

Collection #  
SC 1696

## WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEETING MINUTES, 1953–57

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### COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF  
COLLECTION: 1 manuscript folder

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DATES: October 1953–September 1957

PROVENANCE: United Methodist Woman, Castleton United Methodist Church ,  
Indianapolis, IN, April 2002

RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

In 1843, the (Castleton) Methodist Episcopal Church was organized by the Reverend James T. Wright in Vertland, a small settlement north of the present Castleton, Indiana. The first meeting of the church was held in Wright's home, a log cabin, with fifteen members. At that time, most of the land in the Castleton area was farm land and the church was the center of activities for many years.

The first church was located on the west side of Masters Road in Castleton. The one-room brick building was completed in 1874, but not occupied as a place of worship until 1876. Then in 1926, an acre of land in Castleton was given to the church to build a bigger church. In September, 1927, the new brick building was dedicated. Between 1938 and 1939, during the unification of three branches of Methodism, the church became known as the Castleton Methodist Church.

The purpose of the Women's Society of Christian Service was women's fellowship focusing on Christian mission, education and outreach. Regular meetings featured guest speakers, discussing local mission outreach or personal enrichment, fellowship time, Bible study, and book reviews.

Sources:

Castleton United Methodist Church [cited 26 September 2006]. Available from World Wide Web: (<http://castletonumc.org/>)

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Collection contains a notebook of handwritten minutes from Women's Society of Christian Service meetings, from October 1953 to September 1957. The meetings show that in the beginning the meetings were held in members' houses, and later they were held in the church. The meetings either were preceded by a prayer circle, or started with a prayer. After the prayer, minutes from the previous meeting were read, and then new business was discussed. New business ranged from electing new group members, to accepting invitations for visits from other church or women's groups in the area, and upcoming activities to do for the community. There is also a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the United States Committee for UNICEF in the folder. The certificate was given to the group in 1955.

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