pieces of correspondence from 1957 regarding Bush serving as a booster for World Poetry Day.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1-7 Correspondence, 1917-1921, 1957

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