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Ivan J. Miller Materials in Collection of David I. Miller

Some of the commentary below, especially when based on personal memory, may be referred to in first person. Names of married couples may be given separately for husband and wife in order to enhance the electronic search method. For example, John and Jane Doe may be cited as John Doe and wife Jane Doe.

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301. [file folders] – Local Church Administration – pre-1920

301A Letter of July 12, 1906, “To Abraham Zook, his fellow ministers and church members”

This is a handwritten letter of two sheets of 5 ½ X 9 inch paper without signature. It appears to be missing the last page. The letter is from “we the bishop and ministers of the Amish Mennonite Church.” They address the question of ministry occurring between their own church and the church of which Abraham Zook is bishop or elder in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. They express openness to ministerial interaction provided such minister were “in accordance with our belief, doctrine and usages,” and in the event of baptism to be “administered by a bishop from this congregation,” it would be by baptizing in the house. Further explanation states: “We earnestly protest against the wearing of jewelry such as exposed watches, finger rings, ear ornaments, etc., etc. Abraham Zook was bishop of the Amish Mennonite Church which became known as Locust Grove and later joined the Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference. Place – house or stream – of baptism was a contentious issue among the Amish Mennonites of Mifflin County – thus the reference, no doubt to that issue. Abraham Zook’s congregation was considered independent at that time and this letter appears to be a response to their effort to be in affiliation with the Conservative Amish Mennonite congregation of the Casselman River area. See S. Duane Kauffman, *Mifflin County Amish and Mennonite Story 1791-1991*, (Belleville, PA: Mifflin County Mennonite Historical Society, 1991), p. 121. The language and penmanship suggest Jonas B. Miller as the writer in behalf of the ministerial body of the Conservative Amish Mennonite Church of the Casselman Valley. This document was found among the IJM papers in an envelope marked, in the hand of IJM, “Old Paper – Grantsville and Belleville.”

302. [file folders] – Local Church Administration – 1920-1929

303. [file folders] – Local Church Administration – 1930-1939

304. [file folders] – Local Church Administration – 1940-1949

304A – Local Congregational and Ministerial/pastoral Meetings 1940 to 1949

Item # 1: Notes by IJM in 1942, in the form of a journal, consisting of seven sheets written on one side. This is a record of the ministerial team dealing with issues of church polity and disciplines.

February 19, Bishop C.W. Bender “came to Amos Yoders to interview me.” [It is possible that IJM was at the Amos Yoder saw mill loading lumber for a building project on the farm.] CWB expressed fear about the “difficulties in the future,” especially in regard to disunity in the ministerial body. CWB asked IJM to discuss the matters with minister Jonas B. Miller. The term “Christ” is used as in “Crist,” referring to Christian W. Bender.

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- February 21 – IJM visited JBM per request of CWB.
- February 22 (Sunday) – CWB asked the ministers about announcing a ministers’ meeting and it was decided to meet, though no time set.
- February 24 – Meeting held in the home of CWB. Shem Peachey listed points of dissatisfaction and expressed a need for Sunday evening meetings, Bible school, different Sunday school arrangement, English hymnbooks, visiting each member once or twice a year. Other matters in this meeting were Paul Peachey attending college away from home in deviance from church regulations, a young member, Joe Dolan having a radio and doing excessive driving, the need for an interview with Lee Scheffel concerning questions about some business practices, membership in the Rural Electric Association (REA) in order have access to electricity in the Pennsylvania homes, contributions for war sufferers and Civilian Public Service.
- March 5 – Interview with Joe Dolan by minister Noah Brenneman and IJM as requested by the ministers meeting. The interview dealt with issue of faith and practice.
- April 9 – The interview with Joe Dolan apparently was discussed and NB and IJM were asked to interview him again. Paul Peachey’s attendance at college was discussed, including some comments by Paul’s father Shem.
- Item # 2 – These papers are placed in File No. 303B, Polity – Casselman River Amish Mennonite Congregation.
- 304B – Polity – Casselman River Amish Mennonite Congregation 1940-1949
- Outlines used in the congregational council meeting of the members on May 11, 1942, April 28, 1946, May 4, 1947. These outlines list specific practices expected of members in good standing and violation of which could be cause for discipline. The list includes *refraining from* use of tobacco, attending movies, theaters, and shows, fashionable hair styles, wearing jewelry and wrist watches, and, for display, rings, watch chains, hair clasps, attendance at bathing resorts and appearing in insufficient dress such as bathing suits, athletic suits when seen in public or by the opposite sex, and unnecessary display at weddings and funerals (flowers excluded). *Sunday observance* was to exclude unnecessary car driving, labor, marketing, business transactions, and habitual buying of gas. *In business* there was to be avoidance of the “unequal yoke,” careless methods, and reckless spending and negligence in paying bills. *Courtship* was not to include late hours (after midnight), parked cars, being in the dark, fondling and embracing. *Prohibitions regarding men’s clothing* included creased, dented, or light colored hats; striped or figured socks, striped or un-plain clothing for dress or work, fashionable shoes, and belts. *Prohibitions regarding women’s clothing* included short or tight skirts, flashy or transparent stockings or going stockingless, striped, checked or figured dress materials. Dresses and aprons were to be tailored to conform with former regulations. Homes were enjoined to have regular *family worship*.
- 304C – Cases of Personal Counseling or Deacon Ministry
- Item #1 – Noah Schrock and wife Trevolla were in touch with IJM on April 24, 1947(?) concerning their financial situation. They were interested in selling their farm. Church leadership became involved in an advisory capacity. Provisions included Floyd J. Miller being appointed administrator of the estate of Noah’s mother,

Susan Schrock, who had died on April 18, 1947. The farm was sold to Norman Bender and Noah gained employment on the farm of Monroe D. Yoder on Keyzers Ridge. The Schrock farm is the land where two homes are located now (2010): Barry and Carol Maust and Mervin and Lisa Beitzel.

304D – Obituaries and Funeral Arrangements 1940-1949

Elizabeth Shetler, nee Wenger (1860-1948) died January 12, 1948.

304E – Christian Day School – Crossroads and Related

1945 – Booklet: Christian Day Schools for Mennonite Youth, Published by Lancaster Conference Schools, Inc., Lancaster, Pennsylvania. 115 pages plus promotion pages.

August 4, 1946 – Minutes of preliminary meeting of area ministers regarding church-controlled day schools. Present: Joseph J. Yoder, Bennie Fisher, Menno Brenneman, and Noah J. Yoder, representing the Old Order Amish; Norman Beachy and Eli Tice, representing the Beachy Amish Mennonites; C. W. Bender, J. B. Miller, and Ivan J. Miller, representing the Conservative Amish Mennonites. Evan J. Miller also present with a report of a survey of prospective students. Two schools were anticipated: Crossroads and Hillside. A Ministerial Committee was anticipated to care for the spiritual welfare of the schools; also commission to appoint an initial board of six directors.

October 29, 1948 – Letter from Shem Peachey and Mark Peachey to Menno Brenneman, Amos Yoder, Jonas Petersheim, and Enos Mast. The addressees had been indicted and incarcerated for violation of the Pennsylvania compulsory school attendance laws. The letter expresses concern about the action of the Amish men and considers the men to have erred by violating (1) the Christian school's constitution by not sending their children, (2) the State school laws as interpreted by the local school board, and (3) the Scriptures by employing attorneys and going to law against their persecutors. The letter consists to two legal-size pages.

May 27, 1948 – Constitution and By-Laws of the Amish Mennonite Parochial School Association of the Casselman Valley District. This item consists of a printed edition and hectographed copies of apparently preliminary worksheets.

January 15, 1955 – Joint meeting of the Christian Day School Board and the ministry of the Conservative Amish Mennonite and Beachy Amish Mennonite congregations. The meeting dealt with a request from the ministry of the Old Order Church for consideration of their concerns about the school program in regard to (1) their students taking part in religious programs, prayer meetings, and leading in public prayer, (2) teaching in the devotional period that differs with the Old Order teaching, and (3) excessive emphasis (in their view) on playing ball and checkers. A teacher, Paul Bender, was called into the discussion which resulted in a seven-point response to the concern.

August 31, 1964 – Statement from the Board of the Amish Mennonite Parochial School Association to the “Ministers of the Beachy and Conservative Congregations” with a series of seven recommendations, including “That the present Cross Road Board be dissolved” and that “six members be elected by the Mennonite and Amish patrons of the St. Paul School . . .” The statement is signed by Menno

Beachy, Norman E. Bender, Edwin Mast, Ernest N. Beachy, Jacob S. Yoder, Edward R. Yoder.

January 2, 1967 – Report of financial distributions, apparently related to the closing of the Crossroads School and the purchase of the building by the Old Order Amish. Payment for the building was received from Amos J. Yoder. The report is signed by Edwin Mast. IJM notes, “Passed at maple glen Jan. 2, 1967.

Sept.-Oct 1975 – Article in *Mennonite Educator*, “The Christian School Movement – Some observations,” by Roy Hartzler. Critiques the then current movement.

No Date – Pamphlet: *Eastern Mennonite School Standards*. Later known as Eastern Mennonite College; Eastern Mennonite University. Possibly a document of the 1940s.

304F – Rosters and lists related to the membership of the Casselman River congregation 1940-1949

August 13, 1945 – “Conservative A.M. Castleman River Church Membership by Groups” – Shows a membership of 210 with the following geographical locations and numbers: Oakland 9, Keyzers Ridge 15, Cherry Glade 31, South Grantsville 10, North Grantsville 125, East of River 20. The family heads are listed with the number of members in each household.

1940-1983 – A list of baptisms in the Casselman River congregations from 1940 to 1966 and at Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, Oak Dale, and Coal Run after 1966. Most entities give the names of the persons baptized. But only the number of persons baptized is given in later years for locations other than Maple Glen. The list is hand-written of scrap paper, left-over letterheads of IJM’s uncle Alvin J. Miller, who served many years on the faculty of Kent State University in Ohio. The list is recorded here, but is located on the 307 section with materials of the 1980s.

304G – Church building/facilities

Circa 1948 – Note in the hand of IJM of dimensions of Church pews for the Maple Glen church building. Total capacity of regular seats (396), chairs between seats (72), anterooms in rear (100), balcony in rear (150) and chairs near pulpit (32) = 750.

305. [file folders] – Local Church Administration – 1950-1959

305A – Maple Glen Sewing and Oak Dale Sewing – Memo of Understanding of each, consisting of constitution for each of the two women’s sewing circles. 1958

305B – Church membership Certificates (church letters) regarding transfers of membership to or from the Casselman River Conservative Mennonite congregation or as recommendation for participation in communion as a guest. The following names, with year of letter, occur in these letters: 1955 – Allen O. and Lois Yoder, Mary Colflesh, Elam and Mildred Bender, Mary Bontrager, Lewis Miller 1956 – Barbara Maust, David Scheffel, Jonas and Irene Maust, Mabel Maust, Jason Bender, Anna Mae Kramer, Wilbur and Annie Beitzel, Catherine Scheffel, Gorman and Lizzie Beitzel, Fannie Beitzel, Anna Beitzel, Alta Beitzel, Nannie Maust, Daniel Walter Pugh, Cloyd and Mary Edna Yoder, Doris Bender, Fred and Sarah Yoder, Edward Yoder, Jonas M. and Tillie Yoder, Delmar Beitzel, Robert Bender; 1957 – Maynard Beitzel, Oscar Maust, Paul Bender, Lois (Bender) Mullet, Alva Maust, Jonas and Ruth Scheffel, Mark and Fannie Peachey, Elda Beitzel, Mark Miller, Richard Yoder, David Yoder, Mary Bontrager; 1958 – Omar Yoder, Eleanor Yoder, Frieda Yoder, Ida Yoder, Daniel Yoder, Ernest and Sarah Mast, Glen Mast, Clifford

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- Maust, Martha Bender; 1959 -- Miriam Yoder, Wilbur and Annie Beitzel, Lola Beitzel, Miriam Tice, Irvin and Salome Yoder, Marietta Yoder, Joseph Yoder, Alva and Fannie Maust, Nona Yoder, Prentice Hartzberg.
- 305C – Confession, Personal Statements of, 1950-1959 – Acknowledgement of errant practices received from: Lois Bender, Elmer and Rhoda Maust, Emma Maust, Mary Colflesh, Mary Byler nee Bender. An undated item consists of handwritten notes of comments by M and D. This item was found among the papers of Christian W. Bender and transferred, as explained, to the papers of IJM. These notes appear to have been made in the early 1940s in process of an interviewing minister reporting to Bishop C. W. Bender, regarding the same case that reappeared in the 1950s. M can be identified as Mary Bender (later Byler) and D as Daniel Puffinburger.
- 305D – Correspondence (general) from/to Church Members – Includes notes of comment, thanks and general correspondence from members, including:
- Sept. 18, 1950 – Ernest and Sarah Mast regarding a donation to cause not named in the letter and inquiry about communication with Richard Bender, apparently in regard to his status with the local congregation.
- June 27, 1951 – IJM to Jonas M. Yoder concerning the estate of Lewis Bender and sale of the farm to Martin Bender along with comment of some misunderstandings to be clarified.
- July 10, 1951 – Jonas M. Yoder to IJM objecting to the estate of Lewis Bender being closed with first taking care of “all unsatisfactory matters.”
- 305E – Materials Regarding Bishop Ordination for Casselman River Congregation
- April 20, 1952 -- Questionnaires concerning ordination of leadership in the Casselman River congregation. In the preceding years, the congregation had experienced a crises of disagreements on church policies with the intervention of the Conference Executive Committee and release of the aged bishop C. W. Bender from bishop responsibilities with Emanuel Peachey of Belleville, Pennsylvania, as interim bishop. This questionnaire of April 1952 was an attempt to learn congregational consensus concerning future leadership. The basic question: should the congregation proceed with the ordination of a minister and the ordination of a bishop and, if both, which should occur first. The questionnaire was developed from a premise that selection of a minister would be from within the congregation and the selection of a bishop from among the incumbent ministers. This file contains about 208 completed and signed questionnaires, arranged alphabetically within the file folder except 15 questionnaires attached to the face of a large envelope in which those questionnaires were found among the IJM papers. The envelope evidently was used first for a mailing from Alvin J. Miller, Kent, Ohio, sent on May 1, 1952, to IJM who used the envelope for presenting the fifteen questionnaires to Shem Peachey who in turn mailed them, on May 27, 1952, in that same envelope, to Emanuel B. Peachey at Belleville, Pennsylvania. Apparently the envelope with contents was handed by Emanuel B. Peachey to IJM who left the contents intact in the envelope. These fifteen questionnaires represent members of the congregation who expressed concern about Shem Peachey having been moved from ministerial responsibility in the Casselman River congregation to a congregation in Bart, Pennsylvania.

August 11, 1952 – Letter addressed to the Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference from the ministry of the Casselman River congregation. The letter is unsigned; signed copy not in hand at this writing. The letter request authorization for the ordination of a bishop. Explanations are given of the congregation having recovered considerably from the crisis a recent years. A small note is stapled to the letter with a list of irregularities: Devotional coverings – Girls, size and cut; transparent hose, striped and figured clothes, phonographs, watch bands (apparently referring to metal vs. leather). Also noted: “Young folks to be chaperoned to avoid late hours.”

October 1, 1953 – “Bishop Ordination at Maple Glen,” by Evan J. Miller, taken from The Newsletter of the Casselman River Conservative Amish Mennonite Church. This is a description of the service when Ivan J. Miller was ordained as bishop on October 1, 1953. Describes the procedures of using the lot in the selection of the man to be ordained.

305F – Questionnaire on Various Points of Congregational Polity. The Casselman River Conservative Mennonite Congregation had faced internal tensions regarding various issues of church discipline and policy as the decade of the 1940s moved to a close. Tensions were such that the Executive Committee of the Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference was involved. A few years later, dissatisfaction continued to find expression from some church members on some issues. (See also Folder 304H.) The questionnaire in this folder was an attempt to seek counsel from the members of the congregation and to determine congregational consensus on the listed issues. The questionnaires are not dated, but the IJM notation clearly identifies January 8, 1956, as the Sunday on which the questionnaire was given to the congregation. IJM notations, are found on one copy of the questionnaire which he apparently used for reference when presenting it. The notations are as follows: “(1) vote may usually be “for” or “against” or “no counsel,” (2) if ready to vote, leave questionnaire here today, (3) permissible to return questionnaire tonight, (4) in emergency they may be mailed Monday or later, (5) this is not a deciding vote but a preliminary counsel.” The notation appears on one copy of the questionnaire which IJM likely held for reference in the presentation. This folder contains approximately 176 completed questionnaires. The paper on which they are written was known as mimeograph paper with a surface suitable for absorbing the ink without smearing. The use of two colors likely is insignificant and may relate only to the stock available when the questionnaires were printed. The issues found on the questionnaire are listed here with explanatory comments:

- I. Sewing arrangement – This refers to the women’s sewing circles which met periodically to do sewing projects, typically for charitable relief. This involved many projects of sewing for victims of World War II in Europe immediately after the war years. Each area of the congregation – Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, Oak Dale – had its own sewing circle organization and program. The question on the questionnaire was not a question of continuing or discontinuing the sewing activities, but rather by what organization to continue. Should two or more of the three be combined
- II. Bulletin Board -- This refers to a register to be posted in the church giving statistics of attendance and offerings, typically of “Today” and “Last Sunday” and

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- “A Year Ago.” These registers were common in Mennonite churches, located at the front of the sanctuary. In the minds of the people of this congregation, it was a very Mennonite thing to do, but not very Amish. It was seen by some not only as a medium of information, but as “blowing our horn.” So this was not an easy question.
- III. Mixed Seating – Before this questionnaire, seating was segregated by gender. From the perspective of the rear of the sanctuary, the men sat on the right side of the center aisle and the women on the left. (Yet today [2010], if I am seated on the left of the Maple Glen Church when I have occasion to attend there, I instinctively feel that I am seated on the women’s side.) When the change to mixed seating was suggested, some felt that mixing the genders would not be the most conducive to worship. (I recall the history of some other churches, the Lutheran church in Bittering, Maryland, for example, having two entrances at the same end of the building, one for the men and the other for the women.)
- IV. Radio – With the debut of radio broadcasting easily available in homes in the 1930s, the evils of many radio programs was recognized and the use of radios by the members of the congregations was prohibited. This was true in the Casselman River congregation yet at the time of this questionnaire. However, many congregations in the Conference had permitted the use of radio by this time and one of the bishops of the Executive Committee involved with the congregation had a radio if the presence of an aerial on his car was indicative. For some years, the ministerial leadership of the congregation struggled with the issue of members taking the liberty of using radios. At this point, the questionnaire sought to again deal with the issue.
- V. Song Leadership – Before the 1950s, song leading was done by a volunteer announcing a song and leading it from his seat. To the embarrassment of some, there were times of silence while the congregation waited for a song to be announced. There was push for song leaders to be appointed and to be prepared in advance. Some resisted this idea, perhaps with concern that it restricts opportunity to a few and, if the song leader stands in the front of the congregation, it becomes too demonstrative.
- VI. Song Leading – This point dealt with were an appointed song leader would be positioned – seated in the audience or standing in the front.
- VII. Young People’s Activities – Before the 1950s, official young people’s activities consisted mainly of regular Sunday evening singings, annual outings on Easter Monday, corn huskings in the fall. The singings usually were held in a home with the girls grouped together on one side of a large room and the boys on the other side. The most-used song books during the 1940s were *Church Hymnal* (1927) and *Life Songs No. 2* (1938.) The evening was spent singing songs selected and announced by anyone with one of the fellows using the pitch pipe to get the pitch and to sound out the four parts and one of the girls with a good soprano voice leading the singing. The atmosphere was meant to be serious and the songs were not interspersed with visiting or mirth. There was much socializing before and after the singing and a place from which a fellow could take a girl to her home as the usual form of dating. The annual Easter Monday outings usually were spent at a park such as Swallow Falls with food for the noon meal, walking the trails, and

casual interaction among the young people. In spite the setting, dress was Sunday best. Corn huskings occurred before the days of corn pickers. A farmer would announce a corn husking for the young people. Groups of about four would tackle one shock of corn after the other. The boys and girls were segregated typically, except when couples were formed by a fellow asking a girl to husk with him. Refreshments were served after the husking. The evening often went late into the night with arrival home after midnight. Many thought the youth programs were good and satisfactory. Others eyed what other churches were doing, such as organized Sunday evening young peoples' meetings and social and outreach activities, and wished for the same.

- VIII. Covering strings – It was understood that female members of the church would consistently wear a prayer covering of a particular design. Many were concerned that flexibility of design would result not only in loss of uniformity, but also loss of a meaningful size and eventually of the practice itself in violation of the passage in I Corinthians. Others noted that the strings attached to the coverings were not really tied in a way that served a practical purpose. What shall church polity be concerning this practice? That was the question on the questionnaire.
- IX. Metal Watch Bands – Wearing wrist watches accepted as congregational policy only recently before this questionnaire. Since wrist watches were considered a kind of jewelry and worn in visible ways, they were considered as ornamental along with their functional value. When first “allowed,” metal bands were not allowed since something like leather would be less showy and ornamental. But some noted that metal bands are more practical. Thus this question.

In addition to the questionnaires, this folder contains the following items: (1) the copy used by IJM in the presentation, as noted above, (2) a sheet with tally of the votes, (3) copies of the questionnaire with results of the votes inserted by hand, one each for adults, youth, and total, (4) a typed summary of the votes. The issues of covering strings and use of radio were processed further by an ad hoc committee, for which see Folder 304G

305G – Polity of the Casselman River Conservative Mennonite Congregation 1950s

May 6, 1954 – Young Peoples' Activity Committee, responsibilities of. Planning and leading activities of the youth. Note also of singing school instructor to be elected by the singing school group under the direction of the ministry. Early draft also attached. Accepted without dissenting vote at Maple Glen.

Mid 1950s – Job descriptions in the Casselman River congregation of the Mission Board, Library Committee and the Young Peoples Activities Committee. These job descriptions are undated, but appear to belong to time after these committees were formed and before the formation of three separate congregations, circa 1954. The following programs are listed as “Present Responsibilities”: Mission Board – Coal Run, Strawberry Hill [a fresh air boys camp at the vacant Children's Home], cottage meetings and home visitation, literature distribution, and information to the congregation; Young Peoples Activities: Singings, singing school, corn husking, outings, etc, mission project, and assignments from the Mission Board; Sunday Evening Bible Meeting – plan and arrange Sunday evening Bible meeting.

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- July 6, 1954 -- Letter from Emmanuel Peachey, Belleville, Pennsylvania, to the ministers of the Casselman River congregation: C. W. Bender, Ivan J. Miller, Mark Peachey, Simon Beachy, Paul Yoder. He expresses support for a middle-of-the-road approach regarding the veiling on girls who are not members of the church.
- June 20, 1956 -- Recommendations of local committee on issues of covering strings and use of radio. These issues were not resolved by the ballot of January 8, 1956. The pastoral leadership proposed to the congregation that an ad hoc committee of lay brethren be elected to study the issues and bring a recommendation to the ministers for consideration. The committee was elected by the congregational members casting their votes without advance nominations. The committee consisted of Norman Bender, Evan J. Miller, Daniel M. Miller, David I. Miller, Clark Yoder, Edward Yoder, and Ervin H. Yoder. The recommendations to the ministry are dated June 20, 1956.
- September 24, 1957 – Notes by IJM indicate an inquiry from Elmer Beitzels about the acceptability of having or using a piano in some setting. The response: (1) Cannot give official answer without consulting the ministry and the answer likely would be “No”, (2) personal advice to not get it, and(3) doubtful that it’s wise under present conditions, but would leave it to their judgment since it is impossible to give an official answer today.
- October 29, 1958 – Plan for Bible memorization awards to elementary Sunday school students, presented by the Sunday school superintendents of Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, and Oak Dale. Signed by superintendants and assistants: Edgar R. Yoder, Ivan J. Maust, Hugh Orendorf, Elmer Beitzel, David I. Miller, Monroe J. Yoder.
- April 20, 1959 – Packet of similar letters inquiring about the practice of the sisters’ veil in the case of nurses. The letters were sent to Nevin Bender, Elmer G Swartzendruber, Roman H. Miller, Clarence A. Yoder, John L. Stauffer, Amos S. Horst, J. C. Wenger, and John E. Lapp.
- December 20, 1959 – Constitution of the Casselman River Conservative Mennonite Church. Various drafts included, bearing the following inscriptions in the hand of IJM: “Original draft made by Ivan J. Miller, Jan. 26, 27, 1959,” “Mailed to Ministers of the Congregation for their consideration Jan. 28, 1959,” “Own use at Maple Glen Dec. 20, 1959 (Sunday Morning),” and “Copy used in discussion at members meeting,”
- 305H – Correspondence and Reports about and related to the work of the Conference Executive Committee in the early 1950s.
- Letter from Ivan J. Miller to Emanuel B. Peachey arranging for Emanuel’s ministry in meetings in the congregation. March 3, 1952
- Letter from Bishop C. W. Bender to Bishop Nevin Bender of the Conference Executive Committee acknowledging Nevin’s letter of “last week” and the announcements made for council meeting and communion services and the possibility of not all communing. The handwriting of CWB demonstrates an unsteady hand at age on the date one week before his 75th birthday. Oct. 12, 1950
- Statement of Executive Committee of Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference to the Casselman River Conservative Amish Mennonite Church. This statement was presented to the congregation after the Executive Committee had worked with the

congregation, especially by conducting personal interviews, from December 17-22, 1950. Points of change effected by the statement included official endorsement of activities such as Sunday evening meetings, cottage meetings, prayer meetings, and mission Sunday schools. Coverings (veils) on small children were left to parental decision. Dress codes permitted the absence of an apron on the cape dresses of women and allowed men to wear belts rather than suspenders. It stated that bishop responsibility for the congregation would be assumed by the Executive Committee and the normal functions of a bishop would be supplied by one of the bishops of the committee. (In that time and setting, only a bishop would officiate in baptism, communion, marriage ceremonies, excommunications and reinstatements.) This was a landmark document for the congregation who had been under the leadership of a bishop who had hesitated to see lay persons exercise extensive leadership in activities not directed by the ordained ministry and who viewed expressions of nonconformity to the world as including distinctiveness from the surrounding society and who was very reluctant or resistant to see any changes in dress standards for the members of the congregation. The decision of the Executive Committee, presented without ministerial or congregational ratification, was very welcome by a significant segment of the congregation, but also questioned and regretted by a significant segment. The Statement in file here appears to be an original, signed with colored ink by two members of the Executive Committee (Nevin Bender and Elmer G. Swartzendruber and an additional bishop who had been brought into participation in the proceedings (Emanuel B. Peachey). A third member of the Executive Committee (Emanuel Swartzendruber) had needed to return home early, but reportedly was in agreement with the paper.

August 1951 – This paper with the heading, “Somerset Problems” bears a date inscribed by IJM as Aug. 23, 1958, a date which almost certainly is mistaken. Perhaps IJM inadvertently wrote the date of the inscription. The identical statement is found in the Annual Report of Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference of 1951, p. 7. The ministerial body of the Casselman River Congregation had taken a request to the Conference ministers’ business meeting regarding congregational leadership, including the feature of Emmanuel Peachey serving as bishop. The Conference did not grant the request, stating it as irregular.

305I – Hosting Annual Conference 1954

Notes in the hand of IJM regarding arrangements for hosting the annual conference.

Reference is to 1954 on one side of the card and 1964 on the other side.

Apparently IJM had the 1954 notes in file and retrieved them for reference in 1964 and jotted his notes on the other side. The 1954 side lists committees and their responsibilities.

“List of Visitors Registered at Conference at Maple Glen August 1954. Includes a tally sheet showing a total of 1922 registrants.

305J – Slates and election results, including annual reorganization of church and Sunday school offices.

In this period, as before and a few years after, the Casselman River congregation was one congregation with three meeting houses – Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, and Oak

Dale. Each location had its own Sunday school organization as well as trustees and, later, song leaders. Election of Sunday school superintendant is not shown on the elections slates because of a system of the assistant superintendant serving in that capacity one year and then moving to the office of superintendant. The “trustees” were in charge of the buildings and related facilities. During the 1950s, several new committees and offices were initiated, including a Mission Board (which served as local missions interests committee), Library Committee, Mobile Kitchen Committee, a Sunday School awards supervisor (children’s memorization), and elected song leaders. (Before the 1950’s song leaders served voluntarily as they felt to announce and lead a hymn.) The following list of elections is indicated by the numbers inserted on copies of the slate.

- 1950 – A handwritten notation shows trustees elected: Roy Beitzel for Cherry Glade, Simon Beachy for Oak Dale, and Norman Bender for Maple Glen.
- 1952 – Slate without results shown
- 1953 – Maple Glen: Edward Yoder, Assist. S.S Supt; Oren Bender, S.S Sec.-Treas.; Ervin E. Yoder, Trustee. Oak Dale: Clark Yoder, Assist. S.S. Supt.; Jason Bender, S.S. Sec.-Treas; Omar Bender, Trustee. Cherry Glade: Mayard Beitzel, Assist. S.S. Supt.; Willis Maust, S.S. Sec.-Treas.; Roy Beitzel, Trustee. Entire Congregation: Sun. Eve. Bible Committee: Daniel Miller; Church Treasurer, Ervin J. Yoder; School Board member, Norman Bender.
- October 27, 1953 – Handwritten notes on small sheets concerning (1) procedures for electing Young Peoples Activities committee members, (2) nominations (by popular vote) and election of committee members, and (3) nominations (by popular vote) and election of singing school instructors. Nominations presented to the youth were Creed Yoder and Paul E. Yoder, the latter elected. Nominations presented to the youth for committee membership were, Ivan Maust, Oren Bender, and Jason Bender, the latter elected.
- 1954 – Maple Glen: Allen O. Yoder, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Roman Yoder, S.S Sec.-Treas.; Norman Bender, Trustee. Oak Dale: Edwin Mast, Assist. S.S. Supt.; Monroe Yoder, S.S. Sec.-Treas.; Alvin Maust, Trustee. Cherry Glade: Harvey Bender, Assist. S.S. Supt; Cleland Beitzel, S.S. Sec. Treas.; Ervin H. Yoder, Trustee. Entire Congregation: Kenneth Yoder, Sunday Evening Program Committee; Edwin Mast, Crossroads School Board.
- 1955 – Maple Glen: Alvin H. Yoder, Assist. S.S. Supt.; Ray Bender, S.S. Sec.-Treas.; Roy Yoder, Trustee. Oak Dale: Creed Yoder, Assist. S. S. Supt.; Francis Maust, S.S. Sec.-Treas.; Edwin Mast, Trustee. Cherry Glade: Roy Beitzel, Assist. S.S. Supt.; Mayard Beitzel, S.S. Sec.-Treas.; Raymond Bender, Trustee. Entire Congregation: Sunday Evening Program Committee, Clark Yoder and Sanford Bender; Crossroads School Board, Philip Bender.
- 1956 – Maple Glen: David I. Miller, Assist. S.S. Supt.; Ellen Yoder, S.S. Sec. Treas.; Irvin E. Yoder, Trustee. Oak Dale: Monroe Yoder, Assist. S.S. Supt.; Fannie Maust, S.S. Sec.-Treas.; Omar Bender, Trustee. Entire congregation: Oren Bender, Sunday Evening Program Committee; Edward Yoder, Church Treas.; Norman Bender, School Board; Paul H. Yoder, Evan J. Miller, and Elmer H. Maust, Mission Board (local); Ray Yoder, Simon Beachy, and Alvin H. Yoder (with spouses), Meal Committee.

1957 – Maple Glen: Edgar Yoder, Assist. S.S. Supt.; Ray Yoder, Trustee; David I. Miller, Song Leader. Oak Dale: Ivan Maust, Assist. S.S. Supt.; Enos Maust, Trustee; Creed Yoder, Song Leader. Cherry Glade: Hugh Orendorf, Assist. S.S. Supt.; Asa Maust, Trustee; Mayard Beitzel, Song Leader. Entire Congregation: Floyd Bender, Mission Board; Edwin Mast, School Board; Alvin H. and Martha Yoder, Mobil Kitchen Committee; Edward Yoder, Sunday Evening Program; Church Services Schedule, Daylight Savings Time (77), Standard Time (17), Midway between (7).

1958 – Maple Glen: Alvin H. Yoder (released upon request and followed by Daniel Miller), S.S. Supt.; Ezra Yoder, Song Leader; Miriam Maust, S.S. Sec. Treas.; Roy Yoder, Trustee. Oak Dale: Clark Yoder, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Floyd Bender, Song Leader; Esther Beachy, S.S. Sec. Treas.; Edwin Mast, Trustee. Cherry Glade: Raymond Bender, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Lowell Bender, Song Leader; Lola Beitzel, S.S. Sec. Treas.; Raymond Bender, Trustee. Entire Congregation: Edward Yoder, Mission Board; Edward Yoder, School Board; Monroe Yoder, Sunday Evening Program, succeeded by Willis Maust when Monroe moved away.

1959 – Maple Glen: Kenneth Yoder, Assist. S.S. Supt.; David I. Miller, Song Leader; Oren Bender, Trustee. Oak Dale: Elvin Beitzel, Assist. S.S. Supt.; Creed Yoder, Song Leader; Clark Yoder, Trustee. Entire Congregation: Edward Yoder, Church Treasurer; Ivan Maust, Mission Board; Junior (John) Yoder, Sunday Evening Program; Rachel Miller, S.S. Awards Supervisor; David and Erma Miller, Eva Jean Bender and, by ministerial appointment, Elmer H. Maust, Library Committee.

Elections and appointments of Sunday school teachers included the following:

1955 – Teachers at Oak Dale. Comparison of two sheets indicates the following names: Allen Yoder, Monroe Yoder, Delmar Yoder, Creed Yoder, Daniel Miller, Clark Yoder, Katharine Miller, Alvin Yoder, Daniel Mast, Floyd Bender, Norman Bender, Simon Beachy.

1958 – Teachers at Cherry Glade. Thelma Beitzel, Sanford Bender, Leora Beitzel, Hugh Orendorf, Roy Beitzel, Harvey Bender.

1958 – Teachers at Cherry Glade. Hilda Beitzel, Thelma Beitzel, Glenola Yoder, Ervin H. Yoder, Olen Beitzel, Roy Beitzel, Hugh Orendorf, Harvey Bender.

305K – Congregational Statistical Reports of the Casselman River Conservative Mennonite Church submitted to the office of Conservative Mennonite Conference for the years 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959. Also includes the following:

- a questionnaire for a survey of Pastoral Support Practices, completed by IJM with comments on the local practice.
- List of births in the church families from 1950 to 1967 in the handwriting of Della Miller contained in a composition notebook.

305L – Financial Aid/Advice to Church Members

Plan for aid to Olen J. Yoder – developed in a meeting of the trustees of Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, and Oak Dale, consisting of an interest-free loan from the Joel E. Hershberger Fund.

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- February 11, 1952 – Post card from Emanuel Peachey to IJM responding to an inquiry for counsel and referring to it as “a very large issue.” The date of the post card and the entry of IJM of March 1, 1952, Item 2, in his Day Book #1, suggest that the card refers to a business deal misunderstanding between Lawrence Beitzel and Daniel Puffinburger.
- 305M – Goodwill Mennonite Home
 Program brochure of dedication of the Home on September 6, 1959. Speakers on the dedication program: Laban Swartzentruber, Nevin Bender, Jacob Mellinger, Mark Swartzentruber. Dedication ceremony by Paul H. Yoder.
 Ceremony used at dedication of Goodwill Mennonite Home, June 6, 1959.
 Goodwill Home fund-raiser brochure, “You Can Help the Goodwill Mennonite Home.” Lists the Board of Directors: Paul H. Yoder, president; Clark A. Yoder, vice president; Alvin H. Yoder, secretary; Ervin H. Yoder, Treasurer; Simon D. Beachy; Norman Bender; Floyd Bender.
- 305N – Special Events at Cherry Glade, Oak Dale, Maple Glen, Coal Run, and/or Dry Run 1950-1959
 1953 – Financial report of the Hammer Tent Revivals, a ministry of Christian Laymen’s Tent Evangelism, Inc., at Grantsville, Maryland, submitted by Sylvester Lehman, Treasurer.
 December 21, 1953 – Treasurer’s Report of Christian Layman’s Tent Evangelism, Kidron, Ohio, sponsor or associate of the Hammer Tent Revivals.
 April 17, 1954 – Easter Program at Maple Glen.
 December 18, 1955 – Christmas program at Coal Run
 July 24, 1975 – Vacation Bible School program at Maple Glen. Teachers: Miriam Miller, Bertha Beitzel, Lola Beitzel, Eva Beitzel, Leanora Yoder, Mildred Maust, Elva Bender, Thelma Beitzel, Glenola Yoder, Ada Maust Francis Maust, Sanford Bender, Ervin H. Yoder, Harvey Bender, Evan J. Miller. Other involvements: David I. Miller, Ivan J. Miller. Includes attendance statistics.
- 305O – Announcements and General Information – Casselman River Congregation in the 1950s
 June 22, 1952 – Folded onion skin paper with notations by IJM of announcements by Emanuel Peachey in the Sunday evening service regarding Shem Peachey’s non-intention of returning to Grantsville, Ed Fisher’s request for baptism, and other congregational items. The date of the paper is determined by reference to the IJM Day Book, #1.
 March 21, 1954 (month a day are noted on this paper. The year is not noted, but the calendar of 1954 [dates of Sunday and Easter] and the nature of the announcements clearly indicate 1954 as the year of this Sunday of significant announcements.) This is a small paper with notes in the hand of IJM, apparently referenced by him when moderating the Sunday morning church service. The following items were on the agenda: (1) the offering for the Sewing treasury, (2) report on vote in favor of Jantzi meetings [in tent after annual conference in August], (3) Evan Miller as representative to Conference mission board, (4) Millers at Meyersdale not yet members, (5) wedding plans to be submitted in advance, (6) communion preparatory service on April 4 with Fast and Prayer Day April 11 or Good Friday, (7) Sunday school reorganization on Good Friday, (8)

regular announcements of church services, (9) tent meeting booklets. The counsel of the church was received on these issues: (1) Fresh Air Program and lodging for annual conference guests in Children's Home building [the Home building was used also for Fresh Air children], (2) devotional coverings to be worn on girls and taught not later than the period of time between entering Sunday school class and entering elementary school, (3) phonograph usage will be tolerated. A note is added to warn against forcing things into the church. The notations on the paper record responses of the following people: Ernest Yoder, Lena Yoder, Miriam Yoder, Lois Bender, Annie Scheffel, Sarah Mast. The counsel of the church was received by ministers of the congregation moving through the congregation bench by bench to receive the response of each member. Often the response may have been a nod of approval or a short comment of approval or no objection.

305P – Weddings officiated by IJM in the 1950s. Materials vary from case to case, but may consist of wedding program brochures, carbon copies of marriage license and other related material.

James K. Barnhart and Barbara Maust July 18, 1957
 Olen Junior Beitzel and Ruth Maust July 19, 1959
 Oren Clifford Bender and Fannie Maust October 13, 1957
 Sanford Eldon Bender and Miriam Catherine Tice August 23, 1959
 John Lee and Savilla Beachy, Arthur, Illinois April 24, 1957
 Alva Ray Maust and Fannie Amelia Beitzel February 23, 1957
 Elmer Harvey Maust and Ida Maust June 5, 1955
 Evan Lewis Maust and Ada Beachy May 26, 1957
 Francis Cornelius Maust and Leanora Arlene Yoder April 27, 1958
 Ivan Jonas Maust and Hilda Beachy March 7, 1954 [the 1st wedding ceremony by IJM after bishop ordination]
 Markel Maust and Miriam Miller March 22, 1959
 Willis Allen Maust and Anna Marie Beitzel July 4, 1954
 David I. Miller and Erma Marie Bender March 28, 1954
 Andy L. Yoder and Viola Beachy, Arthur, Illinois, October 22, 1957
 Delmar Ray Yoder and Eva Irene Beitzel June 1, 1958
 Edgar Roy Yoder and Ellen Velora Yoder November 27, 1958
 Joseph S. Yoder and Vernie Bender September 13, 1959
 Robert Creed Yoder and Miriam Irene Bender March 28, 1954
 Roman Lewis Yoder and Mary Ethel Kathryn Colflesh August 26, 1956

305Q – Weddings of IJM non-officiate involvement in the 1950s

Ernest Mullet and Lois Bender – This file consists of correspondence between IJM and Nevin Bender of Greenwood, Delaware, concerning the features of this wedding. The couple apparently (according to context of the letter and my memory) were resident in Delaware but wanted their wedding at Maple Glen with features exceptional to Maple Glen practice. Issues included formal ushering, the bride's outfit including a white dress and white shoes, and the bride carrying a white Bible. The wedding ring became an issue in the process.

305R – Church Buildings and Facilities

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- May 24, 1953 – “Proposition to Church on Seats for Maple Glen.” The proposal gave reasons for and specified “short seats” with five aisles. An added note by IJM indicates that the proposal passed.
- December 31, 1954 – Letter from the trustees of the Cherry Glade meeting house to the Ministers of the Conservative Mennonite Church of the Casselman Valley District concerning the condition and future of the building, with a suggestion the replacement would be the best move.
- No date – A piece of scrap paper with a list of names of men pledging contributions toward the cost of having the Maple Glen pews assembled at Somerset, apparently rather than on site at Maple Glen. The list contains these names: Roy Beitzel, Irvin E. Yoder, Alvin Maust, Edwin Beitzel, Simon Beachy, Paul E. Yoder, Ervin J. Yoder, Omar Bender, Ervin H. Yoder, Ray Yoder, Norman Bender. The pledges totaled \$1233.
- 305S – Institutions
 Conservative Amish Mennonite Bible School/Conservative Mennonite Bible School (later known as Conservative Mennonite Bible School and Institute; Rosedale Bible Institute; Rosedale Bible College. Brochures of certain years in the 1950s listing faculty, board, calendar, courses, and tuition.
- 306. [file folders] – Local Church Administration – 1960-1969**
- 306A – Passion Program at Maple Glen church in the years 1966 to 1982 (materials of some years missing). Folder includes the printed programs, readings, and personal notations by IJM
- 306B – Church membership Certificates (church letters) 1960 to 1966 before formation of three separate congregations (Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, Oak Dale) out of the Casselman River Mennonite Church regarding transfers of membership to or from the Casselman River Conservative Mennonite congregation or as recommendation for participation in communion as a guest. The following names, with year of letter, occur in these letters: 1960 – Ezra Yoder, James Yoder, Mark Bender, Ruth Reimer Yoder, Harvey and Fannie Stutzman; 1961 -- Ruth E. Yoder, Ralph Lichty, Emma Maust, John Junior Yoder; 1962 – Dan and Mary Miller and daughters Edith Miller, Mabel Miller, Anna miller; 1963 – Paul Scheffel, David and Erma Miller, Herman Yoder; 1964 – Paul Ezra Bender, :Paul Yoder, Dan and Mary Mast, Martin Bender, Donald Opel, Paul Yoder: 1965 – Elam Bender and wife Mildred Bender, Jonas Maust and wife Irene Maust, Ruth Thuss Glick, Joseph E Hershberger, David Yoder and wife Marlene Yoder, Nevin Beachy and wife Anna Marie Beachy, Monroe Yoder and wife Rachel Yoder, Iva Yoder, Rebecca Yoder, Leora Beitzel; 1966 – Clara Garber Miller and baptism of her husband Edwin Ewig Miller, Raymond Beitzel and his wife Vernie Beitzel.
- 306C – Church membership Certificates (church letters) 1967 to 1969 after formation of three separate congregations (Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, Oak Dale) out of the Casselman River Mennonite Church regarding transfers of or from the respective congregation or as recommendation for participation in communion as a guest. The following names occur in the designated years: 1966 – Jonas and Irene Maust, Joseph E. Hershberger, Nannie Maust, Gorman Beitzel and wife Elizabeth Beitzel, Martha Maust, Lydiann Stutzman, Mable Miller, Iva Yoder and daughter Rebecca, Miriam Kemp, Anna Miller, Nevin

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- Beachy and wife Anna Marie Beachy, Fannie Stutzman, Francis Maust and wife Leanora Maust, Mayard Beitzel, Daniel Yoder and wife Anna Yoder; 1967 – Delvin Mast, Donald Yoder and wife Ruth Yoder, Darwin Bender, Lucy Smoker, Leona Maust, Duane Yoder, Kenneth L. Yoder and wife Ruth Yoder, Leon Beitzel; 1968 – Edgar Maust, Eli Sommers and wife Catherine and son Leroy, Enos Maust and his wife Vernie, Alvin L. Maust and wife Edna, Norma Maust, Louise Maust, Larry Champ, Ruth Champ, Edgar Maust, David Steinhauer, Thelma Arlene Bender, Barbara Miller, Leroy Grandstaff; 1969 – Kathryn Shaum, Esther Beachy, Clifford Bender, Raymond Beitzel and wife Vernie Beitzel, Paul Maust, Jr., Eldon Yoder, Arthur Maust, Kenneth Bender, John Bender, Stanley Yoder.
- 306D – Confession, Personal Statements of, 1960-1969 – Acknowledgement of errant practices received from: Leonard Orendorf, Amelia Yoder, Luella Yoder, Amanda Orendorf, Doris Tice, Anna Miller, Mabel Miller, Edith Miller, James Yoder.
- 306E – Correspondence (General) from/to Church Members – Includes notes of comment, thanks and general correspondence from members, including:
 Circa 1961 – Letter from Enos Maust and wife Vernie Maust with concern about lack of spirituality and laxness in observing church regulations in dress, etc.
 November 11, 1963 – Anonymous letter from “A Member” to IJM, postmarked Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, expressing views on retaining the three meeting houses with ministers and services weekly at each, if they wish.
- 306F – Ministers’ Meeting Minutes, Casselman River 1960-1965 and Maple Glen 1966-1969
 March 4, 1964 – Notes by IJM on ministers meeting. The agenda included life insurance, interests of Oak Dale and Cherry Glade area people regarding meeting houses, jury service, Sunday school conference plans.
 November 22, 1965 – IJM notes as agenda for Ministers’ Meeting. The agenda includes assistant Sunday school superintendent for Cherry Glade (Kermit Yoder moving away), subscription payment for *Missionary Bulletin*, Thanksgiving preaching assignments, study returns on organization and prepare for presentation on Wednesday, I-W orientation, Brook Lane publicity, Joe Hershberger.
- The minutes 1966-69, some in the IJM handwriting and some typed, bear the following dates of meeting: December 1967; May 28, July 15, September 5, October 1, November 18, December 31, 1968; March 30, April 21, April 29, June 24, July 2, July 22, August 2, December 30, 1969. Related items in this file are a report of an interview with an errant member (October 9, 1968), a report concerning bookrack evangelism (October, 1968), and a series of five letters and a recommendation offered to the congregation (from August 5 to November 16, 1969), regarding the question of ordaining a minister from the congregation. The letters are exchanges between the Conference Executive Committee and IJM. (At this point of time, the ministerial body at Maple Glen consisted of Ivan J. Miller, bishop, Simon D. Beachy, deacon, and Kenneth L. Yoder, minister.) Persons named in these minutes include Paul Maust, Sr., Paul Maust Jr., Edgar Maust, Arthur Maust, John Yoder, Carol Martin, Joe Miller, Norma Maust, Edward Miller, Esther Beachy, Louise Maust, Elvin Beitzel, Joanna Miller, Eldon Yoder, Doris Tice, Arliss Yoder, Dorothy Fern Yoder, Raymond Beitzel. Issues on the agenda of the ministers’ meetings included dealing with “wayward youth (errant members),

dress standards, church ministry appointments, bookrack evangelism, ordination of an additional member to the ministerial team.

306G – Members' Meetings Casselman River 1960-1965 and Maple Glen 1966-1969

Notes by IJM of the annual business meeting of January 1, 1964: Report of Library Committee, Paul E. Yoder; Awards Supervisor, Joanna Miller; Mission Board, Marvin Yoder; Coal Run, Paul H. Yoder; Trustees of Maple Glen, Philip Bender; Trustees of Oak Dale, Paul E. Yoder; Trustees of Cherry Glade, Roy Beitzel; Treasurer, Edgar Yoder; Alms, Simon Beachy; Mennonite Disaster Service, Raymond Tice; Newsletter, Creed Yoder; Conference Steering Committee, Clark Yoder. The agenda included the question of future organization, elections by ballot, and Goals for Giving. Standards and discipline were discussed, Ivan explaining position at The Casselman and "Kenneth unburdened himself about various matters; laments disobedience in church." See also the *Newsletter* listed below.

Report in the *Casselman River Church Newsletter* of January 22, 1964, of the annual congregational meeting of January 1, 1964. The reporter is not named, but may have been the editor, Creed Yoder.

A ballot/questionnaire was presented to the congregation in the annual meeting of January 1, 1962, for the purpose of receiving straw votes for determining congregational consensus on some issues. This paper served as a tally sheet of the votes received. The issue listed on the paper: Promoting Spirituality in the Church, Observance of the Lord's Day, Devotional Veiling, [Personal] Appearance, Recreation and Spare Time, and Musical Instruments. The resulting statement of discipline is filed in folder 305I.

Notes by IJM of a meeting of congregational members of the Maple Glen area on December 8, 1964, concerning meeting every Sunday for church services at Maple Glen. This apparently was an regard to the question of forming three congregations.

The other side of the sheet holds notes about a meeting on August 5, 1965, in which the Maple Glen people voted in favor of separate organization for the three areas of the congregation and in favor of prayer meetings with a prayer meeting committee appointed consisting of Ivan Maust, Ervin H. Yoder, and James Yoder. Meetings of September 5, 1968, and January 1, 1969. The October agenda included repair of grave sites in cemetery, dealing with "wayward brethren," skirt length of sisters. The January 1969 agenda included election to church offices and a pastoral report.

Tabulation of a ballot/questionnaire of the fall of 1965 shows the congregation's response to organizing separately as three congregations (favored 94 to 29), recognizing the ministry of Elam Bender for the area (favored 110 to 11), the ministers serving for one year where located (favored 101 to 6).

Ballot and tabulation of congregational response to categories of organization to be inclusive of the three congregations and which to be separate. The ballots are grouped according to the geographic identity of the voters, i.e. Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, Oak Dale.

January 1, 1968 – "Outline of Pastoral Report to Maple Glen Congregation" by IJM. Reported on special services such as weddings, homecoming, slide lectures on

Hope Rescue Mission, Bible conference, summer Bible school, baptisms, communion. Membership statistics showed a gain of 4 to 119. Noted business meeting decisions, including vote on bulletin board and discussion of the constitution. The other side of the sheet is the slate for election of Sunday school and church offices.

306H – Area Ministers’ Meetings 1960-1969

October 14, 1968 – Notation by IJM on a 4 X 6 inch card indicates an understanding in this meeting of “Similar confession for all sins – not requiring the “high confession”, but using a kneeling ceremony to reinstate members who have been excommunicated and will now rededicate their lives.” On the same card, reference is made to a church meeting of December 27, 1953, with a statement that all sins need confession to God, sins affecting society as far as wrong committed and as far as known, and sins openly known to be confessed openly.

306I – Polity – Casselman River Amish Mennonite Congregation 1960-1969

December 14, 1961—Second draft of proposal discussed concerning congregational fiscal awareness and responsibility, including the schedule of offerings beginning January 1962.

January 1, 1962 – Third draft of proposal concerning congregational fiscal awareness and responsibility, including the schedule of offerings beginning January 1962, for presentation to the congregational business meeting January 1, 1962. Submitted by Simon Beachy, chairman, Elvin Beitzel, Edwin Mast, Clark Yoder, Edward Yoder, treasurer. These men constituted a study committee on the financial needs and practices of the church. See the IJM Day Book #2, p. 106

Jan. 11, 1962 – Statement of Discipline of the Casselman River Conservative Mennonite Church, adopted on this date. This paper was accepted by the congregation through a ballot/questionnaire which had been presented to the congregation in the annual congregational meeting of January 1, 1962. This statement expressed position on Promoting Spirituality in the Church, Observance of the Lord’s Day, Devotional Veiling, [Personal] Appearance, Recreation and Spare Time, and Musical Instruments.

November 5, 1963 – Letter from IJM to Alvin Swartz, moderator of Conservative Mennonite Conference, concerning the issue of life insurance, recognizing the official Conference position of 1948 and the pervasive induction of insurance in the current society.

Nov. 17, 1963 – Statement read to the Casselman River congregation concerning the church program in general: presented in the setting of divided reactions of the congregation in the past and with a proposal the outside mediation help be invited if this proposal were not accepted. The proposals of the paper: (1) the Cherry Glade building program proceed when \$12,000 in the fund, (2) the Oak Dale trustees present a plan for improvement of the facility there, (3) Maple Glen trustees proceed with proposals for improvement, (4) the members identified with each of the locations be responsible for the respective buildings, and (5) continue for the present to meet in the three locations with the arrangement to be reviewed by Jan. 1, 1966

306J – Constitutions of Casselman River Conservative Mennonite Church, 1960

306K – Cherry Glade New Meeting House

- May 12, 1959 – Notes on a meeting as the “first meeting seriously grappling with the question of building” a new Cherry Glade building.
- No date – Notes under title of “Proposition” dealing with four options regarding the Cherry Glade building: (1) Repair as now [existing], (2) Enlarge with basement, furnace, electricity, (3) New building on new location, (4) Discontinue Cherry Glade. Totals are listing of what apparently was a tentative expression of the group’s thinking. With a total of 33 present, this may have been a meeting of the members living in the Cherry Glade area.
- Sept. 24, 1959 – A meeting at Maple Glen of the Casselman River congregation with decisions to (1) ask the present estimating committee to return with more specific information, (2) to name brethren, after the report, to canvass the church for pledges for the building, and (3) then to consider the advisability of building.
- 1960 – Tabulation of the number of meetings held at each of three meeting houses (Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, Oak Dale) in the years 1955 to 1959).
- May 10, 1960 – Report (handwritten) of a meeting of the trustees of Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, and Oak Dale and three men appointed by the Cherry Glade trustees. Discussion centered on location for a new Cherry Glade meeting house. Five different locations were under consideration, none of which was the eventual location.
- July 8, 1960 – Members meeting at Maple Glen regarding Cherry Glade building with focus on finances. The canvassing of the church members resulted in pledges of \$10,356. Lengthy discussion indicated divergent views. A decision was reached to proceed upon having \$12,000 in account, but later reactions to the decision were negative.
- July 22, 1960 – Casselman River congregation Ministers Meeting: the agenda was the Cherry Glade building, noting lack of solid congregational support for it, resurgence of suggestions of only one building for the district, and a decision to make a careful attempt to learn congregational thinking via a questionnaire.
- July 24, 1960 – Sunday Morning presentation to the church concerning the Cherry Glade building, including the presentation of a questionnaire prepared by Elmer Maust.
- July 24, 1960 – The questionnaire was given to the church. The file copy shows the congregational responses in terms of votes in columns according to location of residence in the areas of Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, and Oak Dale.
- Sept. 21, 1960 – Members’ Meeting at Maple Glen, Wednesday evening – In response to the question of engaging an architect for a plan of a new Cherry Glade building, it was decided to engage a draftsman’s blue print. Approval was given to canvass the entire congregation to solicit funds in view of the previous decision to begin building upon actual receipt of \$12,000.
- September 25, 1960 – A ballot composed of sixty-five names of family heads of the congregation was distributed to the Casselman River Congregation on September 25, 1960, was tabulated for final count on September 29 and was announced to the church on October 2. The vote resulted in the election of Roy Beitzel, Harvey Bender, Norman Bender, Raymond Bender, Alva Maust, Willis Maust, and Kenneth Yoder. The committee met on October 6 and elected Harvey Bender

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- chairman, Roy Beitzel secretary, and Kenneth Yoder treasurer. The ballot filed here includes the tabulation count.
- March 8, 1961 – Casselman River Members' Meeting: The Cherry Glade building program was included on the agenda. Approval was given for the general layout, use of brick veneer, and a location along the Accident-Bittinger Road with the building committee authorized to determine exact location.
- May 25, 1962 – Joint meeting of the ministers, the Building Committee, and the Solicitation Committee; notes in the hand of IJM. This meeting included a report on the building fund and an understanding the Building Committee with the Solicitation Committee will lead in determining exact location, raising funds to \$12,000, and beginning construction when advisable.
- Feb. 4, 1963 – Letter from Paul E. Yoder to IJM with questions about the processes involved in regard to the Cherry Glade building program.
- February 8, 1963 – Letter from IJM to Paul E. Yoder in response to the letter of February 4.
- January 24, 1964 – Letter from the Cherry Glade Building Committee and Trustees to the ministers of the Casselman River C. M. Church, proposing that (1) a meeting be called of the Cherry Glade group to determine whether they want to proceed with the building in light of the new proposal and (2) whether they wish to have a new committee formed since the existing committee had been elected by the entire congregation. Harvey Bender presided in the meeting and Roy Beitzel signed the letter as secretary-treasurer.
- February 11, 1964 – Meeting a Cherry Glade, apparently for those members of the congregation who considered themselves as “belonging to Cherry Glade.” This arrangement may reflect a decision of the congregational meeting of the Casselman River congregation on January 1, 1964, that responsibility for the respective meeting houses rests with those who identify with the respective meeting house as their primary identification. Questions dealt with by ballot vote: (1) Do you prefer to be a part of the future Cherry Glade program – Yes 49, No 1, Undecided 4, (2) I believe we should build – Yes 49, No -0-, Undecided 1, (3) Are you in favor of electing a new committee? – Yes 25, No 22, Neutral 3, (4) Should location be reconsidered? – Yes 26, No 17, Undecided 5.
- April 21, 1964 – Notes by IJM : Location of Cherry Glade building was discussed. It was agreed that a 2/3 vote equals a decision. A vote of 50 to 1 approved the location east of the top of Negro Mountain.
- April 26, 1964 – Notes by IJM: “The entire congregation voted [137 to zero] to approve the decision of the Cherry Glade group of April 21, 1964 to build near the top of Negro Mountain.”
- May 20, 1964 – Notes by IJM of a meeting of the Cherry Glade members: A new building plan, drawn and presented by Elmer Maust was approved with 41 members present, 36 voting Yes and no negative votes.
- July 22, 1964 – Notes by IJM of meeting of Cherry Glade members at Cherry Glade. A new revised plan was presented and unanimously approved in a final vote.
- December 10, 1964 – Notes by IJM of Cherry Glade meeting at new meeting house [under construction]: The agenda was the question: What is needed to finish the

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- building? The Building Committee was made responsible to solicit funds or receive offerings across the church.
- December 12, 1964 – Financial report of the Cherry Glade building program.
- January 5, 1965 – Notes by IJM on a meeting of Cherry Glade members at the old Cherry Glade building: Discussion included various aspects of the building and note of the Maple Glen decision to hold services at Maple Glen weekly with the meeting favoring the same at Cherry Glade upon completion of the building.
- March 31, 1965 – IJM notes on Members meeting at Cherry Glade: The Building Committee reported on seating, a financial report was presented, and the Building Committee was authorized to borrow funds, up to the amount of \$13,000 and to complete the building.
- Sept. 5, 1965 – Brochure and news clipping of the Dedication of the new Cherry Glade church building. The dedication sermon was given by Mark Peachey and the Dedication ceremony and prayer by Ivan J. Miller.
- 306L Cherry Glade Mennonite Church as a separate congregation formed out the Casselman River Conservative Mennonite Church:
- Aug. 4, 1965 – Notes by IJM on Members' Meeting at Cherry Glade: Approval by vote of 35 to 1 to form a separate congregation, name of meeting house and congregation, if separately organized strongly in favor of Cherry Glade, dedication of new building to be held on September 5.
- Aug. 22, 1965 – Note by IJM: "Decision was made by a strong vote to use the name "Cherry Glade Conservative Mennonite Church."
- April 8, 1966 – Typed paper of "Organization and Preparation for First Communion" of the Cherry Glade congregation as a separate congregation. A list of the charter members is attached.
- June 5, 1967 – Notes by IJM on Cherry Glade Ministers' Meeting: It was noted that Kenneth Yoder's plans included moving from Accident to Grantsville or accepting a missions assignment to Espelkamp, Germany, and that a change should be made from Kenneth serving as pastor at Cherry Glade to Elmer Maust being given that responsibility. The need at Cherry Glade for further work on some items of discipline and for a ministerial ordination in the near future were noted, with the question of which comes first. According to a marginal note on the IJM paper, a vote by the congregation on June 7 was decisive that Elmer Maust should serve as pastor and that the ordination should be prioritized.
- June 11, 1967 – Notes by IJM – Congregational action was taken for the ordination of a minister and the installation of Elmer Maust as pastor at Cherry Glade.
- July 2, 1967 – Notes by IJM – Alva Maust was ordained as minister, Oren Bender was in the lot. The charge was given by Erie Renno assisted by Ervin M. Miller and Ivan J. Miller.
- July 17, 1967 – Notes by IJM of Members' Meeting at Cherry Glade: Question about attire noted here are the lapel coat and tie and length of women's skirts. The ministers had been contacted also on questions about the cape for sister's dresses. A questionnaire on the issue of lapel coat and tie was distributed for later return. A copy of the questionnaire is included with the notes.

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- August 9, 1967 – IJM notes on Cherry Glade Member’s Meeting: the ministers presented a statement which was supported by all of the ministers that “under the present situation, we believe that for the present the previous standard should be held concerning the plain coat for brethren because of the harm we believe might be done by a change.” The ministers further raised the question about allowing the lapel coat without the tie. The above statement and question were a result of the ballot of July 17. The numeric results are filed with the IJM notes.
- Sept. 26, 1967 – Notes of IJM on Members’ Meeting at Cherry Glade: It was decided that in the feet washing service of the congregation, the sisters would wash feet in a separate location. The question which involved “a long discussion” was the position of Lowell Bender that he should not wear the plain coat (a straight cut coat,) but should be in a position to wear a lapel coat and tie on his job of working in the County programs. Lowell had taken the position of transferring his membership away from Cherry Glade, but the question in this was whether to make an exception for this particular decision. It was decided that a letter of transfer would be given to Lowell if his request remains thus, but that the matter may be given more discussion.
- Oct. 1, 1967 – Note by IJM on Sunday morning decision at Cherry Glade: the congregation decided by vote to give Lowell Bender the privilege of wearing the lapel coat and tie at his work for the Office of Economic Opportunity and that others in similar situations would have the same privilege.
- Jan. 1, 1968 -- Cherry Glade Annual Members’ Meeting: A report by Elmer H. Maust titled, “Digest of Cherry Glade Annual Business Meeting,” noting activities of the past year, and election of various church offices. Note is made of a change of procedure in appointment to some congregational assignments and a decision to begin using weekly church bulletins.
- Jan. 1, 1968 – Pastor’s Report by Elmer H. Maust given at the Cherry Glade annual meeting, including note of transfer and ministerial assignment of Kenneth Yoder to Maple Glen and the ordination of Alva Maust as minister, a joint summer Bible school effort with Glade Mennonite Church, and other activities. Concern is expressed about local evangelistic outreach and as a weakness in the congregation’s ministry.
- June 23, 1968 – Notes by IJM concerning Cherry Glade: IJM preached at Cherry Glade on this date and, as bishop of the congregation, presented a proposal a bishop ordination for Cherry Glade. This was announced for consideration and prayer. According to traditional and understood procedure, one of the Cherry Glade ministers would be ordained as bishop to succeed IJM who served as bishop of the three congregations (Cherry Glade, Oak Dale, and Maple Glen) after the three congregations were formed out of the Casselman River Congregation.
- June 26, 1968 – Notes by IJM concerning Cherry Glade: Future leadership was the topic of discussion with recognition of the possibility of a bishop ordination in the fall.
- July 7, 1968 – Notes by IJM concerning Cherry Glade: IJM received the response of the Cherry Glade congregation regarding the ordination of a bishop with 58 voting yes; none voting No; and 4 not voting. Announced plans to seek Conference authorization at the upcoming annual Conference business meeting.

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- Sept. 15, 1968 – Notes by IJM concerning Cherry Glade: “Tonight Elmer H. Maust was ordained to the office of bishop for the Cherry Glade congregation. With him in the lot was Alva Maust. Willard Mayer was present for services Friday and Saturday evening as well as Sunday Morning and this evening. Willard gave the charge and was assisted in laying on of hands by Ivan J. Miller. I made a public statement at the close of the services relinquishing my responsibility as bishop and asking the church to accept Elmer as the leader. This will now place that congregation in its own. Since organizing separately I have had charge of the congregation. A good spirit seems to prevail and I have high hopes for the future of this congregation. – Ivan J. Miller”
- 1968 – Constitution of the Cherry Glade Conservative Mennonite Church: The year 1968 is inscribed on the cover, but the date of adoption is not indicated in the document.
- 306M – Hosting the Annual Conference – Notes in the hand of IJM regarding arrangements Reference is to 1964 on one side of the card and 1954 on the other side. Apparently IJM had the 1954 notes in file and retrieved them for reference in 1964 and jotted his notes on the other side. The 1964 side is in reference to election of the Steering Committee for the event. The committee members were elected from a slate taken from a primary vote with the following results: Raymond Bender 77, Clark Yoder 76, Edward Yoder 75, Edward Yoder 75, Alvin H. Yoder 58, Simon D. Beachy 56, Edwin Mast 49, Norman Bender 48, Raymond Tice 47, Paul E. Yoder 46, Harvey Bender 34. The first five names were placed on the Steering Committee. The card is placed into Folder #304I.
- 306N – Congregational Statistical Reports and Lists of the Casselman River Conservative Mennonite Church (1960-1966) and Maple Glen Mennonite Church (1967-1969), submitted to the office of Conservative Mennonite Conference.
- Membership Report of Five Years(1957-1962), presented at the annual business meeting of January 1, 1962. The report shows 47 members received and 51 members lost.
 - Report of leadership and membership (1966 missing)
 - Census of High School Age Youth (1968 and 1969 missing)
 - Census of I-W, VS, and Pax Personnel in Service, February 1964, July 1964, and May 1967. Listed names: Paul Bender, Ernest Yoder, Edgar Maust, Donald Yoder, Gordon Bender in 1964; John Bender, Clifford Bender, Mark Yoder in 1967
 - Annual Sunday School Report – Maple Glen Sunday school 1964.
 - List of family heads of the Casselman River congregation requested by and sent to the Historical and Research Committee of Mennonite General Conference 1963.
 - List of family heads of the Casselman River congregation with designation of region (Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, Oak Dale) with tally of members in each household. 1961
 - List of family heads of the Casselman River congregation with the number of members in each household and a tally of membership in each region. Maple Glen membership: 173; Cherry Glade, 88; Oak Dale 85. Dated 1962
 - Financial Questionnaires submitted to the office of Conservative Mennonite Conference. 1960, 1961, 1964

3060 – Slates and elections, including results of annual reorganization of church and Sunday school offices.

Until 1966, the Casselman River congregation was one congregation with three meeting houses. The first election effected with each of the three locations as a separate congregation occurred in 1966. Since the assistant Sunday school superintendent moved to the position of superintendent at the end of his first year, the slate does not show election of a superintendent. The trustees were responsible for the church building, grounds, and facilities.

1960 – Cherry Glade: Alva Maust, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Asa Maust, Trustee; Lowell Bender, Song Leader; Hilda Beitzel, S.S. Sec-treas. Maple Glen: Edward Yoder, Asst. S.S. Supt.; David I. Miller (unfinished term) and Ray Yoder, Trustees; David I. Miller, Song Leader; Mary Yoder, S.S. Sec-Treas. Oak Dale: Edwin Mast, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Willard Maust, Trustee; Creed Yoder, Song Leader; Emily Maust, S.S. Sec-treas. Entire congregation: Oren Bender, Mission Board; Edgar Yoder, Sunday Evening Program. An entry for election of a member to a Young Peoples Activity Committee was included on the slate, but a handwritten notation states that this item was dropped from the process due to objection raised about electing the members by this method. Reference to other notations may be expected to include information that the objectors wanted only the young people to process this part of the election.

1961 – Cherry Glade: Harvey Bender, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Raymond Bender, Trustee; Sanford Bender, Song Leader. Maple Glen: Kenneth Yoder, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Raymond Tice, Trustee; Carl Bender, Song Leader. Oak Dale: Willard Maust, S.S. Supt.; Edwin Mast, Trustee; Paul E. Yoder, Song Leader. Entire Congregation: Monroe Yoder, Mission Board; Philip Bender, Sunday Evening Program.

1962 – Cherry Glade: Olen Beitzel, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Kenneth Yoder, Trustee; Mayard Beitzel, Song Leader. Maple Glen: Delmar Yoder, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Philip Bender, Trustee; Donald Yoder, Song Leader. Oak Dale: Clark Yoder, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Elvin Beitzel, Trustee; Paul Bender, Song Leader; S.S. Sec., Thelma Orendorf. Entire Congregation: Edgar Yoder, Church Treasurer; Marvin Yoder and David I. Miller (unexpired term), Mission Board; Francis Maust, Sunday Evening Program; Omar and Myra Maust, Kitchen Mobile.

1963 – Cherry Glade: Ervin H. Yoder, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Alva Maust, Trustee; Cleland Beitzel, Song Leader. Maple Glen: Oren Bender, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Alvin Yoder, Trustee; Sanford Bender, Song Leader. Entire congregation: Daniel Miller, Mission Board; Sanford Bender and Roman Yoder (unexpired term), Sunday Evening Program; Raymond and Alta Bender, Kitchen Mobile; Paul and Naomi Yoder, Library.

1964 – Cherry Glade: Cleland Beitzel, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Roy Beitzel, Trustee; Oren Bender, Song Leader; Loretta Yoder, S.S. Sec. Maple Glen: Wilbur Beitzel, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Norman Bender, Trustee; Paul E. Yoder, Song Leader; Ruth Miller, S.S. Sec. Oak Dale: Daniel Miller, S.S. Supt.; Omar Maust, Trustee; John Yoder, Song Leader; Martha Maust, S.S. Sec. Entire Congregation: Joanna Miller, S.S. Awards (for children) Supervisor; Alva Maust, Mission Board; Marvin Yoder,

Sunday Evening Program; Lawrence and Thelma Beitzel, Kitchen Mobile. A handwritten notation lists elected members of the Steering Committee for hosting the annual conference: Simon Beachy, Raymond Bender, Alvin H. Yoder, Clark Yoder, Edward Yoder.

1965 – Cherry Glade: Kermit Yoder (moved)/Sanford Bender, Assist. S.S. Supt.; Oren Bender, Trustee; Leonard Orendorf, Song Leader; Sanford Bender, Treasurer. Maple Glen: Philip Bender (moved)/ Ivan Maust, Asst. S.S. Supt.; Daniel J. Miller, Trustee; Edward Yoder, Song Leader; Roman Yoder, Treasurer. Oak Dale: Paul E. Yoder, Asst. S.S. Supt.; John Yoder, Song Leader; Ervin J. Yoder, Treasurer. Entire congregation: Evan Miller, Mission Board; Clark Yoder, Sunday Evening Program; Raymond and Ruth Tice, Food Committee; Oren and Fannie Bender, Youth Sponsors; Joanna Miller, News Letter Editor.

1966 (First elections after churches were separated)

	<u>Cherry Glade</u>	<u>Maple Glen</u>	<u>Oak Dale</u>
Asst. S.S. Supt.	Carl Bender	Clark Yoder	Edward Yoder
Trustee	Raymond Bender	Edwin Mast	Alvin Maust
Song Leader	Mayard Beitzel	James Yoder	Creed Yoder
S.S. Secretary	Idella Bender	Joanna Miller	Emily Maust
Mission Board	Oren Bender	Marvin Yoder	Willard Maust
		Edgar Yoder	
Sun. Evening Prog.	Lawrence Beitzel	Elvin Beitzel	
	Olen Beitzel		
Food Committee		Elmer/Rhoda Maust	Omar/Myra Maust Floyd/Anna Bender
Youth Sponsors	Alva/Fannie Maust	Elam/Mildred Bender	
Newsletter Rep.	Mildred Beitzel		Evan Miller
Library	Elmer/Verda Beitzel	Nevin/Ann Marie Beachy	
	Denver/Naomi Beitzel	Clark/Vera Yoder	Edward/Norma Yoder
Prayer Mtg.	James Yoder		
	Ivan Maust		
	Ervin H. Yoder		

	<u>Cherry Glade</u>	<u>Maple Glen</u>
1967		
Asst. S.S. Supt.	Gordon Bender	Ervin H. Yoder
Trustee	Markel Maust	Ivan Maust
Song Leader	Oren Bender	Philip Miller
Mission Board	Gorman Beitzel	
Sun. Evening Prog.	Gorman Beitzel	Evan Maust
Food Committee	Olen/Ruth Beitzel	Elvin/Vera Beitzel
Youth Sponsors	Oren/Fannie Bender	Alva/Fannie Beitzel
Newsletter Rep.		Clark Yoder
Prayer Meeting	Raymond Bender	Norman Bender
Auditor	Carl Bender	

January 1, 1967 – Maple Glen Election Slate.

1968 and 1969 – Maple Glen

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Assist. S.S. Supt.	Philip Bender	Eli Sommers
Trustee	Norman Bender	Allen Miller
Song Leader	Martin Bender	Elvin Beitzel
Treasurer	Edgar Yoder	
S.S. Sec/Awards	Joanna Miller	
Mission Board	Ivan Maust	
MIA Rep.	Clark Yoder	
Sun. Eve. Program	Loren Bender	Edwin Mast
Food Committee	Ray/Amelia Yoder	Edgar/Ellen Yoder
Library	Edwin/_____ Miller	
Prayer Meeting	Alvin Bender	
Youth Sponsors/Vote by three cong.	Oren/Fannie Bender	Oren/Fannie Bender

September 25, 1961 – List of family heads of Casselman River congregation with inscription, “Names of family heads -- used as ballot for Cherry Glade Building Committee.” Votes not recorded on this sheet.

December 20, 1961 – Recommendation from the local mission board (Monroe J. Yoder, Ivan J. Maust, Oren Bender) that Edward Yoder be asked to serve as superintendent at Coal Run and Evan Miller as assistant superintendent.

April 1, 1962 – List of family heads of Casselman River congregation used to tally votes of a primary election of a committee for “Arranging Finances.” The tally records the election of Norman Bender, David I. Miller, Clark Yoder, Edward Yoder, Kenneth Yoder, and Paul E. Yoder. Given the high number of total votes cast for sixty different individuals, it appears that members were invited to cast more than one vote.

December 24, 1962 – Recommendation from the local mission board (Oren Bender, David I. Miller, Marvin Yoder) that Edward Yoder be reappointed as Sunday school superintendent at Coal Run and Francis Maust as assistant superintendent.

October 8, 1963 -- Recommendation from the local mission board (Daniel Miller, Marvin Yoder) that Francis Maust be appointed as Sunday school superintendent at Coal Run and Willard Maust or Edgar Yoder as assistant superintendent.

306P Official Documents and Dedications of Other Churches Apparently Used as Samples for Reference, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s

Dedication of Maple View Conservative A. M. Church, Burton, Ohio, 1951

Dedication of Calvary Baptist Church, Cresaptown, Maryland, 1959

Letter from Elmer Jantzi responding to request from IJM for copy of constitution of River View church, Au Gres, Michigan, with word of not yet passed and available, but will bring copy to ministers meeting. 1958

Dedication of Hartville Conservative Mennonite Church, Hartville, Ohio, 1960

Dedication of Sunnyside Conservative Mennonite Church, Arthur, Illinois, 1960

Dedication of First Mennonite Church, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1960

Dedication of Nanih Waiya Mennonite Church, Preston, Mississippi, 1965

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- Dedication of Glade Mennonite Church, Accident, Maryland, 1973
- Discipline of Maysville Conservative Mennonite Church, Apple Creek, Ohio (no date.)
- Constitution of Conservative Amish Mennonite Church of Greenwood, Delaware and Constitution of Greenwood Mennonite School. The condition of the paper suggests that these documents are older than their placement in these decades.)
- Suggestive outline of ministerial relations. Addressed to “Dear Bro. in Christ.” Source and destiny of document not given. No date.
- 306Q – Oak Dale Mennonite Church building use and maintenance and formation of Oak Dale congregation, 1960-1969
- Note: Most of the reports of Oak Dale members’ meetings are identifiable as the hand of IJM.*
- No date – Three hand-written sheets, plus a cover note, reporting counsel received from members identified with Oak Dale, likely preceding the cost estimate of February 10, 1963. The questions reflected in the counsel were concerned mainly with continued use of Oak Dale (versus regularly meeting with Maple Glen) and, if use is continued the need for improving the Oak Dale facility. This list expresses counsel received from various people without identifying the source of counsel.
- February 10, 1963 – Estimate on Oak Dale Remodeling – a typed list of possible remodeling projects with a price attached to each item at a total cost of \$3,384.18 plus a cost of \$70 for removing dirt.
- January 6, 1964 – Meeting of those considering themselves members at Oak Dale. Vote regarding frequency of services at Oak Dale: Every Sunday 18; Alternating with Maple Glen, none; Suspend services, none; not voting, 1. Other agenda included election of Floyd Bender as Sunday school superintendent, trustees’ request for building improvements.
- February 10, 1964 – “Meeting at Oak Dale for Oak Dale Group”
- Per notes of IJM: “For discussion and sensing of the group’s feeling without doing anything beyond constitutional bounds.” On the question, “Do you prefer to be a part of the future Oak Dale Program? Yes 17; No 18; Undecided 5 Votes received by paper ballot.
- April 2, 1964 – Meeting at Oak Dale. “Long discussion” on frequency of services at Oak Dale. A study committee was elected with the six highest votes cast for Willard Maust 14, Creed Yoder 12, Omar Maust 6, Floyd Bender 6, Paul E. Yoder 16, Enos Maust 3. Elected on the final ballot: Willard Maust, Creed Yoder, Paul E. Yoder.
- August 31, 1964 – Meeting of Oak Dale attendees with others invited. The committee elected April 2 reported. Discussion and straw votes centered on the future of Oak Dale. Group expression was received by voting on (1) being identified with Oak Dale in the future, 19, and (the nineteen voting) (2) services every Sunday 13, (3) closing Oak Dale, 0, (4) undecided on future course, 0; (5) alternating services with Maple Glen (5). Attendees: Ervin and Mabel Yoder, Alvin and Edna Maust, Floyd and Anna Bender and daughter Dorcas, Evan and Iva Miller, Omar and Norma Bender, Omar and Myra Maust, Enos and Verna Maust, Paul E. Yoder, Creed and Miriam Yoder, Willard and Ella Maust, Allen and Alma Maust, Elmer H. Maust, Elvin Beitzel, Evan Maust, Donald Hershberger, John Yoder, Delvin Mast, Paul H. Yoder, Simon and Verda Beachy and daughters Esther and Lucy,

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- Emily Maust, Lowell Bender, Kenneth L. Yoder, Norman(?) and Beulah Bender, Daniel Miller, Ivan J. and Della Miller.
- October 5, 1964 – “First meeting after August 31. Pursuant to understanding at Aug. 31 meeting the ministry has the following to suggest: that services be suspended for this winter and held at Maple Glen, to be reconsidered about May 1, 1965. After “very long discussion,” the group responded in a vote: Yes 1; No 11; X(?) 4; Blank 2.
- October 18, 1964 – Letter by Elvin Beitzel resigning from the office of trustee.
- November 17, 1964 – Oak Dale meeting. Election of trustees to succeed Elvin Beitzel and Evan Maust who had resigned. Elected: Willard Maust and Paul E. Yoder. Trustees given liberty to proceed with building improvement proposals.
- November 17, 1964 – Tally of votes for trustee at Oak Dale: Paul E. Yoder 11; Willard Maust 11; Alvin Maust 6; Enos Maust 6.
- November 26, 1964 – Letter from the trustees (Willard Maust, Omar Maust, Paul E. Yoder) to the Ministry of the Castleman River Cong. of the Conservative Menn. Church, regarding various improvements to the Oak Dale building.
- April 21, 1965 – Letter from Ella Maust (Mrs. Willard) expressing concern about issues such as the lapel coat (vs. plain coat) and other trends of “worldliness.”
- August 19, 1965 – Members Meeting at Oak Dale. “A long and rather involved discussion about a number of technicalities and finally voted by paper ballot.” The results of the vote are not given on this paper.
- November 16, 1966 – Members Meeting at Oak Dale. The question: proceeding with communion in light of or in spite of the decision of June 6, 1966. After some discussion and expression by voting, a final vote resulted in 25 of the 27 present voting Yes and two declining to participate in communion.
- April 12, April 19, and May 3, 1967 – Oak Dale members meetings. Struggling with issues of discipline, including permitting wearing the lapel coat and tie. The IJM notes on the May 3 meeting express disappointment with failure to reach a peaceable conclusion.
- April 19, 1967 – Note from Ella Maust to IJM, commenting on the issue of the lapel coat and tie not having been treated satisfactorily.
- July 4, 1967 – Members Meeting at Oak Dale. This is a typed report, unsigned, but clearly identifiable as written by IJM as bishop of the Oak Dale congregation. He reports on non-progress and the need for reconciliation in personal relationships with an atmosphere of cooperation.
- September 24, 1968 – Results of votes on building renovation at Oak Dale, reported by Elam Bender to IJM.
- 306R – Weddings officiated by IJM in the 1960s. Materials vary from case to case, but may consist of wedding program brochures, carbon copies of marriage license and other related material.
- Cleland LaRay Beitzel and Mildred Maust June 11, 1961
 Denver Dean Beitzel and Naomi Maust May 4, 1963
 Marvin Martin Beitzel and Mary Margaret Eichorn October 10, 1964
 Carl LaVerne Bender and Martha Mast May 23, 1964
 Darwin Dale Bender and Martha Mae Kinsinger June 30, 1967

Gordon Delbert Bender and Edna Maust March 6, 1965
 Loren Edward Bender and Leona Marie Yoder April 10, 1965
 Willis Criss Glick and Ruth Marion Thuss November 28, 1964
 Oscar Arlen Kindy and Miriam Mildred Maust July 16, 1961
 Harold James Maust and Eva Jean Bender May 12, 1962
 Leonard LaRay Orendorf and Anna Doris Miller October 16, 1966
 Donald Eugene Opel and Mary Martha Yoder September 25, 1964
 David Frederick Steinhauer and Loretta Irene Yoder October 30, 1965
 Karl Wilhelm Westmeier and Arline Maust* January 16, 1967
 David Aldine Yoder and Marlene Faye Bender June 11, 1965
 Donald LaVern Yoder and Ruth Miller June 9, 1965
 Ernest Ray Yoder and Doris Dean Bender April 27, 1963
 Herman Samuel Yoder and Thelma Jean Orendorf October 16, 1963
 James Luke Yoder and Edith Miller October 1, 1967
 Kermit Loren Yoder and Elaine Miriam Tice March 13, 1964
 Marvin J. Yoder and Cora Anna Yoder June 22, 1963
 Monroe J. Yoder and Rachel Miller April 30, 1961
 Paul Raymond Yoder and Wanda Elizabeth Beitzel May 15, 1965
 Henry Harold Zook and Iva M. Yoder September 11, 1966

*A letter from Arline Maust to IJM of December 14, 1966, inquires about wedding arrangements in view of local church expectations, including the issues of kind of wedding dress. Arline also describes effectively her work in Limon, Costa Rica, with the clinic there dealing with cases of medical emergency.

306S – Church Buildings and Facilities – Usage and Maintenance

July 14, 1963 – “Report on Questionnaire on our General Church Program.” This is a report on the results of Questionnaire VII, October 27, 1963, dealing with the question of where to hold church services. The question was generated at least in part by the question of a new church building at Cherry Glade.

November 18, 1963(?) – Notes of IJM on ministers’ meeting discussion of church facility usage with a record of comment by each minister (Simon Beachy, Paul H. Yoder, Kenneth Yoder, Elmer Maust) and indicating division of opinions.

Nov. 17, 1963 – Statement to Church at Maple Glen on General Church Program, Nov. 17, 1963. The statement deals with construction of a new meeting house at Cherry Glade, maintenance of Oak Dale and Maple Glen, continuing, for the present, alternating place of church services.

August 30, 1967 – Letter from Mark Peachey of Conference missions office regarding Elmer and Eileen presenting at Maple Glen, or as alternate, Gene Diener, Jonas Bontrager, or Vernon Jantzi.

306T – Special Events at Cherry Glade, Oak Dale, Maple Glen and/or Dry Run 1960-1969

July 27, 1960 – Program of Vacation Bible School at Maple Glen. Teachers were Glenola Yoder, Loretta Yoder, Eva Jean Bender, Catherine Sommers, Verda Beachy, Joanna Miller, Leora Beitzel, Hilda Beitzel, Cora Anna Yoder, Vera Yoder, Elva Bender, Esther Beachy, Alma Maust, Naomi Yoder, David I. Miller, Floyd Bender. Other involvements: Harvey Stutzman, Paul H. Yoder, Elvin Beitzel.

April 20-22, 1962 – Easter Weekend Services at Maple Glen, including communion service on Good Friday and missions emphasis on Friday evening and Saturday evening. Guest speaker: Harvey J. Miller. Visitors invited to communion: Harvey Miller, Mildred Miller, Barbara Miller, Marjorie Wagler, Pauline Wagler, Paul Steinhauer, Ivins Steinhauer, Jr., Esther Mullet(?).

August 19, 1962 – Farewell Service for Esther Miller, assigned to missionary service in Espelkamp, Germany. Input by Paul H. Yoder, Richard Moyer of Crenshaw, Pennsylvania, Ivan J. Miller, Elmer H. Maust, , Simon Beachy. On other side of this 3X5 card, IJM notes used in Remarks and consecration prayer.

September 2,3, 1967 – Homecoming Weekend for the Casselman River. Speakers at this event included Elmer H. Maust, Dan Yutzky of Marilla, New York, and Ivan J. Miller. Informal reminiscing by Evan Miller, Norman Bender, Simon Beachy, Floyd Bender, Alvin H. Yoder.

307. [file folders] – Local Church Administration – 1970-1979

307-A – Property Insurance, reference to appointment of a representative for the Casselman River area to Tri-County Mennonite Mutual Insurance Company to succeed Alvin H. Yoder. The documents show communication between the ministers of the Conservative Mennonite churches and the Beachy Amish Mennonite church. Includes correspondence between IJM and Earl J. Kennel of the insurance agency and description of courses available for qualification for the appointment. Declining nominations for representative include Robert Miller, Lowell Bender, and Herman Yoder. Apparently Raymond N. Yoder was appointed.

307B – Church membership Certificates (church letters) 1970 to 1979 after formation of three separate congregations (Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, Oak Dale) out of the Casselman River Mennonite Church regarding transfers of membership. Elmer H. Maust had been ordained bishop for Cherry Glade in 1968 and Paul H. Yoder was ordained bishop for Oak Dale in 1975. IJM was not in charge as bishop after those ordinations. He served as bishop of the Coal Run congregation until it closed by merging with Oak Dale in 1970. Ivan Maust was ordained bishop for Maple Glen in 1978. This section also includes recommendations for participation in communion as a guest. The following names occur in the designated years: 1970 – Dorothy Fern Mast, Joseph E. Miller, Daniel M. Miller and son Joel Miller and daughter Margaret Miller, Ezra Maust, Leroy Beitzel, Mark Yoder, Katie Miller, David Maust, Philip Miller, Rhoda Metzler Yoder, David Yoder and wife Marlene Yoder, America Sandra Berry; 1971 – Joseph Miller, Bertha Petersheim, John Cupler, Ruth Bender, Kenneth Steinrich, Lowell Bender and wife Verna Bender, Mary Petersheim; 1972 – Nancy Mehley, Melvin Beitzel, Dorcas Miller, Raymond Beitzel and wife Vernie, Mark Yoder, Ardith Yoder, Janet Clugston Yoder, Allen Miller, Mark Yoder, Elmer L. Maust and wife Rhoda Maust; 1973 – Emma Maust, Eilene Bontrager Bender, Loretta Miller, Daniel Mast and wife Mary Mast, Ernest Yoder and wife Doris Yoder, Arliss Yoder and wife Janet Yoder, Alverta Stevanus, Philip Moser; 1974 – Dorothy Beachy, Milton Beachy and wife Bertha Beachy, Joel Beachy and wife Annie Beachy, Lorrain Beitzel, Bertha Beitzel, Stanley Yoder and wife Mary Yoder, Mary Bender Kanagey, James Yoder and wife Edith Yoder, Edwin Miller and wife Clara Miller, Sharon Bender, Marietta Beitzel, Lucy Beachy, Wilbur Beitzel and wife Annie

Beitzel; 1975 – Paul Zook, Titus Mast, Ernest Miller, Kenneth Yoder and wife Rhoda Yoder; 1976 – Melvin Petersheim, Edith Yoder; 1977 – Cynthia Maust; 1978 – Joanne Colflesh, Delbert Miller, Larry Beitzel, Daniel Miller and wife Mary, Joel Miller, Willis Beitzel, Mary Etta Miller, Alice Miller, Lila Bender, Carol Kauffman, Leroy Sommers.

307C – Confession, Personal Statements of, 1970-1979 – Acknowledgement of errant practices received from: Kathryn Maust, Mary A Bender

307D – Correspondence (General) from/to Church Members – Includes notes of comment, thanks and general correspondence from members, including:

Daniel Tice – Written from Costa Rica when ready to move to Nicaragua, apparently having finished language school in Costa Rica. The letter bears the date of August 7, year not given. Daniel was in Nicaragua in 1978 according to *History of Conservative Mennonite Conference*, p. 359. Daniel writes of his experiences in Central America and inserts a word of “thank you for the money.”

John Yoder – Letter from John Yoder, Eugene, Oregon, to IJM, September 21, 1971. John, son of Paul E. and Naomi Yoder, was a school teacher in Oregon. He writes to IJM as pastor and bishop in support of IJM’s ministry and with concern about some reports he had heard. A copy of the reply of IJM is attached, dated September 27, 1971.

307E – Maple Glen Ministerial and congregational meetings 1970-1979 – Notes by IJM on meetings of the ministers of the Maple Glen Mennonite Church and congregational business meetings. Included are decisions of the respective bodies and personal reflections of the dynamics and issues involved. These notes are in chronological order in this folder.

1970

Jan. 1 – Annual congregational meeting: In addition to reports from various committees and departments and the election of officers for the ensuing year, the agenda includes asking the Sunday evening program committee to arrange studies in *Mennonite Confession of Faith* (sheet 1). The Pastoral Report by IJM refers to congregational statistics and a summary of activities along with mention of the question of a ministerial ordination not having been concluded. He notes the successes of the space program as symbolic of changes faced by the congregation and pleads for unity in the face of internal differences (sheet 2).

Feb. 2 – Memo regarding donation of Milton Bender and wife Savilla Bender (sheet 3).

Mar. 20 – Ministers Meeting: Support for Kenneth E. Yoder (going into voluntary service), membership issue of Doris Tice Lichty, John Cupler confession, “next step for ordination,” questions with Raymond Beitzel, future of Coal Run Church (sheet 4).

Aug. 25 – Ministers’ meeting: fall schedules, Back to School Sunday, music conference with Nathan Showalter, Ivan J. Maust release from mid-week committee (sheet 5).

- Dec. 8 – Ministers’ Meeting: Engagement announcement of Joe Miller and Joyce Beitzel, Maple Glen to Goodwill Home monthly, Bertha Petersheim membership, Kenneth E. Yoder and Rhoda Metzler membership, “Philip Miller (our son)” membership (and personal concerns) (sheet 6).
- Dec. 15 – Memo regarding donation of Norman Bender and wife Beulah Bender (sheet 7).
- Dec. 22 – Ministers’ Meeting: services at Goodwill Home monthly, insulating meeting house, Philip Miller’s letter of resignation from church membership, Kenneth E. Yoder and Rhoda Metzler membership (sheet 8).

1971

- Jan. 6 – Annual congregational meeting: In addition to reports from various committees and departments and the election of officers for the ensuing year, the agenda includes a recommendation to provide services at Goodwill Home monthly, discussion on youth activities, and a Pastoral Report” (sheet 9).
- Jan. 6 – Pastoral Report at Annual Meeting – Reference is made to activities and statistics of the year. The following names are included in the report: Ivan J. Maust, Kenneth E. Yoder, Rhoda Metzler, Annie Bender, Omar Bender, Lizzie Beitzel (sheet 10).
- Apr. 12 – Maple Glen members’ meeting: the trustee’s reported on cost of insulating the building followed by discussion and a decision to solicit for funds and to return with the question when amount of pledges is known (sheet 11).
- July 6 – Ministers’ Meeting: Bible class at Goodwill Home, slides at Springs church assisting victims of cystic fibrosis, interest-free loan to Ervin H. Yoder due to loss of cows by lightening, John Cupler membership (sheet 12).
- Aug. 13 – Maple Glen members’ meeting: organizing Maple Glen youth group apart from the other congregations, Bible study kind of meeting in the fall, inviting international students through EMC (sheet 12).
- Dec. 23 – Ministers’ Meeting – Minister from Trinidad as guest, location for kitchen in basement, possibility of the three youth groups (Cherry Glade, Oak Dale, Maple Glen) each forming their own youth group, ask ministers of Cherry Glade and Oak Dale about interest in joint meetings (sheet 13).

1972

- Jan 1 – Annual Congregational business meeting: In addition to reports from various committees and departments and the election of officers for the ensuing year, approval was given to invite a representative from World Missionary Press to speak and for the Maple Glen youth group to be organized apart from Cherry Glade and Oak Dale. Melvin Beitzel resigned from prayer meeting committee and requested a church letter (sheet 14).
- Jan. 1 – Pastoral Report at congregational business meeting: – Reference is made to activities and statistics of the year. Concern is expressed about disunity in the congregation while also expressing appreciation signs of grace and growth (sheet 16).
- Jan. 1 – Paper presented at the annual congregational meeting proposing each of the three CMC congregations in the area having their own youth organization (sheet 16).
- Jan. 1 – Agenda of January 1 annual congregational meeting: reflects the items noted above (sheet 17).

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- Jan. 4 – Joint meeting of Maple Glen ministers and youth committee: for implementation of plan of Maple Glen having its own youth organization. Committee members: Robert Yoder, Daniel Maust, Alice Miller. Youth sponsors: Don Opel and wife Mary Opel (sheet 18).
- Jan. 4—Joint meeting of Maple Glen ministers and congregational mission board: Agendum was bookrack evangelism. On board: Elvin Beitzel, Daniel Miller, Evan Maust (sheet 18).
- Jan. 23 – Business presentation on Sunday morning: the trustees recommended black-topping the drive and parking lot; approved by strong vote (sheet 19).
- Feb. 13 – Business presentation on Sunday morning: (1) international students from Eastern Mennonite Seminary give a program at Maple Glen; strongly approved, (2) supply of books to be held at local bookstore for bookrack evangelism; strongly approved (sheet 19).
- Mar. 9 – Maple Glen Ministers’ Meeting: Agenda included schedule for counsel meeting, communion, special meetings; misunderstanding between Elmer L. Maust and Alvin H. Yoder; question of dealing with church discipline in regard to issues such as dress, size of coverings, attendance at fairs, competition at fairs by entering stock, and life insurance (sheet 19).
- Apr. 18 – Ministers Meeting: The agenda included the Community Health Center and report from representative Marvin Yoder, a report on the black topping of the parking lot, and an invitation for interested persons to join a class for baptismal instruction. Those agenda were followed by “a long and difficult discussion on discipline question and the lack of unity and fellowship in the church. Some suggested were offered by IJM but rejected by one or more ministers. The meeting dismissed at 2:00 a.m. (sheet 20)
- Apr. 25 – Ministers’ Meeting: IJM offered suggestions for working with the disunity of the ministerial body and congregational. The suggestions were not approved. A decision was reached to meet again with Bishop Elmer H. Maust in attendance for counsel (sheet 20).
- Apr. 27 – Ministers’ Meeting with Elmer H. Maust: The previous meetings on the issues of discipline were reviewed, note is made by IJM of some members being restless and thinking of transfer of membership, a decision was reached to go with proposal No. 1 of the previous meeting, i.e., calling the church to fasting and prayer, arrange for revival meetings, and then call a members meeting to work further on the questions (sheet 20).
- May 9 – Ministers’ Meeting: the agenda included (1) availability and possible use of MMA Fraternal Funds, (2) request from Harvey Miller for a church letter, (3) request from Alvin H. Yoder for release from representing the insurance agency, and (4) a report on suggestions received from the congregation for a revival meeting preacher. The IJM suggestion of Willard Mayer was rejected and the decision followed to contact the two preachers most frequently suggested: Jonas Yoder and Walter Beachy (sheet 20).
- Apr. 30 – Statement of acknowledgement by IJM: he notes, “it has been pointed out to me that I have sometimes spoken too quickly and unkindly . . .” (sheet 21).

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- Apr. 30 – Announcement to the Maple Glen congregation ministers’ decision to proceed to work on discipline questions in a three-fold approach. See April 27 above (sheet 21).
- May 14 – Maple Glen Sunday Morning Business Item: A report was given on the black-topping project and the process of deciding to do the drive around the west of the building. Votes were taken on approach to the Evangelism Explosion training program, that is, view the films and workshop materials with Cherry Glade and pursue further training at Maple Glen. A report was given on calling in a revival preacher and a vote favored Walter Beachy (sheet 22).
- May 16 – Ministers’ Meeting – Because of unavailability by suitable schedule of Walter Beachy and Jonas Yoder, Willard Mayer would be called for revival meetings. In response to Don Opel asking whether the young people could use a guitar in an upcoming meeting, IJM favored a positive response, but a negative answer would be given per the view of the other ministers (sheet 22).
- May 17 – Ministers’ Meeting: It was reported that Willard Mayer was not available for revival meetings and a report would be given to the congregation and a vote taken on next steps. Use of guitars by the young people was discussed again with a conclusion to say to Don Opel, “it would be better not to.” IJM expresses fear of alienating the young people (sheet 22).
- May 21 – Sunday morning business at Maple Glen: It was reported to the church that the congregational mission board would join the vacation Bible school committee, hoping to strengthen the Bible school’s outreach. Efforts to secure a revival preacher were announced and the church voted to secure David Showalter if available soon enough. A meeting for evangelism training was announced. A financial report was given on the blacktopping project (22).
- July 17 – Ministers’ Meeting – Processed membership of Allen Miller and wife, Dorcas Miller, Harvey Miller. A check was received from MMA for community health programs. Questions handed in to David Showalter as revival preacher were not all answered by him and left with IJM and now to be taken further to youth group for answering. Relationships in Paul Maust family discussed. Plans for dealing with discipline questions outlined: (1) announce a members’ meeting, (2) invite items for discussion, (3) recognized that members already have presented items, (4) the meeting to be conducted with (a) each member being given opportunity to share concerns and reasons for them, (b) discussions to be prolonged and conclusions not sought in that meeting, (c) consideration of inviting assistance from the Conference Church Welfare Committee (d) and checking the congregation’s readiness regarding the use of questionnaires to determine congregational sentiments (sheet 23).
- July 24 – Maple Glen Congregational Members’ Meeting: Janet Yoder (Mrs. Arliss) was received as a member. The receipt and use of MMA funds for use in community health program was announced. A major agenda was questions of congregational discipline and practice. On Fellowship and Brotherhood Relations, ideas and regrets were expressed. Discussion on church discipline included a “wide range of ideas and concern that guidelines have not been definite enough. On future procedures, a large majority favored not to call in the Conference

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- Church Welfare Committee and a strong vote favored the use of expression on paper, thus needed fewer meetings (sheet 23).
- July 30 – Handwritten notes of IJM apparently referenced when typing notes on the congregation meeting of July 24 (sheet 24) and a typed list of the responses to a questionnaire presented on July 24 and received on the following Sunday, July 30 (sheets 25b and 25c) and a summary review of the responses (sheet 25a).
- Sept. 1 – Ministers Meeting: Responses to questionnaires were examined. Decided to announce a members meeting in which to (1) present a list of generally accepted standards, (2) invite the congregation to present items of past discipline to be considered, (3) note new items to be considered, and (4) decide with congregation on next steps. The evangelism training program was announced to be in the care of the congregational mission board and the Sunday evening program committee released from that responsibility (sheet 23).
- No date – Attached to Sheet 24 – Notes of comments my various individuals: Lucy Beachy, Ervin H. Yoder, Arliss Yoder, Edwin Mast, Clark Yoder, Kenneth Yoder, Janet Yoder, Simon Beachy, Paul Maust, Don Opel, Daniel M. Miller, Edna Maust, Ivan Maust. This apparently is only one of multiple sheets (sheet 25).
- Sept. 5 – Maple Glen Congregational Members’ Meeting: a procedures sheet for this meeting (Sheet 25d), a presentation outline (25e), and a handwritten list of meetings dealing with matters of discipline from September 18, 1955 to July 24, 1972 (Sheet 25f as packet). Sheet 25e identifies points of discipline in three categories: those included in the paper adopted January 11, 1962, those dealt with at other times, and items warned against. Sheet 25f appears to be a preliminary list by IJM from which he developed sections II and III of Item (2).
- Sept. 9 – A letter from Walter Beachy of Plain City, Ohio, to IJM with the attachment of a discipline of the United Bethel Mennonite Church in Plain City. This letter and attachment were found in a folder with the papers listed above of July 24 and 30, and September 1 and 5. That placement in the files of IJM and my personal memory of impression that some Maple Glen ministers referred to the United Bethel approach to discipline a model suggest that IJM had requested that information for reference. The document is dated November 1970. The letter September 9, 1972 (Sheet 25g as packet).
- Sept. 12 – Maple Glen Ministers’ Meeting: Prepared an outline for proceeding with the next Members’ Meeting. Questions of discipline were placed into two columns: (1) Standards Generally Accepted and (2) Other Items Needing Discussion (Sheet 25h).
- Sept. 19 – Maple Glen Members’ Meeting: The items of the September 12 ministers’ meeting were presented and members were invited to present other items needing discussion (Sheet 25h).
- October 23 – Maple Glen Members’ Meeting: Items handed in by the membership are listed and items were designated to be added to the list (Sheet 25h).
- Nov. 16 – Maple Glen Members’ Meeting: presentation and discussion of the listing. “Much of the evening was spent discussing the nature of church standards and how to enforce them. “ Further work needed (Sheet 25h).

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- Nov. 22 – Maple Glen Members’ Meeting: “The main thing we did tonight was discuss the question whether standards should be minimum requirements for membership, or should we also have a set of guidelines in which to encourage members.” Strong vote for Requirements and Guidelines (Sheet 25h).
- Dec. 6 – Maple Glen Members’ Meeting: Recognized the straw vote of Nov. 22 for two categories of standards, discussed the meaning of excommunication, and “got bogged down on whether we should have one set of requirements for membership and another set of guidelines. A raised hand vote resulted in 28 for one list and 27 for two lists; the expression of the 22nd abandoned (25i).
- Dec. 29 -- Maple Glen Ministers’ Meeting: process a donation from Homer Yoder, prepared the ballot for the January 1 annual meeting, discussed inviting Conference Ministers’ fellowship for 1974, revival preacher in fall, invitation to Lloyd Kauffman of RBI and John O. Yoder of Heralds of Hope, schedule of members’ meeting (25i).

1973

- January 1 – Annual Maple Glen Congregational Members Meeting: In addition to reports from various committees and departments and the election of officers for the ensuing year, IJM noted that no deaths of members have occurred since forming Maple Glen as a separate congregation in 1966. He noted the wars and tensions in the world and concern for the proclamation of the gospel. He calls to obedience by study of the Scriptures. He expresses gratitude for “evidences of spirituality in the brotherhood” (sheet 26).
- Jan.1 – Agenda of the congregational meeting(sheet 27).
- Jan. 24 – Report of the Maple Glen Finance Committee: This report presents procedures and principles for handling the congregation’s finances (sheet28).
- Oct. 15 – Maple Glen Business Meeting: Items on the agenda included system of parking cars, improvement of water supply, inviting the annual conference to the area, assigning cemetery grave placement to an individual, request from Alvin Yoder for release from serving as insurance representative (sheet 29).
- Jan. 30 to -- The materials reference here are in File 306G – Discipline Questions and Conference Mediation 1937. The file includes records of several ministerial and congregational meetings and related correspondence, including arrangements for intervention by the Conference Church Welfare Committee followed by the assistance of Bishop Clarence A. Yoder of Goshen, Indiana. See folder 306G.
- Dec. 10 – Area Ministers’ Meeting: Items affecting Maple Glen are listed, including hosting annual conference, Robert Miller as agent for Tri-County Mennonite Mutual Insurance (sheet 29).
- Dec. 26 – Maple Glen Ministers’ Meeting: The agenda included Mennonite Mutual funds availability, library-chapel to be built at Rosedale Bible Institute, services in jail and rest homes in Oakland, donation from Homer Yoder in memory of his parents, Simon M. Yoder and wife Kate Yoder (sheet 29).

1974

- Jan. 1 – Annual Maple Glen Congregational Meeting: In addition to reports from various committees and departments and the election of officers for the ensuing year, the agenda included use of MMA funds, responsibility of congregational mission board regarding book jail and rest home ministry in Oakland, donation of Homer M. Yoder, a fund to buy new hymn books, the library-chapel at Rosedale Bible Institute, hosting the annual conference (sheet 30).
- Jan. 1 – Pastoral Report at Maple Glen Annual Meeting: IJM notes a range of activities throughout the past year. He also notes the ordination of Oren Bender in a sister congregation, Cherry Glade. He expresses concern about the atmosphere within the congregation and states, “Recently while working with our records of the last 25 or 30 years we were overwhelmed with the number of persons who at one time were members with us and have left, some under situations where tensions and unkind attitudes were very severe” (sheet 31).
- Dec. 13 – Ministers’ Meeting: Letters from Rosedale Mennonite Missions and Rosedale Bible Institute stating a need for funds were noted with decision to present the needs to the congregation by solicitation. Applications for membership from members of the former Casselman Mennonite Church were processed, involving Milton Beachy and wife Bertha Beachy, Joel Beachy and wife Annie, and Annie M. Beachy. Request for church letters by Kenneth E. Yoder and wife Rhoda were processed. A suggestion was given by Simon Beachy that the church constitution be updated. A note at the bottom of the entry states: “From Dec. 13, 1974 to Dec. 10, 1975, matters were handled when we were together or by phone. Some area matters, like the celebration of faith, were done on an area basis (sheet32).

1975

- Jan. 1 – Maple Glen Annual Meeting: In addition to reports from various committees and departments and the election of officers for the ensuing year, the agenda included information on the Hymnal Fund which included contributions by Homer Yoder in memory of his parents and Daniel Puffinburg and wife Olive Puffinburg in appreciation for Maple Glen hosting the Children’s Home reunion (sheet 33).
- Jan. 1 – Pastoral Report at Maple Glen Annual Meeting: IJM notes a range of activities throughout the past year. He also notes “evidence of spirituality among us” and concern for “reaching the community as Christ’s church” (sheet 34).
- Dec. 10 – Ministers’ Meeting – The agenda included the Children’s Home reunion of 1974 and plans for a reunion on August 21, 1975; appeals for funds from Rosedale Bible Institute, Meyersdale Community Hospital, and the Mennonite General Board; request from Allen O. Yoder and wife Lois Yoder for burial accommodation in the cemetery; nominations for elections at the upcoming annual meeting; possible help for the family of Milton Bender in family relationships and Milton’s care (sheet 32).

1976

- Jan. 1 – Maple Glen Annual Meeting: The agenda consists largely of reports from various committees and departments and the election of officers for the ensuing year (sheet 35).
- Jan. 1 – Pastoral Report at Annual Meeting: IJM notes a range of activities throughout the past year. He also notes that Paul H. Yoder was ordained as bishop at Oak Dale, leaving IJM with bishop responsibility only at Maple Glen. He notes the

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- economic uncertainty of the nation and the world and the squeeze on charitable institutions and mentions the national plan for selective service registration (sheet 36).
- Sept. 7 – Ministers’ Meeting: The agenda included arrangements for various activities and membership requests of Edith Yoder, Melvin Petersheim, and James Beitzel (involving question of neck tie vs. plain coat.) IJM’s intention of arranging for his successor as bishop was discussed (sheet 32).
- Dec. 6 – Ministers’ Meeting: the agenda included schedule for a visit by Elton Moshier from Rosedale Mennonite Missions, appointment of Robert Miller as representative to Tri-county Mennonite Mutual Insurance, request from Harvey Miller for church letter, provision for member who do not have medical insurance in the event of high medical expense, preparation of a slate for the annual election on January 1 (sheet 37).

1977

- Jan. 1 – Maple Glen Annual Meeting: The agenda consists of reports from various committees and departments, the election of officers for the ensuing year, and a report by Simon Beachy on medical aid insurance (sheet 38).
- Jan. 1 – Pastor Report at the Maple Glen Annual Meeting: a detailed list of congregational activities and events throughout the year is followed by mention of the ordination of Alva Maust as bishop, the military draft expected a year ago not having materialized, and the possibility of working toward a change in bishop responsibility (sheet 39).
- Aug. 11 -- Ministers’ Meeting: Joint meeting with church trustees. The agenda with trustees included rates for non-congregational use of the church facility and repair or replacement of hymnals. The agenda after dismissal of trustees included concern for members without medical insurance, speaker for revival meetings, dealing with out-of-touch members (sheet 37).
- Sept. 14 – Ministers’ Meeting: The agenda included invitation to Luke Yoder as revival preacher and Alvin Yoder of Rosedale Bible Institute as local Bible Institute teacher, agenda for the next members’ meeting (hymnals, letter of dismissal to out-of-touch members, medical expense assistance of uninsured members, and future bishop administration (sheet 37).
- Nov. 21 – Ministers’ Meeting: In addition to approving a questionnaire concerning health insurance, the major agendum of this meeting was the processing of questionnaires completed and submitted by members of the congregation regarding ordination of a bishop. Questionnaire results of October 2 in regard to preferred method of communication from the congregation on the matter: Discussion in members meeting 0, Meet several bishops in anteroom 5, Questionnaire 38. Questionnaire results of November 7 in regard to ordination another minister before the bishop ordination: 31 Yes, 17 No, 24 no counsel. IJM comment on discussion: “Our discussion did not seem very objective to me.” A minister suggested another questionnaire. “We shall take time to pray about this. I may need counsel with some others” (sheet 42).
- Dec. 16 – Ministers’ Meeting: Approved draft of letter of dismissal for out-of-touch members, approach need for better hymnals by proposing an ad hoc committee at

the annual meeting, heard report from Simon on medical insurance situation, processed church letter request from Delbert Miller, arranged ballot for annual election, discussed approach to bishop ordination with suggestion going to annual meeting to request leadership of Morris Swartzendruber in the matter (sheet 42).

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- Jan. 1 – Maple Glen Annual Meeting: The meeting was scheduled for January 1 but was postponed several times because of snow storms and finally held on March 15. The agenda consists of reports from various committees and departments, the election of officers for the ensuing year, and items resulting in the following decisions: (1) approval of a letter to be sent to out-of-touch members, (2) question of what to do with hymnals to be referred to a committee to be appointed by the ministers and the trustees, and (3) a committee to be appointed by the ministers and trustees to work with question of response to medical needs of uninsured members (sheet 40).
- Jan. 1 – Pastoral Report at annual meeting on March 15: a detailed list of congregational activities and events throughout the year and election of officers for the next year are followed by comments, including mention of Morris Swartzendruber being expected to be at Maple Glen on April to assist in determining steps toward ordination of a bishop (sheet 41).
- Dec. 11 – Ministers' Meeting: "This was the first meeting in which Ivan Maust presided after his bishop ordination [of November 5]." This a joint meeting with committee on health and hospital insurance, consisting of Edwin Mast, Edgar Yoder, Evan Maust. The agendum of the evening was the report of that committee with a decision to propose to the church that Freeman Lambright be invited to share with the congregation the plan "used by some churches in the mid-west [CAM Mutual; Conservative and Amish Mennonite Mutual Aid now] (sheet 43).

1979

- Jan. 1 – Maple Glen Annual Meeting: Note by IJM, "This annual meeting was presided over by Ivan J. Maust. This is the first time I sat back in the audience while another conducted the meeting since annual meetings were begun soon after my bishop ordination. The meeting went well today." Most of the agenda dealt with reports from various committees. Additional items were a recommendation based on the study of the hymnal committee, a report on insurance, and the annual Pastoral Report (sheet 45).
- Jan. 1 – Pastoral Report at the Maple Glen Annual Meeting. Given by Ivan J. Miller at the request of Ivan J. Maust. The report covers activities and statistics of the year and notes the congregation's recognition of IJM having served forty years as a minister, including 25 years as bishop and the ordination of Ivan Maust as bishop and the congregation being under his care (sheet 44).
- Mar. 5 – Minister's Meeting: In addition to listing upcoming congregational events, the agenda included the request of David Steinhauer and his wife Loretta Steinhauer for a church letter and discussion of the medical insurance plan presented by Freeman Lambright of Indiana.
- May 24 – Maple Glen Congregational Business Meeting: the agenda included the question of a German appendix in the copies of the new *Church Hymnal* to be

purchased, installation of a telephone in the church basement, and presentation of a constitution for a Maple Glen Medical Health Plan.

July 23 – Ministers' Meeting: The agenda included: (1) should the medical plan discount given the ministers by somehow applied to Kenneth and Ruth Yoder in their status of not being enrolled in the plan, (2) the Goodwill Home inquiry about running a concrete walk from the Home to the church, (3) Emily Maust applying for membership at Maple Glen, (4) Annie Beachy requesting a church letter for a move to another community, (5) Gospel Echoes wanting to use the Grantsville Fire Hall, (6) selection of revival preacher for the fall, (7) the question of a deacon ordination to provide for a successor to Simon Beachy.

307F – Area Ministers' Meetings (referring to the ministry of the local congregations of Conservative Mennonite Conference – Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, and Oak Dale, and later Dry Run). The papers in this folder a minutes of and notes of IJM of these meetings. These papers in chronological order in the folder, 1971 to 1979. The ministry in the early part of this period included Elmer H. Maust and Alva Maust (later Dry Run) at Cherry Glade; Elam Bender and Paul H. Yoder at Oak Dale, and Ivan J. Miller, Ivan J. Maust, Kenneth L. Yoder, and Simon D. Beachy at Maple Glen. Oren Bender as minister and Raymond Bender as deacon were ordained later in the decade at Cherry Glade.

1971

Feb. 8 – Topics of discussion included the question of cooperation between the three congregations on matters of mutual interest, jointly sponsoring a missions emphasis event with the availability of missionaries Harvey and Mildred Miller and Rhoda Wenger, and youth activities and organization in regard to joint and separate arrangement.

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Dec. 10 – The agenda included the question of hosting the annual conference in 1972 and the appointment of a representative to the insurance agency with Robert Miller under consideration.

Dec. 29 – The items of December 10 were pursued further.

1974

Jan. 13 – This was a joint meeting with the newly elected steering committee consisting of Clark Yoder, Lowell Bender, Raymond Bender, Herman Yoder, Simon Beachy, and Paul E. Yoder. The steering committee was responsible for arrangements for hosting the annual conference, including the appointment of sub-committees. Discussion included the subjects of conference site with the steering committee asked to return with a recommendation.

Apr. 18 – The meeting focused on conducting an evangelistic crusade after the annual conference with use of the same tent. Action was taken to contact pastors of the non-CMC churches to invite their participation. These contacts were John Kraybill of Springs Mennonite, Melvin Nussbaum of Casselman Mennonite(?), Earl Yoder of Oak Grove Mennonite, and Eli Tice of Mountain View Amish Mennonite. Note was made also of 1975 being the 450th anniversary of Anabaptism and the 200th of the arrival of Amish Mennonite settlers into the area, and the possibility of a historical celebration in that year.

Sept. 12 – These rather cryptic notes indicated discussion on organization and scope of participation of local congregations in an historical celebration in the year 1975.

1976

Jan. 5 – These minutes by Paul H. Yoder. Eleven ministers were present, representing the entire ministerial body of the three congregations: Cherry Glade: Elmer H. Maust, Oren Bender, Raymond Bender (recently ordained deacon); Maple Glen: Ivan J. Miller, Ivan J. Maust, Kenneth Yoder, Simon Beachy; Oak Dale: Elam Bender, Paul H. Yoder; Dry Run: Alva Maust, Sanford Bender (recently returned from Kentucky). The model of Keystone Bible Institute was noted with the question of establishing a similar school in the local area, perhaps with college credit. A committee appointed to study the question further consisted of Ivan J. Miller, Paul H. Yoder, Elmer H. Maust, and Alva Maust. A second agendum was a week-end series on education suggested by someone from the Beachy Amish Mennonite congregation to be sponsored jointly between the Beachy and CMC churches. Conclusion: “Paul is to relay the feeling of this groups’ interest to the brother who suggested it and get his response as to the next steps and report this to Elmer Maust.” A third agendum was Eshleman’s slides on nature and Scripture and the possibility of a community showing. Conclusion: “Simon Beachy and Elmer Maust were asked to contact Eshleman for the needed specific information.” Other agenda included an invitation to a prayer breakfast at Zion School of Faith and Ministers Fellowship in Kansas and the question of travelling with the Mountain Anthems bus.

May 10 – This was a meeting of the sub-committee appointed to study the question of a local Bible Institute, consisting of Elmer H. Maust, Ivan J. Miller, Paul H. Yoder, and Alva Maust. A seven-point plan was developed to be presented to the next area ministers’ meeting.

May 13 – Two sheets indicate a meeting of the area ministers on this date. One sheet is in the handwriting of IJM and indicates the date, attendance, and first item of agenda as Bible Institute Recommendations, but does not give further information. Paul H. Yoder is designated as presiding and Elmer H. Maust as recording. Oren Bender and Elam Bender were absent. The second available sheet is page 2 of the minutes of the meeting. Page 1 is not available as these notes are written, but may be discovered with further sorting of the IJM papers.

Aug. 5 – Announcement of a meeting of the “ministers and deacons of the Conservative Mennonite Churches of the Casselman Valley, with their wives and children who are at home.” The purpose of this meeting of August 5: “An evening of fellowship, with a carry-in meal, the Lord willing.” The announcement includes an agenda of schedules of some activities and progress reports by the committees on Bible Institute and the Education Week-end planning committee.

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August 29 – A meeting of the area ministers at the Mt. Davis Campground for their families and for business. Business included (1) “Structure, schedule and organization for our area ministers meetings and (2) Election of a member to the Casselman River Bible Institute Committee (term of Elmer Maust expired; Raymond Bender elected.)

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- March 14 – Meeting of the area ministers in the Alva and Fannie Maust with meal provided by the Mausts and Sanford and Miriam Bender followed by discussion on “Fellowship in the Church” led by Elmer Maust and an anointing service for Marie Yoder (Mrs. Paul H.) officiated by IJM. A handwritten note by IJM on the copy of the minutes of August 29 notes that Marie’s problem was related to stress in difficult counseling situations, a develop which began when counseling Mrs. Zuckerman.
- October 19 – A meeting of the area ministers with Walter Beachy as speaker. “The ministers of the Dry Run congregation, Alva and Sanford, [had shared] with the secretary their uncertainty about continuing participation in the area ministers meetings. Among chief problems being the practices of some of our church members in non wearing of the prayer veiling, cutting of sisters hair and wearing of slacks. Further discussion and consultation with Alva and Sanford and others of the area ministers resulted in the planning of this meeting.”
- 307G – Discipline Questions and Conference Mediation at Maple Glen 1973
 Questions concerning the Maple Glen congregation’s discipline apparently were at an impasse within the congregation’s pastoral leadership. The intervention ministry of the Conference Church Welfare Committee was requested. In response to a recommendation of the Committee, Bishop Clarence A. Yoder of Goshen, Indiana, assisted the congregation in working through a number of issue. The documents which follow are identified by date (all in 1973) and other designation.
- Jan. 10 – Maple Glen Members’ Meeting: meeting called in the face members having transferred membership out and others talking of it. The evening mostly on Matt. 18 and other passages. IJM suggested that the ministers (himself excluded) and three laymen (Clark Yoder, Edwin Mast, and Raymond Tice) bring something back to the next meeting. A strong vote supported the suggestion.
- Jan. 24 -- Maple Glen Members’ Meeting – The committee of ministers (IJM excluded) and laymen presented a paper. Sixty members were present. IJM comments that the paper was discussed at length, the committee members were not all agreed on some of the answers, and no conclusions were reached. IJM suggested that outside help was needed and he would be discussing the matter with others at the upcoming Ministers’ Fellowship. Later two committee members (Ivan Maust and Raymond Tice) suggesting that IJM rewrite the paper, but he declined.
- Jan. 30 – Letter from IJM to the Conference Executive Committee (Richard Zehr, moderator, and Elmer Maust, secretary) and the Church Welfare Committee (Clarence Yoder) with information about the Maple Glen situation, including the possibility of a request for help coming to them.
- January 31 – Report of a survey, apparently conducted unofficially by laymen and signed by Raymond Tice and Ervin Yoder, indicated a felt need of some members for outside help in the congregation.
- February 17 – Letter from the Executive Committee (signed by Richard Zehr, Jonas Yoder, Elmer H. Maust, Albert H. Miller, and John Yoder) indicated a decision, reached in a meeting of the Executive Committee and Maple Glen ministry, for the Church Welfare Committee to assist the congregation.

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- February 28 – Letter of response to the Executive Committee stating that the February 17 letter was read to the congregation on February 25, was read again and considered in a member’s meeting on February 27 with a vote to request the involvement of the Church Welfare Committee.
- March 27 – A report of findings and recommendations of the Church Welfare Committee. The recommendations dealt with principles of church purpose and function with a specific recommendation, which was approved by the congregation, that the leaders of the church bring in an outside bishop to give guidance and assistance in reviewing the church standards.
- May 11 – Letter from IJM to Clarence A. Yoder, in a response to a phone call of May 9 from Clarence. Expresses gratitude for Clarence’s availability to be of assistance and lists some observations regarding administration and discipline at Maple Glen.
- July 15 – Outline and notes, apparently in the handwriting of Clarence A. Yoder, designated in the handwriting of IJM as “From Clarence Yoder, used by him as working paper at the members meeting Sunday evening, July 15, 1973.” An a typed paper is attached, apparently of earlier Maple Glen origin, with markings apparently in Clarence A. Yoder’s hand and apparently used as a worksheet at some point of time.
- July 15 – Document titled “Standard of Discipline Accepted at Maple Glen on July 15, 1973.” Two versions are extant, one apparently written in the hand of Clarence A. Yoder and one in typed format.
- July 17 – Letter from Clarence A. Yoder to IJM. Refers to (1) a letter, (copy enclosed) to a brother protesting the audio recording made by the brother of the Sunday evening business meeting and warning that it shall not be used any further without permission. He notes: “Brother Ivan does not know who I am sending this letter to – but I will mail him a copy of it”, (2) an enclosed paper with other items written on it, and (3) an earlier letter from Lydia Yoder and Dorothy Yoder with advance vote of some items.
- July 21 – Letter from IJM to Clarence A. Yoder in response to the letter of July 17. He thinks the letter sent to the brother regarding the recording should be sufficient to take care of the problem. He comments on the other items also.
- July 25 – Letter from Clarence A. Yoder to IJM concerning recent work and documents on the Maple Glen discipline, including clarification on the application of “full dress.”
- Aug. 16 – Statement by Clarence A. Yoder to the Maple Glen congregation. Seeks clarification on one point of the discipline by deleting one sentence on the subject of the veiling.
- Aug. 24 – Letter from Clarence A. Yoder to IJM. Serves as a cover letter for mailing the statement dated August 16, which he failed in his attention of giving to him at the annual conference.
- March 25 to October 7, 1973 – Chronological summary by IJM of correspondence, meetings, and decisions regarding issues of church discipline throughout the year.
- 307H – Special Events at Cherry Glade, Oak Dale, Maple Glen and/or Dry Run 1970-1979
- March 14, 1970 (not including events which alone occupy a folder) – Audio recording by the Cherry Glade Men’s Chorus: This brochure describes the Cherry Glade

- congregation and the Cherry Glade Men’s Chorus, written by IJM at the request of Elmer H. Maust, Cherry Glade pastor and choral conductor. The description apparently was written for the jacket of a recording of the chorus. A longer version and shorter version are attached to each other.
- October 1969 and Fall 1970 – Note by IJM of events at Cherry Glade: Fall revivals by Walter Beachy, Easter weekend speaker Alvin Swartz, and revivals by Andrew Jantzi.
- December 11-13, 1970 – Voluntary Service Orientation, sponsored by Cherry Glade, Maple glen, Oak dale, Mountain View (Beachy Amish). Input by Dan King, Alva Maust, David Steinhauer, James Yoder, Larry Champ, James Maust, Gordon Bender, Robert Miller. Cover design by Edna Bender.
- November 28 to December 1, 1974 – Missions Emphasis Weekend, Area Wide. Input by Harvey J. Miller, David I. Miller.
- October 26, 1975 – Dedication Service of Dry Run Church building. Elmer H. Maust, bishop; Alva R. Maust, pastor; Sanford Bender, assist. Pastor. Building Committee: Wilmer Murphy, Larry Champ, Roy Beitzel, Harvey Bender, Paul Uber. Listed on program: Leonard Orendorf, song leader; Sanford Bender, devotional; testimonials by Savilla Broadwater, Alta Schrock, Wilmer Murphy, Larry Champ. Message by Wesley Stoltzfus; Ceremony by Elmer H. Maust; treasurer’s report by Larry Champ.
- Nov. 17-23, 1975 – Letters from IJM to Earl Swartzentruber seeking and verifying arrangements for renewal meetings at Maple Glen in November
- August 21, 22, 1976 – Children’s Home Reunion – Letter from Daniel Puffinburg and wife Olive addressed to “Dear Friends” announcing the Children’s Home reunion to be held at Maple Glen.
- September 4,5, 1976 – Weekend Conference on Education. Speakers included Levi Miller, Irwin, Ohio, Arthur Nazigian, Brookhaven, Pennsylvania, Elmer H. Maust, Ervin Hershberger.
- December 25, 1976 – Christmas program at Maple Glen.
- Nov. 27, 1977 – Letters (4)to/from Daniel V. Yoder and IJM regarding the youth group giving a program in the Grantsville area. Daniel initiated the correspondence with a letter of September 24. The program was arranged for Saturday evening at Cherry Glade and Sunday morning at Maple Glen with the churches providing meals and lodging.
- August 13, 1978 – Anniversary celebration of the ministry of Ivan J. Miller, 25 years as bishop and 40 years as minister. The program brochure of the event is located in a sub-folder of this file, listing the following input persons: Ivan Maust, Kenneth Yoder, Kate Miller, Harvey Bender, Simon Beachy, Elmer H. Maust, Erie Renno, Paul H. Yoder. The sub-folder also holds letters and cards to Ivan and Della Miller from the following persons:
1. Alta Miller in behalf of herself and her sisters
 2. Milton, Lydia Miller and Virgil (Arthur, Illinois??)
 3. Jake Graber, in behalf of Sunnyside Mennonite Church, Arthur, Illinois
 4. Norman and Beulah Bender
 5. Willard Mayer, outgoing secretary of Executive Committee of Conservative Mennonite Conference

6. Mark Peachey, written as reflections, likely for public presentation

In a separate folder within this file, the following items have been placed:

307I – Anniversary Celebration – bicentennial of local Amish Mennonite history and four-and-one-half Centuries of Anabaptism – 1975

The program brochure lists August 21 and 22 for the state presentation of the drama, “Not Regina?; August 29, 30, 31 for historical inputs by Paul H. Yoder, John C. Wenger, Alvin H. Yoder, David I. Miller, and Ervin N. Hershberger, plus a panel discussion by Lowell Bender, Alvin Beachy, Harold Huber, Catherine J. Miller, Ruth Wenger, and Nathan Yoder. The event was sponsored by the Conservative Mennonite churches of the area and with participation by some members of the Beachy Amish Mennonite church. Items in this folder are arranged chronologically except that undated items are listed by category.

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Oct. 26 – Letter from IJM to J. C. Wenger inquiring about Wenger’s availability to serve on an anniversary program in 1975. The letter also responds to a letter from JCW (Oct. 16) and reprinting the book “They Met God.”

Oct. 31 – Letter from J. C. Wenger stating his availability to be at the celebration in 1975.

Nov.11 – Letter from IJM to Alvin J. Beachy of in Kansas informing him of the plans for an anniversary celebration in 1975 and inquiring about availability of his erstwhile paper on the Beachy Amish Mennonite church.

Nov. 15 – Letter from Alvin J. Beachy to IJM, responding to the letter of November 11. Access to his entire Master’s Thesis would require contact with Hartford Theological Seminary. Access to the edition printed in *Mennonite Quarterly Review* would require contact with the editor of MQR. He is grateful that the Conservative Mennonites and the Beachy Amish Mennonite are working together and suggests that this would be a good time for the two groups to at least think about becoming one.

Nov. 18 – Minutes of a meeting of the Historical Committee. The agenda included name and purpose, format, writing a local history.

Nov.19, 1974 – Letter from IJM to John C. Wenger acknowledging his availability as a resource person at the anniversary event and giving some details on projected program.

Nov. 29 – Letter from IJM to John Oyer, editor of *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, asking about the Alvin J. Beachy article.

Dec. 10 – Letter from Carl Kreider, managing editor of *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, responding to the letter of November 29 with information on purchase of the April 1955 issue.

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Jan. 9 –Minutes of a meeting of the Historical Committee. All members present. Walter Otto of Springs Mennonite church was invited to attend. IJM to visit Bennie A. Yoder. The Beachy Amish Mennonites did not object to the inclusion of a drama, but would not have their youth participating.

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- Jan. 9 – Handwritten notes by IJM of items and some details discussed at an Anniversary planning meeting as noted above with notation that the Old Order Amish will not be participating in the celebration.
- Jan. 16 – Minutes of a meeting of the Historical Committee. All members were present. The agenda included display of historical items, content of the program, announcements in the Newsletter, information to the Beachy people and other churches. The publication of a local Amish Mennonite history was discussed.
- Jan. 16 – Handwritten notes by IJM of planning meeting listing agenda and items as listed above.
- Jan. 25 – Letter from Carl Kreider, responding to the letter of December 10, requesting copies of MQR.
- Jan. 30 – Letter from Carl Kreider to IJM with information of availability of back issue of MQR.
- May 23 – Minutes of Historical Committee Meeting by Paul H. Yoder. Present: Elmer and Ida Maust, Simon Tice, Ivan and Della Miller, Paul and Marie Yoder. The agenda included contacts with various people, topic titles, the drama, and promotional brochures.
- June 26 – Letter from IJM to Commercial Press, Cumberland, Maryland about printing the brochures.
- July 28 – Letter from Erland Waltner of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries to IJM concerning the schedule of J. C. Wenger who then was in Greece in translation work and who learned of the seminary Faculty Retreat possibly conflicting with the anniversary celebration.
- July 31 – Letter from IJM to J. C. Wenger concerning schedules and indicating that JCW could serve on the anniversary program and still return in time for the retreat.
- Aug. 5 – Minutes of the Historical Committee meeting: The agenda and decisions dealt with various logistics of the anniversary celebration.
- Aug. 6 – Letter from J. C. Wenger to IJM advising that schedules are working out for his attendance and that he will be flying to Pittsburgh. The letter was sent from Greece.
- Aug. 21 – Letter from James O. Lehman to IJM stating intentions of attending the anniversary celebration and possibly also Samuel Horst and Richard MacMaster. Refers to work being done on the Mennonite experience in the Revolutionary War.
- Aug. 21 – Printed program of “Not Regina,” a drama performed in connection with the anniversary celebration at the Salisbury High School on August 21 and 22 and at Garrett Community College on September 1. The cast consisted of Henry Brenneman, Mary Emma Brenneman, Gertrude Miller, Darrell Yoder, David Maust, Wayne Beitzel, Tony Kanagy, Mary Kanagy, Daniel Tice, Donald Brenneman, Bernard Orendorf, Elsie Sommers, Dale Yoder, Candace Bender, Nelson Yoder, Esther Miller Ernest Miller, Marlin Bender, Dwight Yoder, Elmer H. Maust. Staging by Wayne Beitzel, Dwight Yoder, Nelson Yoder. Costumes by Ida Maust, Esther Miller. Lighting and sound by Ernest Miller. Directed by Elmer and Ida Maust.
- Sept. 12 – Minutes by Paul H. Yoder of the Historical Committee after the anniversary event: The agenda included a report on event finances, ownership and storage of

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- the slides and audio tapes of the event, and expressions of thanks to the participating congregations.
- Sept. 15 – Letter from IJM to J. C. Wenger: honorarium for ministry in the anniversary celebration enclosed with reflective comments, including mention of the drama drawing an overflow crowd and having been given twice beyond the schedule in order to accommodate demand.
- Sept. 22 – Letter from J. C. Wenger to IJM: Expresses appreciation of the anniversary celebration and for fellowship with fellow conservative (small c) Mennonites.
- Sept. 23 – Minutes of the Final Historical Committee Meeting at The Casselman Restaurant with dinner courtesy of Ivan and Della Miller. The agenda included a report on finances with all bills paid, Elmer and Ida Maust paying for a keeping the video tapes, Ivan and Della Miller paying for and keeping the slides and recording of the Alvin H. Yoder tapes, the cast of Not Regina being on their own financially if additional performances are given.
- Undated –Background history related to the anniversary celebration:
 List of burials in the cemetery on the Amos J. Yoder farm, Springs, Pennsylvania with comments on some of the people interned there.
 Copy (reverse) of deed of Michael Beaghy purchase of land near Summit Mills, Pennsylvania, 1773.
 Paper (4 pages) by Old Order Amish Bishop Bennie A. Yoder, titled “The Yoder or Old Order Amish Church after the 1927 Split.” The envelop also holds a short cover letter from BAY to IJM dated July 29, 1974.
- Undated – Photographs (historical) related to the anniversary celebration:
 Peter Beachy III, brother to Bishop Jonas Beachy and father of Bishop Joel Beachy.
 Bishop Christian W. Bender
 Deacon Simon Beachy and wife Verda Beachy
 The Casselman Bridge (built 1813) and the Casselman Inn (built 1840s.)
- Undated – Financial report and summary of expenses of the anniversary celebration; two copies, one in IJM handwriting and one typed with signature of Simon J. Tice.
- Undated – Typed manuscript by Ivan and Della Miller and various newspaper clippings.
- Undated – Handwritten notes apparently made in the process of planning the anniversary event. Most are in the handwriting of IJM.
- 307J – Correspondence (General) from/to Church Leaders
- Sept. 12, 1974 – Letter from Harold Huber to IJM, regarding Huber’s book, *With Eyes of Faith*, and IJM’s evaluation of it.
- Sept. 16, 1974 – Letter from IJM to Harold Huber, responding to the letter of September 12 and stating that he missed getting the book at the annual conference and places an order. Mentions also the prospect of an anniversary celebration in 1975.
- Nov. 8, 1974 – Letter from Harold Huber to IJM: notes that he learned that IJM had received the book from Laban L. Swartzentruber and that he would yet like to receive the IJM evaluation. Expresses excitement about the anniversary celebration.

November 16, 1974 – Letter from IJM to Harold Huber: IJM received the book and gives Huber's work a high rating. He notes its special appeal because of the Grantsville connection to the people of Greenwood.

July 10, 1975 – Letter from Richard K. MacMaster to IJM inquiring about early land deeds involving Amish people in the Casselman Valley.

April 9, 1979 – Letter from Stanley E. Yoder of Mennonite Publishing House to IJM on the cost of reprinting the 68-page German Supplement of *Church Hymnal*.

307K – Hosting Annual Conference in 1974

Statistical information of the annual conference in Goshen, Indiana, in 1973 (one page); Minutes of the Steering Committee for hosting the event at Grantsville in 1974, covering four meetings in 1974 on January 13 (with the area ministers), January 22, February 21. The Steering Committee consisted of Herman Yoder and Raymond Bender from Cherry Glade, Simon Beachy and Clark Yoder from Maple Glen, and Paul E. Yoder and Lowell Bender from Oak Dale. Appointments to sub-committees consisted of Daniel M. Miller, Larry Champ, and Willard Maust to the Tent Committee; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bender, and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Beitzel to the Food Committee; Mr. and Mrs. John Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Yoder, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Miller to the Lodging Committee; Edwin Mast, Raymond Tice, and Paul Maust to the Ground Committee; Denver Beitzel, Don Opel, and Mark Yoder to the Usher Committee; Lowell Bender and Raymond Bender to the Information Committee; Louise Maust, Linda Miller, and Verna bender to the First Aid Committee; Joanna Miller, Idella Bender, Karen Bender to the Child Care Committee; Edgar Yoder, Olan Beitzel, and Omar Maust to the Parking Committee.

307L – Casselman River Bible Institute – This program apparently was active in five annual presentations in January 1977, December 1977, January 1979, November 1979, and November 1980. This folder holds the following:

- Minutes of committee and ministers
- Questionnaires seeking congregational consensus about a Bible institute
- IJM notes regarding decisions and announcements
- Announcements and items of publicity
- Program brochures of the active years
- Report to Maple Glen church
- Letter of appreciation from Daniel Beachy for Bible Institute and IJM
- Course work of Thelma Beachy
- Letter from Alva Maust stating Dry Run church withdrawing from sponsorship
- Brochure of Michiana Bible School (perhaps a comparative sample)
- Handwritten note by IJM stating decision to discontinue the Bible Institute.

See also Folder 306F – ministers' or committee meetings of January 5, May 10, May 13, August 5, 1976; August 29, 1978; July 21, 1980; June 9, 1981, July 19, 1982.

Teachers in the various years were John Mishler, Elmer H. Maust, Sanford Shetler, Alvin Yoder, Ivan J. Miller, John R. Mumaw, David I. Miller.

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307M – Congregational Statistical Reports of the Casselman River Conservative Mennonite Church submitted to the office of Conservative Mennonite Conference for the years 1960, 1961, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978. This folder also holds copies of a youth census sent to the Conference missions office in 1976 and 1978.

307N – Election Slates and Tallies and Appointments of Maple Glen Church and Sunday School Offices and Assignments – 1970-1979

<u>Office</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>
Asst. S.S. Supt.	David Steinhauer	Loren Bender	Daniel M. Miller	Evan Maust	Martin Bender
Trustee	Roy J. Yoder	Raymond Tice	Wilbur Beitzel	Edwin Mast	Clark Yoder
Song Leader	Martin Bender	Martin Bender	Martin Bender	Daniel Maust	David Steinhauer
Treasurer		Alvin H. Yoder			Edgar Yoder
Mission Board	Elvin Beitzel	Daniel M. Miller	Evan Maust		Marvin Yoder
S.S. Sec/Awards	Sharon Bender		Sharon Bender		Alma Ann Maust
MIA Rep.		Clark Yoder			Edwin Mast
Sun. Eve. Prog.	Raymond Tice	Ernest Yoder	David Steinhauer	Philip Bender	Robert Yoder
Food Com.	Wilbur/Annie B.	Ray/Amelia Y.	Philip/Lela Bender	Daniel J. Miller & wife	Eli/Catherine Som.
Prayer Meeting	Ivan Maust	Melvin Beitzel	Ervin H. Yoder	Norman Bender	Ray Bender
Library	Don/Mary Opel		Esther Miller		Loren/Leona Bender
Newsletter Rep.	Jane Bender			Alice Miller	Fannie Miller
Youth Sponsors	Oren/Fannie B.	Don/Mary Opel	Don/Mary Opel		Philip/Jane Moser
WSC Rep.	Fannie Miller				

<u>Office</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
Asst. S.S. Supt.	Philip Moser	Leroy Sommers	Paul Zook	Philip Maust	Merlin Yoder
Trustee	Daniel M. Miller	Roy J. Yoder	Don Opel	Edwin Mast	Loren Bender
Song Leader	Daniel Tice	David Steinhauer	Richard Yoder	Martin Bender	Robert Yoder
Treasurer			Edgar Yoder		
Mission Board		Philip Bender		Elvin Beitzel	
S.S. Sec/Awards		Margaret Miller		Sylvia Yoder	
MIA Rep.			Clark Yoder		
Sun. Eve. Prog.	Eli Sommers	Milton Beachy	Daniel M. Miller	David Steinhauer	Raymond Tice
Food Com.	Loren/Leona Bender	Paul/Fannie Zook	Ray/Amelia Yoder	Eli/Catherine Sommers	Philip/Lela B.
Prayer Meeting	Wayne Beitzel	Martin Bender	Philip Moser	LaVern Maust	Marvin Yoder
Library		Joanna Miller		Clark/Vera Yoder	
Newsletter Rep.		Esther Miller			Mary Opel
Youth Sponsors	Don/Mary Opel	Loren/Leona Bender	Martin/____	Bender Robert/Glenda Yoder	Philip/CindyM
WSC Rep.		Ruth Tice			Kay Bender
Medical Plan					Edwin Mast
					Clark Yoder
					Daniel M. Miller

A handwritten note on the back of the 1974 ballot reports election to two members from Maple Glen to serve on the Steering Committee to host the annual conference of Conservative Mennonite Conference: Clark Yoder and Simon Beachy.

In 1975, the Maple Glen Trustees made the following appointments: Ushers – Don Opel, Robert Yoder, Wayne Beitzel. Collectors -- Delbert Miller, Richard Beitzel, Wesley Bender, Timothy Miller, William Mast. PA System – Titus Mast, Leroy Sommers. Parkers:

Raymond Tice, Richard Yoder, Philip Maust, Joel Miller. Janitors: Philip Bender, Don Opel.

In 1978, the Maple Glen Trustees made the following appointments: Ushers – Don Opel, Edgar Yoder, Eli Sommers. Collectors – Wesley Bender, Timothy Miller, Jonathan Maust, Willis Beitzel, Ronald Yoder. PA System – LaVern Maust, Richard Maust. Parkers: Raymond Tice, Elvin Beitzel, Philip Moser, Merlin Yoder.

307O – Annual Financial Reports Maple Glen Conservative Mennonite congregation, 1970-1979. Some years missing.

307P – Casselman Valley Crusade for Christ – An inter-Mennonite event on the grounds of the Maple Glen Mennonite Church, planned to extend from Sunday evening to Sunday evening, August 18-25, 1974, and extended three days. Materials in this file include the following categories and items:

Minutes of the Steering Committee

May 10 – An early planning meeting, with evangelist George R. Brunk, attended by ministers of the following Mennonite congregations: Maple Glen, Oak Dale, Cherry Glade, Dry Run, Springs, Oak Grove, Glade, Mountain View, Meadow Mountain.

May 31 – In attendance: Harold Stoltzfus, coordinator, IJM, Melvin Nussbaum, Elmer H. Maust, Simon d. Beachy, Norman D. Beachy, Noah E. Yoder, Earl A. Yoder, John H. Kraybill, Lewis J. Tice, Alva R. Yoder, Kenneth L. Yoder, Ivan J. Maust, Eli D. Tice, Paul H. Yoder, Ervin N. Hershberger, Elam C. Bender. The meeting included spiritual and practical aspects of preparation. Committees were appointed involving the following personnel: Daniel M. Miller, Edwin Mast, Henry Eli Yoder, Raymond J. Tice, Raymond J. Yoder, Joanna Miller, Edgar Yoder, Paul H. Yoder, Mayard Miller, Kenneth L. Yoder, Homer Schrock, Alva R. Yoder, Noah E. Yoder, Menno S. Beachy, John A. Yoder, Daniel Puffinburg, Lewis J. Tice, Robert H. Miller, Ivan J. Maust. Decisions included contacting Andrew Jantzi about use of his tent.

June 13 – Publicity and finances were included in this agenda.

June 27 – Agenda consisted largely of practical planning

July 19 – Agenda included budget, liability insurance, and various committee reports.

July 31 – Further discussion and planning.

August 30 – (Executive Committee) Present: IJM, Melvin Nussbaum, Ervin Hershberger. Review of the Crusade in general, honorariums and note of Harold Stoltzfus' illness and Daniel Puffinburg filling in as song leader and Daniel M. Miller a manager of the tent.

Sept 6 – A post-crusade meeting to “gather up loose ends.”

Correspondence

March 15, 1974 – IJM to Andrew Jantzi, inviting Jantzi to serve as tent evangelist and, if not available, about use of tent with other speaker. Handwritten insert notes that Jantzi would not be available as speaker, but tent is available.

April 10 – IJM to Andrew Jantzi, giving dates of crusade and asking for confirmation of tent available on the specific dates.

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- April 10 – IJM to George R. Brunk, reference to an upcoming meeting of Brunk with the local Mennonite Ministers on May 10.
- June 26 – Menno Beachy to IJM regarding plans in place by the Music Committee.
- Undated – Ervin Hershberger to Andrew Jantzi concerning charge for use of the tent and questions about liability insurance.
- Sept. 5 – IJM to Harold Stoltzfus and family with reference to Harold’s health, appreciation for his work and help in the Crusade, and honorarium.
- Sept. 6 – Ervin Hershberger, secretary, to Harold Stoltzfus with an official word of empathy regarding Harold’s illness and appreciation for his service.
- Sept. 6 – Ervin Hershberger, secretary, to George R. Brunk, telling of extended testimony sessions in local church services on the Sunday after the Crusade and conveying the Steering Committee’s appreciation for Brunk’s ministry.
- Sept. 7 – IJM to George R. Brunk, with appreciation for Brunk’s ministry, honorarium to be sent soon, concern about Harold Stoltzfus’s situation financially, and noting that the Crusade operated below budget.
- Sept. 7 – IJM to Meyersdale Community Hospital regarding Harold Stoltzfus’s medical expenses.

Planning and Organization

- Suggested items for Casselman Valley Crusade Budget
- Crusade Organization Chart
- List of members of the Steering Committee and committee chairs
- List of counselors and general instructions. Counselors listed: Crist Swartzentruber, Norman Yoder, Barbara Yoder, Lena Beachy, Paul Petersheim, Barbara Hershberger, Alton Miller, Esther Miller, Eli Sommers, Catherine Sommers, Fanny Maust, James Maust, Mary Opel, Karen Bender, Marvin Yoder, Mildred Yoder, Henry Eli Yoder, Alice Beachy, Alma Beachy, Philip Beachy, Elmer Hershberger, Lydia Beiler, Alvina Livengood, Leroy Sommers, Daniel Miller, Marie Yoder, Herman Yoder, Fanny Bender, Kate Miller, Martha Miller, Nathan Yoder. Special advisors: Henry Tice, Earl Yoder, Alva Maust.

Promotion

- Business card of Harold Grant Stoltzfus
- Prayer Card for Tent Crusade
- 5 ½ X 8 ½ Flier of Casselman Valley Crusade for Christ
- Announcement prepared for *Herold der Wahrheit*, *Calvary Messenger*, *Mennonite Weekly Review*, *Gospel Herald*, *The Budget (Sugar Creek)*, *Casselman Valley Newsletter*, with similar to appear in *Brotherhood Beacon*.
- Brunk Revivals poster listing crusades in Dayton, Virginia, Belleville, Pennsylvania, Lowville, New York, and Grantsville, Maryland.

Materials for Counselors

- Tracts: “Steps to Peace with God,” “Time Alone with God,” “My Heart Christ’s Home,”
- “Operation Andrew” – a leaflet with guidance for soul winning
- Two saddle-stitched booklets, Book One and Book Two titled *Christian Life and Witness Course*.
- Application for Crusade Counselor or Advisor

Reports

- Decision Card
- Counseling Cards
- News release in newspaper of aerial view of tent and Maple Glen
- “The Casselman Valley Crusade for Christ” – the secretary’s report in saddle-stitched format summary by IJM, summary of Brunk’s messages by Ervin Hershberger, Treasurer’s Report by Alvin S. Beachy, and roster of committees.
- “A Brief Summary of Brother Brunk’s Messages,” hectographed on letter size paper, compiled by Ervin Hershberger.
- “Casselman Valley Crusade for Christ” typed on letter size paper, written by IJM and given to Harold Stoltzfus in response to his request for a writing for *Revival Fire Newsletter* and given to Ervin Hershberger for the secretary’s report.

Handwritten Notes by IJM

These handwritten notes likely made by IJM while sitting in meetings related to the Crusade. They consist of two 4 X 6 cards, a 5 X 8 sheet, and two letter size sheets.

307Q – Oak Dale Conservative Mennonite Church in the 1970s

July 28, 1970 – Oak Dale members’ meeting. Agenda: Should the Oak Dale and Coal run congregations merge?

August 24, 1970 – Letter from IJM to Jesse L. Yoder, moderator, and Willard Mayer, secretary, of the Conference Executive Committee with information on interest in Oak Dale and Coal Run merging and asking counsel on the matter.

September 20, 1970 – Joint meeting of Oak Dale and Coal Run. Names of previous or non-resident Coal Run members: Gloria Mierbaugh Knopsnyder, Shirley Hoover Newman, Kenneth Steinrich, Becky Beaman, Arline Westmier, Rosetta Steinrich. Questions of polity for the proposed merged congregation were discussed with some decisions. A vote of 100% in favor of merging was received.

September 25, 1970 – Letter from Ella Dorcas (Bender) Maust to IJM as bishop expressing deep concern about IJM refraining from clarifying church standards via lists of expectations.

October 12, 1970 – Membership list of Oak Dale and Coal Run at time of merger.

Oak Dale members – surname Bender: Anna, Dorcas, Clifford, Elam, Floyd, Karen, Luke, Mildred, Omar. Maust: Arlin, Ella, Emily, James, Myra, Omar, Sherrill, Veril, Willard. Miller: Evan, Iva. Yoder: Ardith, Creed, Delbert, Dennis, Edward, Ervin J., John Joy, Joyce, Lee, Mabel, Mary, Miriam, Naomi, Norma, Paul E., Ruth, Stanley, Wendell.

Coal Run members: Rebecca Beeman, Bertha Beitzel, Louise Maust, Barbara Miller, Catherine J. Miller, Katherine Miller, Luella Yoder, Marie Yoder, Paul H. Yoder, Arline Westmeier (assoc. member), and Steinrich: Blanche, Cynthia, Kenneth, Rosetta.

Recently baptized members of merged congregation: Debora Lung, Judith Bender, and Yoder: Bernice, Darrell, Dwight, Nathan, Nelson.

October 12, 1970 – A meeting and ceremony for officially merging the Oak Dale and Coal Run congregations, to be known as Oak Dale Conservative Mennonite Church.

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- January 31, 1971 – Two agenda: (1) loan to Elam and Mildred Bender from Joel Hershberger Fund and (2) choice of pastor (Elam Bender) for a one-year term.
- October 4, 1971 – Oak Dale Ministers' Meeting (notes on 4X 6 card). Present: Ivan J. Miller, Paul H. Yoder, Elam Bender. Discussed discipline issues and possible ordination of bishop. Issues of discipline included sisters trimming hair and absence of veiling at times.
- March 11, 1974 – Oak Dale Ministers' Meeting. Agenda included question of pastoral leadership structure and plans to present to the church the possibility of ordination to office of minister and ordination to office of bishop.
- March 31, 1974 – Oak Dale Sunday evening meeting. The action of March 11 was presented.
- August 4, 1974 – IJM was with the Oak Dale congregation on Sunday morning before going to Maple Glen to preach the sermon there. The question of when to meet to discuss ordination possibilities seems to have required discussion. It was concluded to "defer the meeting till after conference."
- October 27, 1974 – Preparatory Counsel Meeting at Oak Dale. In addition to counsel to proceed with communion, the question of ordination was briefly discussed and a questionnaire distributed to be handed in later.
- November 13, 1974 -- Evening Business Meeting at Oak Dale. The business agenda included discussion, without conclusion, on the use of individual communion cups. The meeting was followed by discussion by the ministers on procedures toward ordination with a decision to announce discussion of the subject at an upcoming mid-week meeting of the congregation.
- November 20, 1974 – Oak Dale Members Meeting. IJM reported the results of the questionnaire of October 27. Elam Bender and Paul H. Yoder gave expression to their own perspectives. The options under consideration: ordain a bishop now, selecting from the current ministers (Paul and Elam) or first ordain another minister who could be a candidate.
- December 1974 – *Clipping from Rural Electric Co-op*, of article, "Unseen Power at Work at Oakdale (*sic*) Mennonite Church," with pictures of the Oak Dale setting and people.
- February 9, 1975 – Oak Dale Members Meeting. Discussion on ordination of a bishop or minister ""seemed to indicate no clear course." At IJM's request, approval was given in invite and outside bishop to give leadership to the question, Erie Renno as first choice, followed by Alvin Swartz.
- February 10, 1975 – Letter from IJM to Erie Renno requesting his service at Oak Dale in leading the congregation to a decision on ordination.
- March 6, 1975 – Letter from Erie Renno to IJM responding to request for service at Oak Dale.
- March 14, 1975 – Letter from IJM to Erie Renno concerning schedule for Renno's ministry at Oak Dale.
- May 3, 1975 – Letter from IJM to Erie Renno, noting that letter of March 14 may have miscarried and requesting response of availability for ministry at Oak Dale.
- May 9, 1975 – Letter from IJM to Erie Renno. Refers to Erie's phone response and suggests June 3 and 4 for his visit to Oak Dale.

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- May 28, 1975 – Letter from IJM to “Members of Oak Dale Conservative Mennonite church away from home.” Give information on process of Oak Dale discernment concerning bishop ordination and invites input from the non-residents, especially in advance of the upcoming meeting with Erie Renno.
- June 4, 1975 – Oak Dale congregational meeting with Erie Renno, IJM moderating. Worship period conducted by Erie. Members invited to the counsel room for expression to IJM and Erie Renno.
- June 5, 1975 – Forenoon meeting of IJM and Renno to consider the Oak Dale response of the night before. Afternoon meetings with Elam Bender and Paul H. Yoder. Evening meeting with congregation with recommendation that Paul H. Yoder be ordained as bishop. The vote: Yes 22; No 0, Not Voting 3. An attached sheet consists of notes of comments received from individuals, including Paul and Marie Yoder, Elam and Mildred Bender, Omar and Myra Maust, Floyd and Anna Bender, Louise Maust, Kate Miller, Paul and Naomi Yoder, Wendel Yoder, Lee Yoder, Creed and Miriam Yoder, Dwight Yoder, Jeoffrey Yoder, Mark and Joy Yoder, Emily Maust, Nathan Yoder, Willard and Ella Maust, John Yoder.
- June 6, 1975 – Letter from IJM to Elmer H. Maust, secretary of Executive Committee of Conference. Request Conference permission to ordain Paul H. Yoder as bishop.
- Undated – Report of a mediation committee of Conference ministers on their work with the Oak Dale congregation. The committee consisted of Erie Renno, Luke Yoder, and Richard Zehr. The report includes recommendations concerning respect for the convictions of the bishop, continued practice of the veiling, and that Elam Bender be received as associate pastor at Oak Dale. A hint on the time of this document may lie in the observation that Elam Bender was on ministerial leave in 1978 according to the annual *Conference Report* (Conservative Mennonite Conference) of that year.
- Undated -- A plan for congregational Board of Elders with inscription by IJM: “From Erie Renno when working at Oak Dale.”
- 307R – Ordinations at Maple Glen – Correspondence and reports relative to, in the 1970s
- February 27, 1970 – IJM to Morris Swartzendruber, moderator of Conservative Mennonite Conference, requesting a meeting with the Executive Committee to discuss steps for a possible ordination at Maple Glen. A handwritten note on the letter states that the meeting resulted in presenting a request for authorization for ordination to the office of minister, subject to congregational approval.
- March 21, 1970 – Letter from IJM to Willard Mayer requesting Willard to come to Maple Glen to receive the counsel of the church regarding ordination.
- April 9, 1970 – Letter Willard Mayer to IJM giving possible dates for serving at Maple Glen.
- April 28, 1970 – Letter from IJM to Willard Mayer. Refers to Willard’s schedule to Maple Glen and mentions his own plans to be at Rosedale to meet with the Executive Committee and Brother Kraybill.
- May 2, 1970 – Letter from Willard Mayer to IJM. Plans to be at Maple Glen on May 24 and suggests united agreement of the congregation about his coming.
- May 23, 24, 1970 – Report by IJM on the procedures at Maple Glen concerning an ordination. A preaching service was held Saturday evening and Sunday plans

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- announced: A recommendation in the morning service and a members meeting to the afternoon to process the recommendation. Most of this paper consists of a review given to the congregation by IJM of the process regarding ordination, beginning with July 1969.
- May 31, 1970 – Letter from IJM to Willard Mayer and David Showalter, seeking arrangements for both bishops to be at Maple Glen to conduct meetings and an ordination on the weekend of July 31.
- June 11, 1970 – Letter from IJM to David Showalter for arrangements for David and Willard Mayer to be at Maple Glen for an ordination service July 31 to August 2.
- June 23, 1970 – Letter from IJM to David Showalter and Willard Mayer finalizing details for their ministry at Maple Glen.
- October 24, 1976 – Notes on 4 X 6 card evidently used by IJM in presenting the prospect of ordaining a bishop as his successor.
- October 2, 1977 – Statement read by IJM to the church concerning method of communication of the congregation concerning counsel about ordination. The options and results of the vote were as follows: Members' Meeting discussion 0; Coming to anteroom to voice counsel 5; Use of a questionnaire 38. A copy of the questionnaire is attached.
- November 6, 1977 – Copy of the questionnaire used in receiving the congregational counsel concerning a bishop ordination with notes on the back by IJM on the process of developing the questionnaire.
- November 25, 1977 – Letter from IJM to Morris Swartzendruber and Clarence A. Yoder with regard to the process at Maple Glen regarding a prospective bishop ordination. He describes the process to date, notes the failure of the ministerial team to come to a consensus, and the apparent freedom from tension in the congregation. He asks the two ministers to think and pray about the situation and hopes to call them for counsel.
- December 4, 1977 – Copy of statement by IJM to the Maple Glen congregation – a word of thanks for response via the questionnaire of November 6, assurance of response not forgotten, and an openness to receiving questions.
- January 6, 1978 – Letter from Morris Swartzendruber to IJM concerning dates for being with the Maple Glen congregation, suggesting January 29 or March 12.
- January 15, 1978 – Notes of IJM regarding announcement to the church of Morris Swartzendruber scheduled for January 29 and notes of further arrangements to be made. Also notes: "The January 29 appointment was deferred because of a snow storm.
- February 17, 1978 – Letter from Morris Swartzendruber to IJM regarding March 16 to 19 as a schedule for his ministry at Maple Glen.
- March 23, 1978 – Letter from IJM to Morris Swartzendruber. Refers to the weekend of April 30 for Morris to be with Maple Glen.
- April 3, 1978 – Letter from Morris Swartzendruber to IJM concerning plans to be with Maple Glen the weekend of April 30.
- April 27, 1978 – Statement by IJM to the Maple Glen congregation, on the occasion of Morris Swartzendruber of Kalona, Iowa, being with the congregation to process the question of ordaining a successor as bishop. He traces the points of congregational decisions that led to the event of the evening, including:

September 7, 1976 – IJM’s discussion with the congregation’s ministers
 October 24, 1976 – IJM’s presentation to the congregation
 October 2, 1977 – a congregational decision to process the matter by use
 of a questionnaire
 November 6, 1977 – the questionnaire presented to the congregation
 December 18, 1977 – the results of the questionnaire reported to the
 congregation
 January 29, 1978 – The date planned for Morris Swartzendruber to be
 present, but postponed due to a snow storm.
 Now, April 27 – Morris Swartzendruber present to lead in the
 deliberations.

IJM also comments on his own role after the ordination of a successor.

April 30, 1978 – Questionnaire presented Sunday morning to the congregation,
 considered by the ministry in the afternoon and reported to the congregation in the
 evening. To ordain one of the ministers as bishop: Yes 77; No. 3. To consider,
 within a year to ordain a brother as deacon: Yes 75; No 5.
 July 18, 1978 – Letter from IJM to Willard Mayer, secretary of Conservative Mennonite
 Conference, requesting authorization for a bishop ordination at Maple Glen.
 November 5, 1978 – Statement by IJM, with inscribed note: “I read this statement to the
 church, before the lot was drawn, on the evening when Ivan J. Maust was
 ordained bishop at Maple Glen.” The statement notes, “With this ordination
 tonight, pastoral and administrative responsibilities at Maple Glen will pass on to
 my successor.” He pledges his support to his successor, subject only to his loyalty
 to Jesus Christ.

307S – Polity of Maple Glen Mennonite Church in the 1970s

February 7, 1971 – Questionnaire to decide two questions: (1) Should we have a
 scheduled min-week prayer meeting? And (2) Would you be interested in Bible
 school for specified period of time? Various notes are inscribed by IJM.
 July 15, 1973 – Standards of Discipline of Maple Glen Conservative Mennonite Church,
 adopted on this date. Includes issues of marriage, courtship and weddings,
 nonresistance; amusements, entertainments, and recreation; television; use of
 harmful drugs; women’s veiling; attire, women’s coiffure, jewelry; musical
 instruments in congregational worship.
 January 1, 1976 – Maple Glen cemetery policy regarding access for burial and
 maintenance. Primarily for Maple Glen families; others to be given kind
 consideration.
 January 2, 1976 – Letter to Allen O. Yoder and wife Lois, in response to inquiry about
 burial in the Maple Glen cemetery. Shared the policy of 1976 and referred them to
 Clark Yoder as trustee.

307T – Medical Aid Plans

Undated – This packet includes a Constitution of a Medical Aid Plan. Not congregation
 or date is given, but may be related to the next item below.
 1978 – This set of five lined and punched notebook sheets appear to be a worksheet for
 calculated the obligation of or effect on the Dry Run Mennonite church in regard
 to a medical aid plan. The assessments of two years are listed for the period from

June 30, 1976, to September 30, 1978. The inscriptions of “Dry Run” and “Larry Champ” are found on one or more of the sheets.

307U – Congregational Statistical Reports and Lists of the Maple Glen Conservative Mennonite Church (1970-1979) submitted to the office of Conservative Mennonite Conference.

- Report of leadership and membership (Congregational Data Sheet) 1976
- Census of High School Age Youth 1974 and circa 1976
- Membership lists 1971, 1976, and undated.
- 305R – Weddings officiated by IJM in the 1950s. Materials vary from case to case, but may consist of wedding program brochures, carbon copies of marriage license and other related material.

307V – Weddings officiated by IJM in the 1970s. Materials vary from case to case, but may consist of wedding program brochures, carbon copies of marriage license and other related material.

Richard Lewis Beitzel and Esther Marie Maust September 1, 1978

David Allen Burkey and Lorretta Ruth Miller October 13, 1973

LaVern Eugene Maust and Phyllis Leona Byler March 10, 1979

Atlee P. Miller and Fannie M. Miller, Uniontown, Ohio January 27, 1971

Philip Nelson Moser and Beulah Jane Bender May 12, 1973

Bernard Duane Orendorf and Alice Rebekah Miller October 29, 1978

Leroy Allen Sommers and Kathryn Hess December 30, 1978

Hans Juergen Underwood and Ilse Solzer July 15, 1972

Richard Dale Yoder and Eileen Ruth Maust August 26, 1977

Robert Wayne Yoder and Glenda Grace Bender March 6, 1976

Roy J. Yoder and Esther Miller July 18, 1976

Vernon Denver Yoder and Eleanor Grace Miller December 22, 1979

Paul Perry Zook and Fannie B. Miller December 27, 1975

307W – Weddings of IJM non-officiate involvement in the 1950s

Glenn M. Lehman and Dorcas Miller May 19, 1979 – IJM sermon of daughter’s wedding

Stephen Philip Swartz and Phyllis Marie Miller August 16, 1975 – IJM sermon of granddaughter’s wedding

Unidentified couple – A 3X5 card lists the order of a wedding service on one side and devotional meditation by IJM on the other side. IJM is assigned the devotional and a prayer. Alva Maust is assigned the wedding ceremony. This unidentified wedding apparently was held after Alva Maust was ordained bishop in 1976.

308. [file folders] – Local Church Administration – 1980-1989

308A – Casselman Valley Crusade for Christ – An inter-Mennonite event on the grounds of the Maple Glen Mennonite Church, extending from Sunday evening to Sunday evening, August 18-25, 1985. File contains the minutes of nine meetings of the planning committee/Executive Council, a summary of the each of the crusade meetings, and the personal notes of IJM used in moderating the meetings. Attendees at the planning meetings included Elmer H. Maust, Lewis Tice, Elam Bender, Edgar Miller, Ivan J. Miller, Noah Yoder, Steven Heatwole. Others serving on subcommittees included Alton Miller, Menno E. Yoder, Henry Eli Yoder, Kenneth Livengood, Joanna Miller, Clifford

Bender, Paul H. Yoder, Ervin Hershberger, John Yoder, Menno Beachy, Daniel Puffenburg, and Jim Brenneman. Willard Mayer was the speaker at the meetings. A leaflet presenting George R. Brunk as revival speaker on the same dates likely refers to a previous year.

308B – Maple Glen Ministers’ Meeting in the 1980s

In this section, the entries below consist mostly of a non-exhaustive list of names people and nouns of subjects discussed in each meeting, especially for usefulness in an electronic search or find function, and an occasional further notation. The Maple Glen ministers in 1980 were Ivan Maust, bishop; Ivan J. Miller, retired bishop, Kenneth L. Yoder, minister; Simon D. Beachy, deacon. From 1980 to a point in 1982, these papers are IJM’s personal record rather than official minutes. Upon request of the ministerial body, IJM served as secretary and his record consists of the official minutes, beginning with September 17, 1982.

June 16, 1980 – Teen haven funds, Rosedale Bible Institute funds, Maple Glen mission board membership of Elvin Beitzel and Wayne Beitzel, Mary Petersheim, offerings for Mt. View School, family interchange plan, and “plans to meet the third Monday of each month,” but with added note by IJM: “This schedule did not continue long.”

September 22, 1980 – Item related to Daniel Miller and wife Mary Miller. A “long discussion on the role of the various offices in the ministry which seemed to get us nowhere.”

October 1980 – “Proposed Job Descriptions Presented by Ivan Maust to the Ministers at Maple Glen”

December 19, 1980 – Kenneth Yoder’s term of leave from preaching, ordination of a deacon and involved discussion about roles of ministerial offices discussed without any action, possibly quarterly members’ meetings, slate for New Years election.

March 17, 1981 – Schedule of preaching responsibilities, ordination of deacon mentioned but not discussed, comment by IJM: “Dear Lord, somehow lead us to brotherly unity and love for Jesus sake.”

April 7, 1981 – Church building roof repair, proposal of structured fellowship by pairing two families, ordination of a deacon, review of discipline standards was discussed without any official action.

May 29, 1981 – Pairing families for fellowship, deacon ordination, church standards, especially cape dress, plain coat, television.

July 30, 1981 – Deacon ordination plans, food committee, discipline matters including plain coat, cape dress, length of sleeves and use of TV, on question should discipline be reviewed congregational vote of 33 Yes and 12 No.

September 8, 1981 – Draft of military if conscription becomes a reality, deacon ordination, 76.5% vote of congregation to review discipline, “Simon said if the leadership wants something, things can change fast. Kenneth said if we go in a certain direction we will get to a certain place. Will we end up where the Springs church is?”

December 30, 1981 – Preparation for the upcoming annual congregational meeting, offerings for Mountain View School, \$1,000 donation by estate for maintenance of Alvin J. Miller grave.

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- March 8, 1982 – Handwritten notes (likely the personal notes of IJM) of a ministers meeting held in the home of Simon Beachy. The agenda included requests from the Stewardship Committee of the Conference, a possible deacon ordination, and a “long, extended discussion on the questions of the cape dress, and plain coat as continued requirements.
- 1982(?) – Questionnaire – “an endeavor for sharing of convictions and is not intended as a vote for decision making.” Inscription by IJM: “Written by Ivan J. Maust – 1982(?) – was not used.”
- June 10, 1982 – Kenneth Yoder requested a church letter for transfer of membership, resulting in extended discussion concerning his future plans and deacon ordination schedule and roles of the various ministerial offices and the possibility of asking some visiting minister to lead the congregational discussion (Sanford Bender suggested). “Out of the long discussion,” the plan emerged of various speakers addressing the congregation on “The Christian Ministry in the Church. The speakers, during June and July: Daniel M. Miller, Kenneth L. Yoder, Ivan J. Maust, Simon D. Beachy, Ivan J. Miller. IJM, after introduction, read his paper of the Study Conference at Tavistock, Ontario in 1959, “Meaning and Implication of Ordinations”. [A paper consisting of parts of the Tavistock paper is found in the file with these Ministers’ Meeting minutes and is attached to these minutes.] Further Note: Revival meetings, August 1982, by Willard Mayer, aware of tensions emanating from within the ministry, suggested to the ministry a plan of electing several lay brethren to participate with the ministry in decision making. This idea had been suggested by Daniel M. Miller in his presentation and was endorsed by IJM. Later the plan was implemented with three men elected: Daniel M. Miller, Philip Moser, and Edwin Mast. See IJM’s full page of “Some Significant Notes” on side two of June 10, 1982.
- September 17, 1982 – *Note: beginning with this meeting, IJM served officially as recording secretary of the ministers’ meetings and these papers are the official minutes unless indicated otherwise.* Plans laid for announcing to the congregation the plan of several lay brothers assisting the ministry in church leadership, with details to be worked out later.
- September 27, 1982 – This meeting as follow-up to the members meeting of September 23. A recommendation developed for presentation to the church on how proceed with the plan for lay brothers to assist the ministers.
- October 17, 1982 – 3X5 card with notes by IJM. Card designated as “Voting Oct 17, 1982” and “Counseling Brethren”. Lists the names and number of votes, apparently 3 or 4 votings before the final vote. Names listed: Daniel Miller, Edwin Mast, Philip Moser, Raymond Tice, Martin Bender, Daniel Tice.
- October 28, 1982 – First meeting with three elected lay brethren involved. They were elected by the congregation on Sunday evening, October 28, 1982. Mostly matters of routine and schedules. Also the question of Kenneth Yoder’s plans.
- November 30, 1982 – Lodging for Ministers’ Fellowship at Cherry Glade, RBI, Medical Plan, next steps for Maple Glen’s program discussed without action.
- December 16, 1982 – Gospel Echoes, liability insurance, election slate, Alvin Bender medical insurance.

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- January 7, 1983 – Laban Miller to be at Cherry Glade for RMM, World Missionary Press, Christian Aid, Medical Aid Plan nominations of Clark Yoder, Daniel M. Miller, Raymond Tice.
- January 24, 1983 – IJM presentation on “Ordinations,” implementation of organizational procedures, canning for MCC.
- January 31, 1983 – [Item #1, regarding recording the meeting, seems to refer to audio recording.] Series of questions by Philip Moser: forgiving and forgetting, bulletin board, preacher meet people at back, ushers meet people, trustees decide snow cancellations. Daniel Miller: Forgive and forget; someone else chair the meetings. Ivan Maust: Some things of the past need to be in the open. Edwin Mast: Suggested IJM chair the meetings. IJM approved to chair this and the next few meetings. Phil Moser to serve as recording secretary.
- February 9, 1983 – The agenda included grappling with the questions of the January 31 meeting and a letter written by Ivan Maust in regard to the working relationship between himself and Kenneth Yoder. The following statement, for consideration in the next meeting, was developed: “We pledge ourselves to forgive and forget wrong feelings and misunderstandings going forth to affirm and undergird each on for the welfare of the church”.
- February 23, 1983 – Acceptance of the statement of February 9 to be shared with the church. Invitations to Northern Youth Ministries and Rosedale Chorale. Questions concerning church discipline and deacon ordination were raised, but not concluded. Attached: IJM handwritten notes of the same meeting.
- March 22, 1983 – In this and previous and following meetings, Ivan Maust presided in general, buy IJM on the issues of congregational discipline and working relationships. Kenneth Yoder reply to question about his concern: How can we work together. Agreed next step: Go to church with an open questionnaire.
- March 29, 1983 – Statement prepared to present to the church, noting inability of ministers and counseling brothers to come to a conclusion and asking, “What are the most urgent needs and concerns we should be working with? See report of members meeting of March 30 in 308D.
- April 18, 1983 – Rummage sale by Sewing ladies, Edwin Mast and Daniel Miller to prepare program for Ascension Day, Jesse Yoder to be invited to conduct revival meetings. IJM presided in reading the comments that were written by the congregation in response to open questionnaire, followed by discussion, but no action. “Daniel Miller suggested we go home to our closets and pray.” See also the attached paper of IJM handwritten notes on comments by the ministers and counseling brothers.
- April 27, 1983 – Discussion and individual comment on the results of the open questionnaire with analysis planned for the next meeting. See the handwritten tally sheet made by IJM in the meeting, representing his analysis of the responses.
- May 1, 1983 – Report to the Maple Glen Congregation. Filed in 308D.
- May 9, 1983 – IJM noted “five questions standing out most: (1) Ordination of a deacon, (2) More openness, (3) Church standards, (4) Forgiveness, (5) Kenneth’s future plans. Statement developed to be presented to the church, including, on church standards, removing requirement of plain coat and cape dress. See also IJM personal notes attached.

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- June 10, 1983 – Possibility of a speaker from Kenya; Kenneth Yoder to teach the baptismal class, discussion of church standards and method of handling discipline, and designation of IJM to continue to chair the meetings for the time being.
- June 22, 1983 – Kenneth Yoder's future and his statement: Probably will be asking for church letter soon and relate to Dry Run congregation or stay at Maple Glen without ministerial responsibility. Question raised about getting in outside help.
- July 12, 1983 – Record of phone calls by IJM to Willard Mayer, moderator of Conference, on July 13 and July 13, concerning church letter for Kenneth Yoder, and conversations of IJM on the matter with Kenneth Yoder and Ivan Maust.
- August 9, 1983 – Action in favor of hosting the annual conference in 1985, possibility noted of Leroy Miller of RMM Board speaking at Maple Glen. Further processing of church letter for Kenneth and Ruth Yoder. See also personal notes of IJM.
- August 10, 1983 – Meeting in church basement in the absence of Kenneth Yoder to prepare a statement for the church in presenting the Yoders' request for a church letter.
- August 21, 1983 – Statement to the Maple Glen Congregation concerning church letter for Kenneth and Ruth Yoder. Filed in 308D
The leadership team not consists of Ivan Maust, bishop; Ivan J. Miller, retired bishop; Simon Beachy, deacon; three lay brethren: Daniel M. Miller, Edwin Mast, Philip Moser.
- September 15, 1983 – Adopt a Prison program, schedule of revival meetings and communion services, discussion of concern and burden of reaching into the community.
- November 8, 1983 – Billboard sign, Thanksgiving program, medical bills, Alvin Bender's situation, questions about the future including deacon ordination.
- December 26, 1983 – church sign at drive entrance, recommendation that the committee (counseling brethren) continue for another year, work toward ordination of a minister and a deacon.
Ivan Maust again chairs these meetings.
- January 11, 1984 – Planning for members' meeting with a recommendation to ordain a minister and a deacon. IJM notation that 79 percent voted in favor, and 21% voted No or were non-voting.
- March 1, 1984 – World Missionary Press, International Prison Ministry, Gospel Team from Rosedale, Good Friday program. Selection of guest ministers to give guidance in the upcoming ordination.
- March 15, 1984 – Medical Aid program. Richard Zehr available for ordination. Jesse Yoder not available. Calvin Bortrager to be contacted.
- April 17, 1984 – Medical Aid Committee, ordination dates depending on Richard Zehr and Jesse Yoder.
- July 31, 1984 – Tent meetings, Bible Conference possibly with Alvin L. Yoder, future roles of IJM, Simon Beachy, the counselor brothers of the leadership team.
- October 4, 1984 – Jose Matamoros available to speak, representative to Grantsville Area Health Center (Marvin Yoder), Alvin Yoder not available, ask James Kurtz, Robert Yoder responsible for Mennonite Aid, Medical Aid Sharing Plan. Ivan Maust presented a "Standards of Discipline".

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- October 25, 1984 – World Missionary Press, Habitat for Humanity, Standards of Discipline.
- November 1, 1984 – World Missionary Press, Hartville Singers. “The rest of the evening was spent discussing our ‘Guidelines for Christian Living and how and when it should be presented to the congregation’”.
- November 17, 1984 – How to proceed with the voting on the Guidelines. Decided on ballot. See document of November 1984 in 308J.
- November 1984 – Card (3X5) with “Result of Ballot, Nov. 1984” Apparently referring to the ballot on Guidelines for Christian Living. 74.7% Yes.
- December 28, 1984 – Prepared ballot for New Year election, discussed RMM budget, discontinuation of the Counseling committee as of January 1, 1985.
- February 21, 1985 – Report on tent meeting plans to be held the week after conference. Appointments made: Martin Bender to prayer committee, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Moser and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yoder as counselors, wedding of Luke Heagy and Carol Tice, Mae Shumaker.
- May 16, 1985 – Alma Maust church letter, RMM dinner meeting.
- October 3, 1985 – Lloyd Kauffman meeting on RBI, Joyce Lapp application for membership, Karen Yoder request for church letter, approach to communion service with non-members (the Lanes and Mae Shumaker), freezer for Northern Youth Program.
- December 23, 1985 – Slate for New Year business meeting, alms fund use, when and how to observe communion.
- October 8, 1986 – Dates for baptism and council meeting and communion, Grantsville Health Center, cemetery policy.
- December 30, 1986 – Ballot for business meeting, youth group and problem with alcohol by two young men.
- 308C – Area Ministers’ Meetings (referring to the ministry of the local congregations of Conservative Mennonite Conference – Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, Oak Dale, and later Dry Run). The papers in this folder are minutes of and notes of IJM of these meetings. These papers in chronological order in the folder, 1971 to 1979. The ministry at the beginning of this period consisted of Elmer H. Maust, Oren Bender and Raymond Bender at Cherry Glade; Elam Bender and Paul H. Yoder at Oak Dale, and Ivan J. Miller, Ivan J. Maust, Kenneth L. Yoder, and Simon D. Beachy at Maple Glen, and Alva Maust and Sanford Bender at Dry Run.

1980

- July 21 – A meeting of the area ministers and their wives. There was a meal time with “a delightful time of fellowship,” a meditation by Kenneth Yoder, and business items about or related to Somerset County Jail visitation, Dry Run Christian School, debt reduction

drive for Rosedale Bible Institute, Casselman River Bible Institute, a suggestion for a Christian Home and Family series, and reorganization of the group.

1981

June 9 – A meeting of the area ministers and their wives. Absent: Alva and Fannie Maust, Sanford and Miriam Bender, Kenneth and Ruth Yoder. A meal was followed by business items about or related to the Casselman River Bible Institute and a report that the Dry Run ministers were withdrawing from the area ministers meetings because of concerns previously expressed. The report was followed by further discussion.

June 15 – Meeting of the area ministers all eleven ministers in attendance: Sanford Bender, Alva Maust, Elmer H. Maust, Raymond Bender, Oren Bender, Kenneth Yoder, Ivan J. Miller, Ivan Maust, Simon Beachy, Elam Bender, Paul H. Yoder. The purpose of the meeting, according to the minutes: “To give the Dry Run ministers opportunity to share their concerns with the entire area ministry.”

1982

July 19 – Meeting of the area ministers, according to a handwritten note by IJM on a 3 ½ X 6 ½ inch paper. “It was decided to discontinue the Casselman River Bible Institute” and “Elmer H. Maust was re-elected chairman of the group.”

1985

October 18 – Area Ministers’ Meeting. The following ministers and their wives were in attendance: Elmer Maust, James Brenneman (ordained May 27, 1984), Oren Bender, Herman Yoder (ordained deacon May 27, 1984), Raymond Bender, Ivan J. Miller, Ivan Maust, Philip Moser (ordained June 17, 1984), Robert Yoder (ordained deacon June 17, 1984), Simon Beachy, John Yoder (serving at Oak Dale as lay minister.) The agendum of this meeting was the annual meeting known as the Sunday School Conference, but now being changed to a different approach and name. Plans were discussed for the program for the spring of 1986.

1987

March 29 – Area Ministers’ Meeting. Major attention was given to details of the annual meeting (formerly Sunday School Conference) scheduled for May 16, 17, 1987. A decision was reached to call it “Christian Life Conference.” John Yoder reported on a request from a congregation in Carlsbad, New Mexico, for Elam Bender to serve that congregation as interim pastor during the current pastor’s absence for study.

1988

Jan. 29 – Area Ministers’ Meeting. The meeting was devoted to plans and details of the annual Christian Life Conference of 1988 and the Conference of 1989.

May 27 – Area Ministers’ Meeting – This was a social evening with family members included and reports on the upcoming Christian Life Conference, and introduction of New Day Inc. of Johnstown and Windber, a brief discussion of the magazine *Together*.

July 14 – Area Ministers’ Meeting. The agenda included a letter from Lloyd Kauffman of Rosedale Bible Institute offering to share in the churches about the school, tax information by John Yoder, and questions on how handle honorariums for guest speakers.

308D – Maple Glen Congregational Members’ Meetings –

In addition to notes by IJM listed below, this file contains the printed agenda of the annual Maple Glen member’s meetings of New Years Day of 1981, 1982, 1983, and 1985. The agenda of these meetings consisted of reports from various

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- committees and departments of church ministries and election of officers for the next year.
- October 20, 1981—“The main topic of discussion was our church discipline which brought us to not decision. Other minor items had to do with schedules and dates.” [This item is files in 308B.]
- No date – Questionnaire (small slip of paper) for members to sign, indicating Yes or No to the statement: “As a member of the body of Christ and a part of the brotherhood of believers at Maple Glen, I accept the proposed Guidelines for Christian living and submit myself to the brotherhood at Maple Glen. If NO, give reason.”
- March 30, 1983 – Several Statements to be Read to the Maple Glen Members’ Meeting. (1) the “forgive and forget” statement of the ministers and counseling brethren of the meeting of February 9 and (2) presenting the open questionnaire.
- May 1, 1983 – Report to the Maple Glen Congregation by Ivan J. Miller. An update or progress report of Maple Glen’s dealing with issues. October: three brethren elected to assist the ministers. March 30: open questionnaire presented in members’ meeting. April 27: further effort in analyzing the questionnaire results. Now: ministers and counseling brethren to meet again to prepare for an other members’ meeting.
- June 12, 1983 – “Statement to the Maple Glen Congregation by the Ministers and Three Counseling Brethren.” Apologizes for failure to give advance notice before bringing some issue to the congregation. States that “for the present, items of discipline remain as they have been in the past.”
- August 21, 1983 – Statement to the Maple Len Congregation – Presented by the ministers and three counseling brethren. The church letter of Kenneth and Ruth Yoder is the subject of the paper. It includes the text of the letter.

308E – Church Calendars and Schedules 1980-1989 – This file holds a church calendar that lists birthdays and anniversaries for the year of 1982.

308F – Election Slates and Tallies and Appointments of Maple Glen Church and Sunday School Offices and Assignments – 1980-1989

<u>Office</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>
Asst. S.S. Supt.	Daniel M. Miller	Wesley Bender	Daniel Tice	Loren Bender	William Mast
Trustee	Roy J. Yoder	Don Opel	Clark Yoder	Evan Maust	Loren Bender
Song Leader	Daniel Tice	Richard Yoder	Martin Bender	Wesley Bender	Daniel Tice
Treasurer	Robert Yoder			Robert Yoder	
Mission Board	Wayne Beitzel		Ervin H. Yoder/Philip Moser	Lavern Maust	Elvin Beitzel
S.S. Sec/Awards	Isolde Yoder		Brenda Yoder		Linda Bender
Conf. Mission Del.			Daniel M. Miller		
MIA Rep.	Raymond Tice				
Sun. Eve. Prog.	Philip Moser	Eli Sommers	Merlin Yoder	Paul Zook	Daniel M. Miller
Food Com.	Don/Mary Opel	Ray/Amelia Yoder	Daniel/Mary Miller	Elvin/Vera Beitzel	Donald/Mary Opel
Prayer Meeting	Wesley Bender	Daniel Tice	Bradley Maust	Martin Bender	Phil Moser
Library	Alma Ann Maust		Wesley/Isolde Bender		Lucy Beachy
Newsletter Rep.			Carol Tice		
Youth Sponsors	Daniel/Anna	Merlin/Carol	Robert/Glenda	William/Sylvia	Merlin/Carol Yoder

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	Tice	Yoder	Yoder	Mast	
WSC Rep.			Emily Maust		
Medical Aid	Daniel M. Miller	Edgar Yoder	Edwin Mast		Robert Yoder
<u>Office</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
Asst. S.S. Supt.	Philip Maust	Merlin Yoder	Clark Yoder	Eli Sommers	Martin Bender
Trustee	Raymond Tice		William Mast	Daniel M. Miller	Elvin Beitzel
Song Leader		Wesley Bender	Martin Bender	Richard Beitzel	Daniel Tice
Treasurer	Clark Yoder			Clark Yoder	
Mission Board	Philip Bender	Loren Bender	Paul Maust	Elvin Beitzel	Philip Bender/Martin B.
Conf. Mission Del.			Daniel M. Miller		
S.S. Sec/Awards		Lorraine Bender	Gladys Maust		Emily Maust
Sun. Eve. Prog.	John Sapp Luke	Heagy/Elvin Beitzel		Philip Maust	Daniel M. Miller
Food Com.	Martin/Kathryn Bender	Eli/Catherine Sommers	Daniel/Mary Miller	Edwin/Verda Mast	Eli/Catherine Sommers
Prayer Meeting	Loren Bender	Paul Zook	Bradley Maust	Martin Bender	Philip Maust
Library		Richard/Eilene Yoder/Emily Maust		Joyce Maust	
Newsletter Rep.	Martha Maust			Kay Bender	
Youth Sponsors	Lavern/Phyllis Maust	Ronald/Joyce Yoder	Merlin/Carol Yoder	Richard/Eilene Maust	William/Sylvia Mast
WSC Rep.	Mary Opel			Lela Bender	
Grantsville Health	Wesley Bender		Rachel Miller		
Medical Plan	Edwin Mast	Evan Maust	Richard Yoder	Philip Bender	Evan Maust
Menn. Disaster Service				Philip Bender	

Also in the folder: a list of teachers and members of each Sunday School class at Maple Glen.

308G – Annual Financial Reports Maple Glen Conservative Mennonite congregation, 1980-1989. Some years missing.

308H – Special Events at Maple Glen, Cherry Glade, Oak Dale, 1980-1989

March 31 to April 1, 1984 – Area-wide Conference on Biblical Perspectives of Human Sexuality, with Levi Sommers as input person.

June 7, 1981 – Program brochure of the 100th Anniversary celebration of the old Cherry Glade Mennonite church building and dedication of the New Addition and Fellowship Hall of the new building. Input persons included Lowell Bender, Raymond Bender, Roy Beitzel, Ivan J. Miller, Ronald Beiler, Oren Bender, Elmer H. Maust. Building Committee: Ronald Beiler, Olen Beitzel, Herman Yoder, Gorman Beitzel, Roy Beitzel, Markel Maust, Carl Bender, Donald Brenneman. The brochure includes an historical sketch, the dedication prayer, and a membership list.

June 7, 1981 -- A sheet of hymn lyrics used at the old Cherry Glade church: O Gott Vater, Wir Loben Dich, Gott ist die Liebe, Now Thank We all Our God, Jesu, Jesu, Brunn des Lebens, Herr Jesu Christ Dich zu uns Wend, I Thank the Lord my Maker.

May 7, 8, 1983 – Weekend meetings with the theme: “How to Inherit a Blessing in Family Life.” Guest speaker: Enos Martin.

March 20, 1984 – Good Friday Service at Maple Glen. Program input: Raymond Tice, Philip Maust, Elmer Maust, Phyllis Maust, Ivan J. Miller.

July 27, 28, 1985 – Weekend Conference on The Ministry of the Holy spirit with David n. Thomas as guest speaker.

No date – A list of Midweek Prayer Meeting Topics, likely sometime in the 1980s, judging by the chronological status of various persons listed. This paper outlines subjects from *Doctrines of the Bible*, by Daniel Kauffman as topics for mid-week prayer meeting at Maple Glen and the assignment of a teacher for each subject. Teachers: Raymond Tice, Milton Beachy, David Steinhauer, Daniel Tice, Wayne Beitzel, Elvin Beitzel, Simon Beachy, Robert Yoder, Philip Moser, Clark Yoder, Evan Maust, Ervin H. Yoder, Ivan J. Miller, Paul Maust, Daniel M. Miller.

308I – Correspondence from/to church leaders

Nov. 29, 1982 – Letter from Erie Renno, Belleville, Pennsylvania, to IJM expressing appreciation for IJM message at Ministers Fellowship on the office of deacon. Refers to issues of welfare state in the country, usefulness but neglect of the office of deacon, and needs in the congregation in the situation of high unemployment.

Dec. 6, 1982 – Letter from IJM to Erie Renno in response to letter of Nov. 29 with comments on high taxes and social security and the church's response of receiving back some of the taxes. Expresses concern and conviction about "the rapidity with which changes have been sweeping the churches."

January 17 – Letter from Laban Peachey to Ivan and Della Miller regarding the ministry of deacons in the congregations. A five-page document is attached, authored by John E. Lapp with the title, "The Renewal of the Practice of Mutual Aid through the Function of Deacon in the Congregation today." It is likely that IJM had discussed the question of the deacon ministry with Laban at a time when ordination of deacons was diminished in the congregations while IJM continued as an advocate of that ministry.

Undated – Letter without designation of author or addressee. Contextually it is identified with an almost certain degree of likelihood that it was a message from Ivan J. Maust to IJM regarding the extent of IJM's involvement in the ministry as retired bishop at Maple Glen. Reference to "June 17, 1984, at the time of the ordinations" coincides with the ordination date of Philip Moser as minister and Robert W. Yoder as deacon, both at Maple Glen. The reference to Brother Richard and Brother Jesse apparently refers to Richard Zehr and Jesse J. Yoder as ministers in charge at the ordination on June 17, 1984. See Conference Report of Conservative Mennonite Conference, 1984, p. 224.

Undated – An unsigned letter with the name of Ivan Miller inscribed on the back, likely as one ministerial recipient among others. The writer expresses direct opposition to a pastoral position regarding qualifications for participation in communion services. The context of the letter clearly shows that it was written after Ivan Maust was serving as bishop and Phil Moser as minister and Robert (Bob) Yoder in a ministerial capacity, likely then as deacon, and at a time when Ivan J. Miller, former bishop in charge, and Simon Beachy, former deacon in charge, were still active in various kinds of work and ministry. I (David I. Miller) recall being told by my father, after Ivan Maust was serving as active bishop, of a shift proposed at Maple Glen from a "close communion" approach to a more open approach regarding who would be invited to participate in a communion service. The Lane

(surname) couple, referred to in the letter, lived in the Goodwill Retirement Village near Maple Glen and were not members. The letter writer's objection to their participation likely was based on they not observing some of the life-style expectations of Maple Glen. The letter not being signed, I might have trashed it. But it does represent the thinking and style of someone at Maple Glen, likely in the last half of the 1980s.

January 27, 1987 – Letter from IJM to Alvin Yoder, dean of Rosedale Bible Institute regarding expenses, covered by Ivan J. and Della Miller.

Undated; likely in the 1980s – Picture of Maple Glen building on one side and a note of appreciation to “Dear Preacher” on the other side with four names identifiable as Londa Moser (b. 1978), Loren LaVern Bender (b. 1977) and twins, LaVonne LaShell and Lynton LyDell (b. 1979). The text of the note appears to have been written by the teacher as well as the names of the twins who may have been too young to do their own signatures.

308J – Polity Maple Glen Conservative Mennonite Church in the 1980s

1981 – Medical Aid Plan – Constitution and Bylaws of the Maple Glen Medical Aid Plan
December 1983 – By-Laws of the C.A.M. Medical Resharing

Pool. A statement of benefits and exclusions for all congregational plans.

November 1984 – Guidelines for Christian Living. This kind of document would have been referred to in earlier decades as a congregational discipline. It deals with marriage, courtship, and weddings; nonresistance; time, money, entertainment, recreation; harmful drugs; women's veiling; musical instruments in church worship; attire and personal appearance.

Undated – a recommendation “To the Members of the Maple Glen Congregation . . . in regard to our practice of the communion service. The recommendation includes inviting believers to participate on the basis of their personal testimony of peace with God and others, and inviting the following individuals to participate: George and Ruth Lane, Jonathan and Karen Maust. See notes on a letter of response from one individual in Folder 307I.

Undated – Job Descriptions for the Ministers at Maple Glen. This is a document with the inscription “From Ivan Maust” in the handwriting of Ivan J. Miller. Job descriptions are given for bishop, minister, and deacon. The text of the deacon section refers the possibility of a deacon being ordained at Maple Glen in the near future.” This and other contextual features suggest that the document can be dated after Ivan Maust was ordained bishop (1978) and before Robert Yoder was ordained deacon (1984).

308K –List of baptisms in the Casselman River congregations from 1940 to 1966 and at Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, Oak Dale, and Coal Run after 1966. This list developed in 1983. Most entities give the names of the persons baptized. But only the number of persons baptized is given in later years for locations other than Maple Glen. The list is hand-written of scrap paper, left-over letterheads of IJM's uncle Alvin J. Miller, who served many years on the faculty of Kent State University in Ohio. The list is recorded here, but is located on the 307 section with materials of the 1980s.

308L – Ministerial and Other Official Statements in the 1980s

- June 17, 1984 – Statement of IJM to the Maple Glen Congregation. IJM is not designated by name but is clearly identified by context. This statement was presented by him as the former bishop of the congregation on the occasion of ordination of Phil Moser as minister and Robert Yoder as deacon, expressing support for the newly ordained men, followed by further words of observation and gratitude.
- 308M – Correspondence (General) from/to Church Members – Includes notes of comment, thanks and general correspondence from members, including: Lydia Yoder and Dorothy Yoder
- 308N – Weddings officiated by IJM in the 1980s. Materials vary from case to case, but may consist of wedding program brochures, carbon copies of marriage license and other related material.
James Lavon Schrock and Margaret Elaine Miller July 12, 1981
- 308O – Weddings of IJM non-officiate involvement in the 1980s
James Delbert Miller and Audrey Rose Showalter July 5, 1981 – IJM attendance at grandson’s wedding
Laban Darrell Miller and Mary Ann Stoll November 25, 1981 – IJM Prayer of Dedication at grandson’s wedding
Andy Petrone and Naomi Yoder October 25, 1986 – IJM meditation in granddaughter’s wedding
Joseph Ralph Showalter and Janice Irene Miller December 20, 1981 – IJM sermon in granddaughter’s wedding
David Bruce Slabach and Gertrude Jane Miller December 8, 1984 – IJM sermon in niece’s wedding
- 308P – Installation of Pastor
Installation ceremony of Elam Bender as pastor of Oak Dale Mennonite Church, September 6, 1984. The form is copied from a Ministers’ Manual and presented by John [surname not given] to IJM with which to officiate in the installation of Elam as “pastor-elder.” John may be identified as John A. Yoder (son of Paul E. and Naomi Yoder) who was serving as a lay leader in the congregation at that time. In the previous arrangement, Elam had served as pastor and Paul H. Yoder as bishop, but the latter had resigned by 1983. IJM apparently was called by the congregation to officiate in the installation. The handwritten note, “Used for Elam’s installation at oak Dale, Sept. 9, 1984,” is IJM’s.
- 309. [file folders] – Local Church Administration – 1990ff**
These items evidently were placed into the IJM files by his wife Della after his death in 1989.
- 309A – Election Slates and Tallies and Appointments of Maple Glen Church and Sunday School Offices and Assignments – 1990-1999

<u>Office</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994 (missing)</u>
Asst. S.S. Supt.	Ervin H. Yoder	Richard Yoder	Philip Bender	Derrick Moser	
Trustee	Edgar Yoder	William Mast	Edwin Mast	Richard Yoder/ Evan Maust	
Song Leader	Elvin Beitzel	Martin Bender	Richard Yoder	Martin Bender	

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Mission Board	Marvin Yoder	Elvin Beitzel	Ervin H. Yoder	Philip Bender
S.S. Sec/Awards		Diane Yoder		Vonda Bender
Conf. Mission Del.				
MIA Rep.				
Sun. Eve. Prog.	Clark Yoder		Elvin Beitzel	Philip Maust
Food Com.	Philip/Cindy Maust	Evan/Ada Maust	Martin/Kathryn Bender	Elvin/Vera Beitzel
Prayer Meeting	Daniel M. Miller	Ervin H. Yoder	Bradley Maust	Daniel M. Miller
Library	Richard/Eilene/Joanna Yoder	Miller	Linda Maust	
Newsletter Rep.		Linda Maust	Glenda Yoder	
Youth Sponsors	Philip/Cindy Maust	Philip/Cindy Maust	Martin/Kathryn Bender	Philip/Cindy Maust
WSC Rep.		Grace Miller		
Medical Aid	Richard Yoder	Daniel M. Miller	Evan Maust	Richard Yoder
Grantsville Health	Rachel Miller			Rachel Miller

In 1993, two men were elected to the Steering Committee for hosting the annual conference of CMC: Daniel M. Miller and Clark Yoder.

<u>Office</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998 (missing)</u>	<u>1999 (missing)</u>	<u>2000</u>
Asst. S.S. Supt.	Larry Byler	Eli Sommers	Bradley Maust			Dana Bender
Trustee	Dwayne Overholt	Daniel M. Miller	Richard Yoder			Clark Yoder
Song Leader	Martin Bender	Richard Yoder	Bradley Yoder			Martin Bender
Treasurer			Larry Byler			Larry Byler
Mission Board	Marvin Yoder	Philip bender	Elvin Beitzel			Elvin Beitzel
S.S. Secretary	Vonda Bender		Phyllis Tice			
Conf. Mission Del.						
MIA Rep.						
Sun. Eve. Prog.	Dwayne Overholt	Daniel M. Miller	Philip Maust			Marvin Yoder
Food Com.	Martin/Kathryn Bender	Elvin/Vera Beitzel	Eli/Catherine Sommers			Eli/Catherine Sommers
Prayer Meeting	Derrick Moser	Ervin H. Yoder	Larry Byler			Bradley Maust
Library		Linda Maust				Trina Moser
Newsletter Rep.			Glenda Yoder			Glenda Yoder
Youth Sponsors	Dwayne/Kathryn Overholt	Dwayne/Kathryn Overholt	Bradley/_____ Yoder			Philip/Cindy Maust
WSC Rep.						
Medical Aid		Richard Yoder	Clark Yoder			Clark Yoder
Grantsville Health						
MDS						

309B – Annual Financial Reports Maple Glen Conservative Mennonite congregation, 1990-1999. Some years missing.

309C – Various items of policy and correspondence related to Maple Glen administration and polity

January 1990 – Cemetery policy on usage for burial. Available to all members and unmarried children. Special requests will be heard.

1992 - March 31 – Announcement and agenda of Area-Wide Ministers meeting with hand-written note by widow Della Miller expressing surprise (and apparently appreciation) at having been included in the invitation.

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- 1993 - September 13 – Guidelines for Newsletter. A dated revision without indication of official acceptance.
- 1990s -- CAM Medical Resharing Pool documents: (1) memo of explanation of rising medical costs, July 13, 1990 (2) proposed Constitution, January 12, 1996, (3) undated Articles of Operation, and (4) undated Guidelines and Explanations.
- 1996 - September 29 – Letter from Richard Yoder, chairman of the Sunday Evening Program Committee, to the people of Maple Glen regarding Clergy Appreciation Month.
- 1997 – Ballot with message to the Maple Glen congregation concerning relicensing or ordaining Philip Maust of prison ministry. Though undated, the time of this document is nearly identifiable by the record of Philip’s initial license on p. 26 of the 1995 *Annual Report* of the Conservative Mennonite Conference and the reported request for Conference authorization on p. 4 of the Annual Report of 1997.
- Undated (likely 1998) – Report from John Mishler to the Maple Glen congregation on the results of a questionnaire by which the congregation responded to questions regarding granting permission to Ivan Maust to retire as lead pastor and bishop, selecting an assistant pastor from the congregation, selecting elders, and/or establishing a church council. Only the first item was given a clear confirming vote. John Mishler was serving the congregation as Overseer of Leadership Needs for the Congregation.
- 1999 - July 15 – Letter from bishop John Mishler to the congregation regarding procedures for providing for a lead pastor to succeed Ivan Maust after his planned retirement in November 1999.
- 1999 - October 25 – Agenda of Maple Glen congregation regarding Ivan Maust’s successor as lead pastor at Maple Glen.
- Undated; circa 1998 – A letter from Ivan Maust, Phil Moser, Robert Yoder, Max Zook, and John Mishler asking the congregation to consider having Robert Yoder installed to serve in the role of assistant pastor with Phil Moser as the lead pastor.
- Undated; circa 1999 – Letter from John Mishler to “All Members of the Maple Glen Congregation,” regarding the possible ordination of Robert Yoder to the office of minister and the possible formation of installing elders to work with the leadership team.
- Undated; circa 1999 – Letter (sender undesignated) to “Dear Maple Glen Family” regarding a retirement gift for Ivan and Hilda Maust with reference to a trip to the Holy Land and a trip to Hershey and Sight and Sound.
- Undated; likely in the 1990s – Letter to “Dear Maple Glen Family” from “The Sunday Evening Committee” concerning plans to honor the pastors in the month of October. Explanation: there was a move among some evangelicals in those years to designate October as Honor Your Pastor Month.
- 309D – Special Events of Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, and Oak Dale
- September 9, 1990 – Program brochure of celebration of “25th Anniversary of present Building of Cherry Glade Mennonite Church. Input persons include Elmer H. Maust, Lowell Bender, Gorman Beitzel, Roy Beitzel, David I. Miller, Lawrence and Thelma Beitzel. The program includes the litany of Rededication of the Cherry Glade Church

Building. An insert in the hand of Della Miller (Mrs. IJM) states: “Cherry Glade presented our family with a plaque in memory of Papa’s services to the church.”

310. [Notebooks, Registers, and Special Files] Local Church Administration – 1938-1989

(IJM was ordained as minister in 1938 and died in 1989.)

310A [Special File] Local Ministerial Ordinations and Licensures in which IJM had a an active role.

It was the accepted practice in the local Conservative Mennonite church, when the need was identified for an additional ordained minister, to select a man from within the congregation to be called to the ministry by and through the congregation by receiving the votes of the members without pre-nomination and employing the use of the lot for final selection. Formal education was not a prerequisite, but character, talents, and sense of call were given priority in determining qualifications. As the time approached for selection of a brother to be ordained, usually the congregation was called to fasting and prayer. Selection was made by inviting the members of the congregation to cast a vote by going to the anteroom at the front of the church and presenting nominations to the bishop(s) and ministers who were there to receive the congregation’s voice. Those who were named with higher frequency were then placed into the lot for final decision on who would be ordained. (More traditionally, any brother who was named three times or more would be placed in the lot if considered qualified.) A typical pattern of selection by use of the lot could involve the following steps: with song books, equal in number to the number of candidates, in hand, the bishop in charge asked a minister to take the books into the anteroom at the front of the sanctuary and place them there and return to the sanctuary. Another minister could be asked to go to the room and place a slip of paper (the lot) into one of the books, followed by another minister going to the anteroom, shuffle the books, and return to the sanctuary. Yet another minister could be asked to go to the anteroom and bring the books to the sanctuary and hand them to the bishop in charge, who then placed them on a table set for that purpose. With that procedure, only God knew which book held the lot. The candidates would be seated on the front bench or benches of the sanctuary. After prayer, they were invited to each take a book by whatever order each was ready, after which the bishop in charge examined each book until the lot was found, at which point he announced the one whom God had called to the ministry at that time for that place. The record of the ordinations listed here can be found in the Annual Reports of the Conservative Mennonite Conference of the respective years. Documents on file in this folder include the following cases of ordination or license:

Ivan J. Miller (IJM) was ordained as bishop, October 1, 1953, for the Casselman River congregation. It was understood the votes can be cast for any of the three active ministers, Ivan J. Miller, Mark Peachey, and Paul E. Yoder, each of whom were placed into the lot. The following items are available in this file: The slip of paper used as the lot in selection of the candidate to be ordained and the ordination charge given by Bishop Emanuel Peachey, assisted by two bishops, Christian W. Bender and Elmer G. Swartzendruber.

Paul H. Yoder (1921-) was ordained as minister on September 1, 1957, for the Casselman River congregation. As the congregation passed through the anteroom,

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- 84 voiced a vote and 80 refrained. In the lot were Paul H. Yoder, Edward, Yoder, and David I. Miller. Nine other names were given one or more times.
- Elmer H. Maust (1932-2002) was ordained as minister on June 15, 1958, for the Casselman River congregation. Of the 132 passing through the anteroom, 50 presented a name and 82 refrained. In the lot were Elmer H. Maust, Edward Yoder, and David I. Miller. Seven others were named at least once.
- Kenneth L Yoder (1934-) was ordained as minister on August 26, 1962, for the Casselman River congregation. 98 members voted and 67 refrained. In the lot were Kenneth L. Yoder and David I. Miller. Eight others were named at least once.
- Alva R. Maust (1936-) was ordained as minister on July 2, 1967, for the Cherry Glade congregation. A total of 66 member presented themselves, of whom 46 presented a name and 19 refrained. In the lot were Alva R. Maust and Oren C. Bender. Three other names were given one or more times. The ordination charge used in the ordination of Ivan J. Maust was used in this case also.
- Elmer H. Maust was ordained as bishop on September 15, 1968, for the Cherry Glade congregation. A total of 69 member presented themselves, 42 voting and 27 refraining. It was understood the votes can be cast for either of the two ministers, Elmer H. Maust and Alva R. Maust, both of whom were placed into the lot.
- Ivan J. Maust was ordained as minister on August 2, 1970, for the Maple Glen congregation. A total of 104 members presented themselves, 82 voting and 22 refraining. Ivan Maust and David Steinhauer were placed into the lot. Seven other names were given at least once.
- Ivan J. Maust was ordained as bishop on November 5, 1978, for the Maple Glen congregation. A total of 89 members presented themselves, 51 voting and 38 refraining. It was understood the votes can be cast for either of the two ministers, Ivan J. Maust and Kenneth L. Yoder, both of whom were placed into the lot.
- Raymond Bender was ordained as deacon on April 13, 1975, for the Cherry Glade congregation. Herman S. Yoder is listed as having been in the lot in the IJM list of ordinations. Further information on the selection process is unavailable at this writing. Available documents: the church bulletin of that date and the ordination charge.
- Robert W. Yoder was ordained as deacon, June 17, 1984, for the Maple Glen congregation. A total of 96 members presented themselves, 56 voting and 40 refraining. Robert Yoder and Martin Bender were placed into the lot. Nine other names were given at least once.
- Philip Moser was ordained as minister on June 17, 1984, for the Maple Glen congregation. 84 members presented themselves, 59 voting and 25 refraining. IJM notes: After the votes were taken Friday evening, the two visiting brethren, Richard Zehr and Jesse Yoder, with the local ministry, felt the situation was clear to ordain without the use of the lot. Of the 59 votes given, 45 named Philip Moser. Five other names were offered in the process, each 2 or 4 times. This may have been the first time in the history of the Casselman River Amish Mennonite/Conservative Amish Mennonite/Conservative Mennonite congregations(s) for a brother to be selected from within the congregation without employing the lot.

Elam C. Bender was licensed, October 3, 1954, to serve as a minister for a period of one year to serve at Vassar, Michigan. The license was signed by the ministers of the Casselman River congregation: Ivan J. Miller, Mark Peachey, Paul E. Yoder, and Simon Beachy. The license was renewed under date of October 3, 1955, signed by Ivan J. Miller as bishop. (Elam was ordained as minister on October 7, 1956, at Pigeon, Michigan.) Elam and his wife Mildred were members of the Casselman River congregation and were assigned to the mission in Vassar, Michigan, and apparently had transferred their membership to Vassar sometime after arrival there. Before the initial license was issued and again before its expiration at the end of a year, the leadership of the Casselman River congregation had received a recommendation that Elam be ordained. There was local hesitancy to authorize ordination, apparently related to issues of method or selection (non-use of the lot) and a few points of adherence to church standards. Working with the request and related questions resulted in the following documents:

- September 17, 1954 – Letter from Emanuel Swartzendruber requesting Elam’s ordination
- October 3, 1954 – Ministerial license issued to Elam Bender.
- September 5, 1955 – Letter from Emanuel Swartzendruber to IJM with encouragement for the Casselman River congregation to proceed with Elam’s ordination [in view of the license soon expiring.]
- September 8, 1955 – Letter from IJM to Elam Bender with inquiry about Elam and Mildred being at Grantsville for a communion service on October 2 and a possible ordination service.
- September 11, 1955 – Letter from IJM to Elam Bender, noting that the counsel of the church was not clear to proceed with ordination and expression received of concern about observing some church standards. Suggest the possibility of transfer to Michigan of membership and ordination.
- September 17, 1955 – Letter from IJM to Emanuel Swartzendruber and Emanuel Peachey, seeking counsel on how to proceed with the matter of the ordination.
- September 19, 1955 – Letter from Elam Bender to IJM responding to two letters. He thinks reference to church standards may refer to temporary radio usage and Mildred having removed the ribbons from head covering and explains the reason in both cases. Expresses openness to criticism and advice and ready for ordination to proceed if so directed by the Lord through His people.
- September 22, 1955 – Letter from IJM to Elam Bender, responding to Elam’s inquiry on what the “charges” are against him. IJM states that he was not bringing charges, only informing on concerns mentioned by others, which included wearing of gold plated wrist watch bands, the cut and material of Mildred’s head covering, the type of dress on the little daughter. He also notes some reaction to IJM’s having suggested ordination for Elam in the absence of use of the lot. He repeats the invitation to communion at Grantsville and a possible ordination then.
- September 22, 1955 – Post card from Emanuel Peachey to IJM stating, “I believe if I were you, I would encourage Elam Bender and his wife to take membership

at Pigeon, Michigan, and let Emanuel Swartzendruber take care of the ordination . . .”

September 28, 1955 – Letter from Emanuel Swartzendruber to IJM, carried by Elam to Grantsville. He recognizes the difficulties encountered by IJM in the situation, writes in positive tones regarding ordination of Elam, but recognizes the wisdom of renewal of license for an additional year.

October 3, 1955 – Document: Renewal of License for One year to Serve as Minister of the Gospel, issued to Elam Bender and signed by Ivan J. Miller, Bishop.

October 4, 1955 – Letter from IJM to Emanuel Swartzendruber, reporting renew of license of Elam Bender, expresses ordination as IJM’s preference but as not feasible in the circumstances, and reports a church letter being given to Elam and Mildred for transfer of membership to Michigan.

David I. Miller was licensed, June 30, 1963, in the setting of the Casselman River congregation at Maple Glen to serve as a minister for a period of one year to serve the South Flint Mennonite Church, Flint, Michigan. The license was signed by the ministers of the Casselman River congregation and by Mark Peachey as representative of the Conference Mission Board. A copy of the license is included in this file. The license was renewed as noted in a letter from Mark Peachey of the Conservative Mennonite Board of Missions, dated June 25, 1964, and a certification of the same date.

Document: “Ordinations in Which I Had a Part”

This is a five-page list of ordinations in which IJM participated in an active role in 38 ordinations. Ten of these occasions were in the local congregations of Casselman River, Cherry Glade, Maple Glen, and Oak Dale as listed above. The paper is filed in the Conference ministries section of the IJM materials where it may be consulted for IJM’s comments. The first ordination listed in the paper is that of Paul H. Yoder in 1957. The last ordination is that of Ivan J. Maust as bishop in 1978, on which IJM makes more extensive comments regarding his retirement from responsibilities as bishop.

310B [Special File] Letters and Notes of Personal Problems and Counsel

Note: The items in this section were found in two folders labeled by IJM as “Problems Etc.” and “Personal Counsel.”

April 27, 1942 – Last Will and Testament (copy) of Kate B. Hershberger (1869-1961). Names included in the will are Donald Hershberger, Ernest Beachy, Milton Beachy, Allen J. Maust, Irvin Beachy. Signature attested by Evan Miller and Iva Miller. Notation of will recorded in Will Book Vol. 22.

1944 (Year inscribed by hand other than the writer) – A letter without writer or addressee designated. Being found among the papers of IJM, the letter presumable was addressed to him. The absence of an envelope suggests the likelihood of hand delivery. Names mentioned in the letter without surname may be contextually identified as follows: *Lela* (signature) as Lela Hershberger (later Bender,) married Philip Bender on September 16, 1945; *Marks* as Mark and Fannie Peachey; *Naomi*

Ruth as Naomi Ruth Peachey (later Miller), born June 27, 1944, to Mark and Fannie Peachey; *Fannie* as Mrs. Mark Peachey; *Pearl* as Pearl Davis, a ward of the Children's Home and likely as foster girl in the Peachey home; *Philip* as Philip Bender; *Anna* as Anna Peachey, a sister of Mark Peachey and a fifteen-year-old youth in the church. Apparently, in response to a report by Pearl, Lela explains the propriety of conduct between Philip and herself in a particular instance in the Peachey home. Apparently, Lela had worked in the Peachey home as a maid after the birth of a baby. Apparently, a disagreement occurred between Philip and Pearl while the two were doing the farm chores in the absence of the Peacheys. Philip's attempt to relate the incident to Lela without being heard by Pearl brought him in closer than usual contact with Lela, resulting in a report of misconduct. At that time, young people were warned of the temptations related to physical contact with the opposite sex.

- October 14, 1944 – Letter from IJM to Farm Bureau Cooperative, Somerset, Pennsylvania, regarding availability of electrical service without membership in the Cooperative. The inquiry relates to concern about the unequal yoke in business and social relationships.
- November 20, 1944 – Letter from H. C. Latshaw of the Farm Bureau Cooperative, in response to the IJM letter of October 14.
- July 31, 1945 – Letter from IJM to Daniel M. Glick, Smoketown, Pennsylvania, requesting an evaluation of Lancaster Mennonite School in terms of doctrine, standards of conduct, and discipline, and the effect of the school on Amish students. The inquiry relates to questions about the Amish Mennonite Church at Grantsville using the educational offerings of the Mennonites.
- July 31, 1945 – Letter from IJM to George W. Beiler, Ronks, Pennsylvania, requesting an evaluation of Lancaster Mennonite School in terms of doctrine, standards of conduct, and discipline, and the effect of the school on Amish students. The inquiry relates to questions about the Amish Mennonite Church at Grantsville using the educational offerings of the Mennonites.
- August 6, 1945 – Letter from Daniel M. Glick to IJM, in response to IJM's inquiry about Lancaster Mennonite School. Glick addresses the effectiveness of the school in spiritual formation and observance of life style issue, including mention of dress standards such as strings of the girls coverings and black stockings.
- August 7, 1945 -- Letter from Daniel M. Glick to IJM regarding a letter about a report in the Gospel Herald about some event or occasion at or about some school. The letter does not name the report or the subject schools, but seems to infer expressed concerns by IJM and responds with encouragement for IJM to be forthright in support of the Christian day school movement. Glick is explicit in his own reasoning in favor and support of Christian education of children.
- 1947 – Letter designated as from "a brother," but unsigned and without designation of addressee, but opening with "Greetings! This letter is extant as the original along with a typed copy placed in an envelope and with this inscription by IJM: "Copy of anonymous letter postmarked May 8, 1947, at Grantsville, Maryland, no other designation." The letter, with a critical tone, addresses the treatment of a foster child in the IJM home. Trevola McDonald is named. The writer comments that such treatment is inconsistent with IJM's preaching. Trevola McDonald married Noah

- Schrock in early 1947. Within a few years, the church was involved in counsel and assistance regarding their personal financial situation.
- 1947 – Post card without signature apparently meant as a sarcastic remark regarding IJM's dealing with Noah and Trevola Schrock. The picture on the face of the card shows a man saying to his wife, "Meet my boss," while showing an imposing figure as the boss and with the penciled caption: "Ivan Noah's boss." This card was found in the envelope with the anonymous letter of 1947. Given IJM's distain for unsigned letters, it is remarkable that he chose to preserve these items.
- September 12 to October 2, 1947 – List of requests for the services of Floyd J. Miller on various days from September 12 to October 2. Requested services include repair of electrical fixtures and milk coolers, green house sterilization, land surveys, and helping to harvest hay. In addition to responding to many of the inquiries, Floyd also was in Kentucky as a volunteer electrician at a mission from September 27 to October 1. Requests for service were from the following: Eli Tice, Ernest Yoder, Edwin Mast, Irvin Miller, Sherman Davis, Harvey Bender, Sam Hershberger, Jonas Beiler, and Dan Mast. The occasion or reason for this inquiry is undetermined.
- April 2, 1948 – Letter from "Sister Fannie" to "Dear Sister," identifiable as written by Fannie Bender (later Miller, then Zook) to her sister Della. Persons mentioned in the letter are Fannie's sisters Lena (and husband Ernest), Myra, and Verde (and husband Simon.) Shem [Peachey] and Mark [Peachey] were on the pastoral team of the Casselman River Congregation. Fannie's father (Christian W. Bender) was bishop of the congregation in 1948. Fannie was married to widower Floyd J. Miller on July 25, 1948, who would have been her suitor at the time of this letter. (I recall the relationship having been called into question during the period of courting by some of Fannie's siblings to the extent of involving pastoral involvement in the working with the questions and relationships. Fannie apparently had shared some of her thoughts and feelings with her sister Della, whose husband Ivan also was on the pastoral team.)
- February 25, 1949 -- Letter from Elmer L. Maust and wife Rhoda to IJM (addressed to "Dear Brother," concerning proposals of the church trustees for assistance in their personal finances. They give reasons for declining both Proposal 1 and Proposal 2. The acknowledge the possibility of perceived prejudice on the part of some with IJM being a brother and with three trustees being a brother or brother-in-law, namely, Alvin H. Yoder, Omar Bender, and Alvin Maust.
- January 25, 1953 – Letter from _____ to "Dear Uncle and Aunt." Pages one and two of the letter are extant but apparently do not complete the letter, resulting in the absence of the close and signature. A niece of Ivan or Della writes about the problem of the wearing of the covering in the setting of a hospital nurse. She is convinced to wear it, but the school or hospital administration does not find it acceptable in lieu of the nurses' cap.
- March 29, 1955 – Letter from Jonas M. Yoder to IJM, offering information and commenting on the financial situations of Monroe D. Yoder and John D. Yoder and comments on the ethics of utilizing bankruptcy law.
- September 1955 – Handwritten notes by IJM with information about a claim of Mr. Gnagey against Monroe D. Yoder and John D. Yoder. The paper is undated and is

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- assigned a date here based on the IJM entry in his Day Book (310K) on September 16, 1955.
- January 3, 1956 – Letter from Alice Beachy (later Tice) to “Dear Christian Friends.” Being among the IJM papers, apparently the letter was sent to Ivan and Della Miller. She refers reports on “how things worked out at the meeting in Lancaster.” She apparently had been considered for assignment to the work of the Beachy Amish Mennonites in Berlin, Germany, but was satisfied with the appointment of Anna Stoltzfus to go there with the Joe Roths. Mention of Ann Stoltzfus attending Bible school at Berlin, refers to Berlin, Ohio. Alice expresses gratitude for “your wise counsel and . . . prayers.
- January 30, 1956 – Letter from Prentice Hartzberg to IJM. The letter anticipates Prentice meeting with IJM to discuss the subject of marriage, especially as it relates to the virtues and callings of both marriage and celibacy.
- February 5, 1956 – Letter from Ernest Mast to IJM. He refers to Robert, identifiable as Robert Bender, based on two factors: (1) I have no memory of any other Robert in the congregation then and (2) Robert Bender was issued a letter of transfer of membership in 1956. The writer expresses dissatisfaction with some aspects of the procedure of requiring a “confession” by Robert and criticizes IJM very directly for purported inconsistency in having had and using a radio and phonograph player when prohibited by the church. (I regard the criticisms as misguided. IJM may have bought a car with a radio, but I am confident that it was scarcely used if at all before removing it. I would have no memory of use of a phonograph player in the home of IJM while usage was restricted by the church.) It is not clear from the letter what Robert’s deviations from church standards may have been.
- March 21, 1956 – Letter from Ella to “Dear Uncle Ivan.” The letter expresses concern about use of the radio, specifically regarding the congregation officially permitting the use of radio in the homes of members. .
- October 31, 1956 – Letter from Evan J. Miller to IJM. Evan writes as superintendent of the work of the Coal Run mission to IJM as bishop. The letter refers to a conversation between the two on the previous evening and reflects some degree of misunderstanding between the brothers. Mention of *Jason* can be identified as referring to Jason Bender, since the only Jason in the congregational circles then was Jason Bender, according to my memory.
- January 31, 1961 – Letter from Hilda to Della, sent from CMBS, Millersburg, Ohio. The writer obviously was a student at Conservative Mennonite Bible School at Berlin, Ohio, and can be identified as Hilda Beitzel, daughter of Roy and Edna Beitzel. She writes to Della (Mrs. IJM) about her lack of assurance of salvation.
- March 23, 1963 – Letter from Paul A. Maust to IJM. The letter attempts to deal with Paul’s frustration with various points of communication with IJM and feeling misunderstood.
- April 11, 1972 – Letter from Catherine (Scheffel) King, Cochranville, Pennsylvania, addressed to Uncle Ivan and Aunt Della, expressing concern and seeking advice about the moral and spiritual welfare of her father, Lee Scheffel. Notes with satisfaction the privilege of having heard IJM preach again at a wedding and comments on the authenticity of the message, based on the home life of Ivan and Della. Refers to her brother, John Scheffel as partnering in the concern of the father

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- and the need for confrontation. Mention of Emma can be identified as referring to Emma Maust, daughter of Harvey and Verna Maust. A note on the envelope, in the hand of IJM, notes a visit to the Scheffel home after this letter and a following letter of April 16 and wondering if son and daughter are overly suspicious.
- April 16, 1972 – Letter from Catherine (Scheffel) King, Cochranville, Pennsylvania, to “Dear Aunt and Uncle.” This letter describes a confrontation by son and daughter with both parents regarding the concerns mentioned in the letter of April 11, 1972.
- April 8, 1973 (date received) – Letters from Milton E. Bender to IJM. Reflects on his experiences in the congregation as a young person in the 1890s and following. Wants IJM to know that tensions in the church are not a new thing. Also Undated letter about internal family family tensions. See transcriptions and notes below.
- 1977 – A note of thanks, formatted as a greeting card, from Margaret, sent from Red Lake Ontario, to Ivan and Della Miller. The expression of appreciation seems to refer to an occasion of spiritual counsel. The undated note is enclosed in an envelope postmarked 1977, month not deciphered, with a Red Lake return address. The sender is identifiable as Margaret Miller, daughter of Daniel and Grace Miller.
- 1978 – Note cards by Lloyd Boshart, Lowville, New York, given to IJM. The cards are an outline of a presentation given by Lloyd to the membership of the Lowville Mennonite Church on the subject of divorce and remarriage. A letter from Lloyd to Willard Mayer regarding the same subject is attached.
- April 29, 1979 – Letter from IJM to Wayne Beitzel in Germany in response to a previous letter from Wayne to IJM. The letter deals with counsel apparently sought from IJM regarding guidance on issues of conscience faced by Wayne.
- February 22, 1981 – Letter from Raymond Byler, Jackson, Mississippi, to IJM regarding a presentation by IJM at Ministers’ Fellowship in Sarasoto, Florida, taking strong exception to comments by IJM regarding divorce and remarriage and regarding the position of the Conference on the subject.
- April 12, 1981 – Letter from IJM to Raymond Byler in reply to Byler’s letter of February 22, acknowledges the concerns expressed in the letter regarding divorce and remarriage and concedes the situation faced in mission settings such as Jackson in comparison to the settings in the more “staid congregations.”
- February 15, 1985 – Letter from Eldon H. Miller to a group nine ministers of Conservative Mennonite Conference expressing his questions and frustration in the situation with Bethel Mennonite Camp and his involvement as a local pastor and Camp board member. Special emphasis is given to trends of liberalizing dress codes. The letter seeks counsel. A handwritten postscript addresses IJM with unreserved appreciation for his ministry and spirit in working in situations of disagreement and seeking his personal counsel.
- March 8, 1985 – Letter from IJM to Eldon H. Miller in response to Eldon’s letter of February 15. He disclaims an understanding of the situation in Kentucky, but suggests to possibility of continuing in his present situation and leaving the responsibility with others if overruled.
- Undated – Letter from “Lela” to “Dear Brother and Sister.” Being found among the papers of IJM, the letter likely was addressed to Ivan J. and Della Miller. The letter relates to a marital situation in the life of Lela and her husband Philip, identifiable

as Philip Bender. Reference to *Eva* may be to Lela's niece and reference *Henry's* may be to the home of Henry L. Yoder.

Undated – Letter from Rosie Beachy to “Dear Sisters.” She reports on a sewing project “among some of the girls” “to help relieve the suffering of the needy.” Reference to meeting after a singing indicates Rosie addressing girls of the church youth group. Since the Beachy family (Samuel D. and Barabara as parents and Alva as brother to Rosie) had moved to the Lancaster, Pennsylvania, area in the early 1940s, and since reference is made in the letter to taking things to Akron [Pennsylvania], the sewing project likely tied in with the work of Mennonite Central Committee as relief for war sufferers in Europe. The placement of the letter in the “Problems” file of IJM may indicate a concern, on the part of church leadership, about a project being undertaken independently from the official congregational structure.

Letter from Milton E. Bender and Ivan J. Miller, received April 8, 1973

Typed from the original letter with retention of much of the spelling throughout, but with some altering of spelling and punctuation for the reader's clarification. The original is located in File 310B.

I am 84 years old Blessed.¹ The Reson I tend [attend] the stockyards² often people ask me to wich church I go I tell Maple Glen. They can not under stand why I have cars and beard.³ Then I explain them also phone. Before I joined church we promised to wear a beard and Frock Coat.⁴ One of the boys wore his Father Frock coat till he was baptized. Soon after we was baptized they did not ware them. I was the only one wore them. One day father said I shall ware it till 2 (?) boys are baptized. If they do not ware them when baptized I do not need too. They did not.⁵

When I was about 6 years old They had counsel meeting.⁶ The minister cried; our parance [parents] [page 2] Brother sister. So I went out under a sugar tree. When they came out said the church split.⁷ I did not no any thing [of the meaning of *split*] but when they split Rails. Next

¹ Milton E. Bender was born October 31, 1889, to Enoch and Mary (Yoder) Bender. Milton's farm was located on State Route 669. The homestead was in Maryland against the Mason-Dixon Line, but his farm straddled the Line. Martin Bender, grandson of Milton, is the current owner and occupant of the farm.

² Sale of livestock was conducted weekly at livestock auctions in the community. One such auction house was located within a mile of Milton's farm at the intersection of State Route 669 and Peavine Rd. near Grantsville.

³ Throughout Milton's adulthood, the beard was understood in the community as a mark of Amish affiliation.

⁴ In the Amish Mennonite church of Milton's youth, the baptismal vows were understood to at least imply loyalty to the *Ordnung* of the congregation.

⁵ Qualification for baptism included a commitment to the congregations expectations of life style. Apparently some of the male applicants conformed by adopting the frock coat before baptism, but then dropped it, even to the extent of wearing a borrowed coat for the baptismal occasion. Milton's father seemed ready to endorse some liberty in his son's practice based on the practice of his peers.

⁶ Milton's identification of his age places the event into 1895, the year of the division in the Amish Mennonite congregation of the Casselman River area, resulting a separate identities: Old Order Amish Mennonite and Conservative Amish Mennonite. The “counsel meeting” was a members meeting that would have followed the Sunday morning church service after non-members were dismissed.

⁷ As a six-year-old, Milton observed the pain of the division of 1895. He saw the tears of the minister (Bishop Joel J. Miller would have been in charge of the meeting). The reference to brother and sister likely refers to siblings of

meeting when we went to church I guess only half of people was there.⁸ Moses (mins) Yoder was missing.⁹ Joel Miller got up said they shall fill the Singing Benches.¹⁰ The 3 churches was divided.¹¹ Family was divided. Mother's father come wanted our parance to join Yoder church. Father said we want to stay [where] we are.¹² When I seen how it went in church I decided I never join church. Often had in vation [invitation], always said no. I realy ment it. One eve on way home from school at Lewis Oyster, there where a car run over Florence Bittinger,¹³ I decided I want to Join church. [page 3] I left the minister no. Our parance said we shall obey. One reson it discouraged me, often older men was brought in church. Some drank. Some fell in love, married women. One morning father went to barn. Then a brother was out of church slep in barn. Father come in, told mother to make a Real good Breakfast, said she shall all that belong to church, she shall divide all plates. She put a plate for him. For me that was one meal I did not enjoy. Later that brother confess, was a faithful member, different one do the same.¹⁴

his parents, since Milton had no older brother and his oldest sister, Anna, was fourteen years of age at this time. *Her baptismal record is available in the JMB papers, File 07.* It appears that Milton, at age six, was not dismissed with other non-members, but chose to remove himself from the tenseness of the situation. If he had been dismissed, he likely would have been in active interaction with other boys on the grounds, perhaps in the horse barn, rather than standing under one of the maple trees that surrounded the Maple Glen meeting house.

⁸ Before the division of 1895, the Amish Mennonite church consisted two congregations, each with its own bishop and ministers, with the Mason-Dixon line as a strict geographical division, but with shared church polity and discipline. The division resulted in some Marylanders joining the Pennsylvania congregation with its Old Order sense of direction and some Pennsylvanians joining the Maryland congregation with its greater tendency toward change.

⁹ Moses D. Yoder was minister in the Maryland congregation. He sympathized with the Pennsylvania leadership and moved his membership and ministry there in the process of the division. He lived about ½ mile north of the Maple Glen meeting house on a farm adjoining the farm of his brother-in-law, minister Jacob S. Miller. At this writing (2011), the occupant and owner of Moses' farm is his great-grandson, Joseph Yoder.

¹⁰ The singing benches were a series or four or five short benches immediately in front of the ministers' table. On both sides of the table and the singing benches were a series of longer benches placed diagonally to the singing benches and parallel to the long side of the building. The term *singing benches* seems date to a time when the song leaders were seated in that area.

¹¹ Milton's reference to three churches is of interest, since it is well documented that before 1895 there were two congregations, each with two meeting houses. Milton may not have been thinking of the Cherry Glade people as divided, since the members of the Maryland congregation living in that area did not join the Pennsylvania congregation, although at least one family later relocated for that purpose. Milton likely was thinking of the people in the areas of Maple Glen, Niverton, and Summit Mills. His grandfather Elias A. Yoder lived near Summit Mills, his grandfather Wilhelm Bender was buried at Niverton in 1894, and Maple Glen was the newly adopted place of worship for his parents in 1895.

¹² Milton's mother was Mary (Yoder) Bender. Her father, Elias A. Yoder, was a minister in the Pennsylvania congregation. Mary's parents and all of her siblings identified with the Old Order congregation in Pennsylvania while Mary and husband Enoch Bender chose the Conservative congregation in Maryland.

¹³ Florence Bittinger was run over by a car when Ruth Oester's car went out of control according to Eilene Mort, "Ansel and Flossie," *Casselman Chronicle*, Nos. 3 and 4, 1989, p. 19. Milton is referring to the incident for identification of the place where he decided to join the church, not as an incident that moved him to the decision. ??Where was the residence of Lewis and Ruth Oester???

¹⁴ This is Milton's description of his observance of inconsistencies among men of the church which caused uneasiness on his part about joining the church along with questions in his mind about compliance with all church regulations. This historical account would be more complete if the man who had slept in Enoch's barn were named. It appears that the reference is to one who had been excommunicated from the church. The anecdote may be connected to the drinking mention be Milt. Whatever the case, Enoch was merciful to the man and saw that he was given a good breakfast, though seated separately from the family as an expression of avoidance or shunning of an excommunicated individual. Milton was baptized on June 5, 1904, at 14 years of age.

I made lot mistakes. Father Bought me a new over coat with a Belt and 4 Button on. Asa Schrock got one too. Other had them too. Next Meeting I see Jol ____ get up. He said them belt are agens church Rouls. I went [page 4] home tore it off, thouw it on floor. Mother cut Buttons. I Bought a Rool [roll] organ from Mary Maust for \$10.00. Other had them too. I traded it on a double barrel shot gun. Sold it at our sal for \$40.00. I helped to start party that we played at Barns. One Sunday Jol¹⁵ got up said parties are agent Church Ruls. We had a party at Jake Folk. Then I would not heop to play. They tried to pull me in the Ring. That was the last party we had.¹⁶ Minsters was real good to me that we obeyed . Some of the members made trouble in church. One man wanted ware cap, he kept on till minister allowed. After a while a Regular cap was to cold, he kept on till he wore a fur cap and over coat. I was always Thankful [page 5] that I dare ware a hat. It was too hot in the winter. All at one they had to ware a creese in the hat. It made trouble. The Button Coatsr made trouble. Joel Miller wore a belt when I joined church. Some time suspender made trouble. Our minster word suspender. I am so glad I _____ wore Spender. Now the stile is more Belt. Some was after me wore Belt. One man told me his father did not want him to ware spender, he said he just had to have them. He took of his money, Bought them.¹⁷ Jake Miller Realy was agenst differ part singing in church. It got allowed.¹⁸ Before it was allowed, minister would ask for a dong after they wait 5 minutes or more. I pity the minister so I started to lead. I have one Ready later I did not have chanse was happy one day I was working up where Norman are putting the Tractor. A young fell[ow] came and took me in the arm. I could not understand it. Later he said we want to sing of the songs we sang in church. We really enjoyed it. I enjoyed one meeting, had chance when 3 minister/bishop was on the pulpit and Ivan. Just think how nice they have to bring piece. I told one it look to me they have power. I read I Cor 11 18 19 verse. Father use that scripture when there was trouble; One reson I rite this to let you no there as trouble all along.¹⁹ Hope you will not think hard of me. It was to cold to be out. Milton E. Bender

Letter from Milton E. Bender to “Mr. Miller,” (Apparently Ivan J. Miller), Undated

The following letter bears no date, but was written after Milton’s sister, Salome (Bender) Peachey, died on June 20, 1972. Given the clarity of his memory about feeding the cattle when he went to eastern Pennsylvania for Solome’s funeral, it is likely that he wrote the letter soon after that occasion. Milton died in 1978. Many, but not all, of the misspellings and grammatical irregularities have be retained. Brackets represent editorial additions. Milton loved the land and was known as a hard worker. He was at home on his farm more than in the classrooms and with

¹⁵ Refers to Bishop Joel J. Miller in dealing with the congregations ordnung. This paragraph reflects Miltons readiness to adopt some new styles of clothing while also seeking to comply with the church regulations.

¹⁶ Barn parties of a questionable nature were a usual part of the social activities of the youth of the church in the period of the early 1890s and previous decades. In a letter of April 6, 1943, Jonas B. Miller gives a partial description of the parties in the days of his youth. See Folder 68 in the JBM materials, David I. Miller Collection, Casselman Historians Archives, Grantsville, Maryland.

¹⁷ This reference to a reluctance to wear suspenders on the part of some seems unique in the history of the Amish history of the Casselman River area, but seems to reflect an era in which suspenders previously had been a novelty.

¹⁸ Jacob S. Miller was an minister in the Amish Mennonite church and a leader in the community. He was influential in the founding of the Amish Mennonite Children’s Home. The land for the Home and for the Maple Glen meeting house were taken from his farm. It is uncertain when singing in harmony (parts) was first officially endorsed by the Conservative Amish Mennonite congregation.

¹⁹ Milton provides interesting insight into his thoughts and motives regarding this letter. He seems appreciative of the current congregational leadership and wants his bishop to know that tensions in a congregation are not a new thing.

his second language, English. He loved the church and meant to be faithful to the Lord and the church. Born in 1889, Milton writes as an octogenarian a few years before his death, embarrassed by his perspective of internal family relationships. The original is located in File 310B.—David I. Miller, February 2011

Grantsville Md

Mr. Miller greeting in the Master Name. I am asking God to lead me not my will but his I do not want to rite to you to put it in church. I am ashamed the way things look am in a tite place. When Savilla mind was good we got consent to rite a will. Put Alvin [and] Ray in exed [as executors] after we pass away. Not before. The first I knowed the sherf [sherrif] brouth me a letter now I got the second one.

When Savilla was well, we desided to sell the other farm and build a house before we are down and out. She helped to stake it off planned the house. Had plans made. Made gates in So I seen if I build I get the children agenst me. Tore roof off grade[[garage?]. I see I get enemies. Put it back on. She agreed to build or(?) move out some time. Then they work agenst it. (page 2) So we rented out. Clayton tried to stop building, now he change; He works with me. He said he want to be peace maker. He bought mashinary [machinery], won't charge any thing, [I] want to pay, he will not take any thing. Give us potatoes, rice cakes over hauls (overalls?) candy lot of things.

We gave the children all to gether almost 22 thousand. Made sale to make less work. Want to pasture cattle [and] horses. Then God left it rain can not [use] near all pasture. Ray got help. I want put [the excess grass] in silo then get Balance to make [hay] on half [shares]. They made over 5 thousand [bales of hay?]. Sold 8 load out field without my concents. I did not handle a bail. Build a shed 20X30 Want to keep it from out [by] the new house from garden to Olen Schrock fence down as far as the wood. Then pasture in summer and buy hay in winter keep cattle sheds for hobby. [page 3] Vernie [and] Carrie take Savilla to the Dr. at Cumberland Reflexology every 5 week. I and Savilla go [went to] Jane Wiley for treatment give us vitums tell us what to eat. She take a lot pain away. I get up at nite give my self treatment.

Now Alvin want to be our administrator he is afraid Savilla might write check. She can not rite a check. Alvin work for us, was kind to us, now since we build, [I] ask him to help make hay. [An] other thing, [I] think I hurt he [or him] some way, as far as I no he did not help a half a day. [I] told all children they can help to get ready for sale. He did not help or buy any thing. They come and visit us and eat with us. Frieda help in garden. Vernie help Martin move garden. Ed B[eitzel] help Wilbur Beitzel 2 boys help. Marvin Yoder Alton Wiley [page 4).

I can not put Alvin in with clear conscience. He live away. He can not run my Business. He is not interest in our work. I have a notion to get my neighbors to sign a paper [to say]if they think we are trying to take care of Savilla and if they think I can run our business. What we have Belong to the Lord. Since Jan we sold 47 fat cattle, 93 lambs sold 27 hogs. Loaded most of these my self; By [buy] cattle Bring them home feed most of these Ray gave cattle a while hay and bedded them.

The Reson there are lot of hungry people, They like if I bring cattle. I told loyer [lawyer] I not going to law [suits even] if I have to go to jail. We butchered 11 lambs 2 old sheep for us. Mutton is boiling now.

May 1969 we sold the other farm. We had planned before to build a house. I build it more for Savilla Ray Carrie then for my self wanted them to have [page 5] a home after I am gone. [In margin: Reson Carrie put her name on witness that they signed it.] I knowed they can not run the farm. The building should go with farm. When I go out the door I want to live if it was last day. I ask God to punish me so I can go to heaven. I have a desire to all go sometime. I did not want to ask you for help, but it bother my sleep. I think it can't be I have Releaf it make me happy that you pray for me. God is good to me. I am happy. Just think how we are Blessed. One man lost 190 dairy cows all his equipment. I seen some things(?) when I was at Salome funeral. Some times I think Clayton mind did not work. He did not no where he was. Was in the hospital for sometime. Some time I wonder about Ray. He does things he would not near done he year ago [page 6] he talked to me cannot understand. Since he go to that Dr. at Pitsburg and goes with men caris [chorus; probably the Cherry Glade Men's Chorus] and hauls people. Our silo fell down. While I was in bed had a sore leg it fell down then they put it [the ensilage] in trench. I bought a silo paid it. He not let me put it up in peace so I canseled it had to pay exry [extra]. Now he is so agenst silo. He won't clean it, I push it out. Only fed one [time] when I went to Salome funeral. I fed them enough till I come back, then he fed them early(?) then it heated _____ cattle. I am not Running him down I like him he is a big help. I can not Run my business in peace. Just take lot things he left Fri. will not come till Tues. Jane [Wiley] said my mind is all Right. She treats me for the mind. Now I do [know] my mind might be off. I no I am not what I use to be, never was so smart. am ashamed. Milton E. Bender

310C [Special File] Letters and Notes of Personal, Church, and Community Counsel

Note: The items in this section were found separate from the items in 309B among the IJM papers.

310C-1 May 24, 1959 – Date of the Casselman River Congregation receiving the confession of Paul E. Yoder. Various communications of earlier and later date, of Ivan J. Miller and Erie Renno to and from leaders of Conservative Mennonite Conference and other conferences relate to procedures regarding the case on the personal, congregational, and conference levels.

310C-2 1977 Correspondence related to Miriam Bruno regarding her attendance at Rosedale Bible Institute and support provided for her by Ivan J. and Della Miller.

310C-3 1981 Documents of and related to the work of an advisory committee working with a problem encountered by Yoders Incorporated, Grantsville. Yoders was a meat processing plant established out of the butcher shop business of by Eli L. Yoder and later owned and operated by Eli and sons Paul and Henry. The problem: two key employees, the general manager and an office manager living in an adulterous relationship. The advisory committee: Ivan J. Miller, Lewis Tice, Ervin Hershberger, and Clark Yoder. Concern expressed by Creed Yoder is recorded in one document.

The series which follows (310D to 310__) consists of of notebooks in which IJM records the preaching schedules in the Casselman River Conservative Mennonite Church (in 1954 and later, Conservative Mennonite) from 1938, the time of his ordination, to 1989, shortly before his death. He notes who preached which sermon at which of the three meeting houses of the Casselman River Congregation. In the early years, he designates the “opening sermon” and the “main sermon”. The opening sermon may be characterized as an extended devotional. My impression, based on memory, would assign about twenty minutes to the opening sermon and about 45 to 60 minutes to the main sermon. In the early years, he also notes the language used, German or English. In the case of his own sermons, he notes the text used. Some of the entries have added explanations and expression of feeling related to the event listed. Separate lists occur in the back part of these notebooks, including baptisms, weddings, funerals, and, some cases, special ministries such as conducting ministry in prisons.

- 310D – [Notebook, Saddle-stitched] Record of Preaching Schedules and Church Services, **1938-1940**, Book No. 1. Inscribed on the cover: “Record of Preaching Services, Book No. 1.” This book begins with the date of Ivan J. Miller’s ordination to the ministry on June 19, 1938, with some detail of that occasion, including the list of men in the lot when he was chosen: “Evan Miller, Alvin H. Yoder, Floyd Miller, Simon D. Beachy, and myself.” Communion services, baptismal services, weddings, funerals, Coal Run Mission appointments, etc., are listed in the back of the book. An entry of February 18, 1939 states: “During these next weeks, I did not preach because of a prolonged illness.” [My memory of hearing about this illness tells me that this was a case of serious strep throat and that Dr. Solosko later told IJM that without the newly developed sulfa drugs he would not have survived the illness. At a point, the doctor has asked him if he would be willing to take whiskey as a medicine. He responded in the affirmative, saying that he would accept that if and as prescribed by the doctor.] The next record of IJM preaching, after February 18, is April 14 where he did the opening, using Luke 22:25,26. He then did the main sermon on April 21
- 310E -- [Notebook, metal bound; University Swing Notebook] Record of Preaching Schedules and Church Services, **1940-1949**, Book No. 2. Some items of business, “Missionary Efforts” [jail services], weddings, funerals, Bible conferences, communion services, and baptismal services are listed in the back of the book. Entries with personal testimony include December 29, 1940 (the year past) and December 27, 1942 (poem).
- 310F – [Notebook, hard bound, “Account Book S 149] Record of Preaching Schedules and Church Services, **1949-1960**, Book No. 3. Services at Coal Run, weddings, communion services, anointing services, baptismal services and funerals are listed in the back of the book. The last public address by Jonas B. Miller (father of IJM) is listed in August 26, 1951. Entries of personal testimony are found on the following pages: 49 (ordination to office of bishop); 118 (severe snow storms, earthquake in Morocco).
- 310G – [Notebook, hard bound, “Standard Blank Book 37 3/8] Record of Preaching Schedules and Church Services, **1961-1972**, Book No. 4. Communion services, anointing services, baptismal services, weddings, funerals, and special events are listed in the back of the book. Pages with personal testimony include 11.12 (instantaneous preaching assignment), 16, 17 (passing of C. W. bender), 50 (the new year), 101 (New Year and return of first

manned space ship to orbit the moon), 118 (ordination of Ivan J. Maust as bishop and successor to IJM), 134 (note of personal experience of the day as reminder for future).
 310H – [Notebook, hard bound, “Account Book 38”] Record of Preaching Schedules and Church Services in Maple Glen, **1973-1982**, Book No. 5. Baptismal services, communion services, funerals, anointing services, weddings, and special events are listed in the back of the book. Personal testimonies on page 65 (chest pain), 84 (ministry anniversary), 88 (God’s grace and close of bishop career), 91, 92 (passing the mantle to Ivan Maust), 121 (an occasion of preaching without preparation), and page 134 (50th wedding anniversary).

Inscribed explanation by IJM:

“Books 1-4 [actually part of Book 4] record the services beginning at the time of my ordination on June 19, 1938, to December 3, 1972. From the beginning of book I to January 1966 the entire district was one congregation with three meeting houses. In January 1966 the three places, plus Coal Run, were organized into separate congregations. At present [January 1973], the following organizations obtain with the ministers serving as indicated below:

Maple Glen: Bishop – Ivan J. Miller; Ministers – Kenneth L. Yoder, Ivan J. Maust;
 Deacon -- Simon D. Beachy

Cherry Glade: Bishop – Elmer H. Maust; Minister – Alva Maust

Oak Dale: Bishop in Charge – Ivan J. Miller; Ministers – Elam C. Bender, Paul H. Yoder.
 Coal Run was merged with Oak Dale on Monday evening, Oct. 12, 1970, in a joint meeting at Oak Dale. Preliminary meetings with each group at their respective meeting houses had cleared the way for the action to merge. Details of the merger are recorded in book 4.”

310I – [Notebook, hard bound, “Account Book 37 3/8”] Record of Preaching Schedules and Church Services in Maple Glen, **1983-1989**, Book No. 6. Communion services, baptismal services, weddings, funerals, anointing services, and special events are listed in the back of the book. Pages with personal testimonies include 12 (heart attack), and 62 (Della’s hospitalization). The last entry in these records by Ivan J. Miller was made on July 16, 1989, twelve days before his death. That entry is followed by a write-in by Ivan’s son Stephen as a memorial to Papa.

310J – [Saddle-stitched black-covered notebook] – Day Book of Church Matters No. 1, from Dec. 13, 1949, to June 19, 1955.

Much of the material in this daybook runs parallel and sometimes in duplication with the material in the folders of the 305 series of the IJM materials. The researcher will want to consult the folders, the notebooks of church services, and the day books for a more complete access to the materials of the period. In the folders, the researcher will find the table of contents helpful in finding material on a specific subject or event, especially with use of an electronic search or find function. The chronological order, the inserted dates, and the marginal notes will be of significant aid.

Date Book #1 includes a period of time of critical tensions and changes in the life of the Casselman River Amish Mennonite congregation and in the ministry of Ivan J. Miller. In 1949, the ministry of the congregation consisted of Christian W. Bender (often referred to as C. W. Bender or Crist) as bishop and four ministers, Jonas B. Miller, Shem Peachey, Ivan J. Miller, and Mark Peachey. Ivan was a son of Jonas and Mark was a son

of Shem. Each of these minister, as well as the bishop were placed into the ministry by congregational vote and the use of the lot in final selection. JBM had been ordained as minister in 1897; CWB in 1915 as minister and in 1916 as bishop; IJM as minister in 1938 and Mark Peachey as minister in 1946. The two older members of the team (CWB and JBM) were convinced of the value of the Amish Mennonite mode of life style and church administration of definite regulations for members. By 1949, Shem Peachey had developed a readiness to be lenient in regard to many points of regulation, a matter which Mark endorsed. IJM can be seen as ready for some changes, but also very sensitive to the convictions of the older ministers and the principle of honoring the leadership of the bishop. Alongside these dynamics within the pastoral leadership team, a generation of young people had arisen who were exposed to young people of other Conference churches with less strict disciplines. There was considerable visiting of youth between Grantsville and points in Delaware, New York, Ohio, Indiana, and Iowa. Some had served in the I-W and voluntary service programs and considered the expectations of the home church too restrictive. An attitude had developed, on the part of some, that church regulations may be disregarded.

The effectiveness of the older administration had been seriously weakened by 1949. Through the petitions of some, the Executive Committee of the Conference became involved with the congregation. It is in this setting that IJM wrote his day book, not only as a record of facts, but also as an expression of opinions and feelings at some points. (In my own reflections on those events, I find myself weeping as I write these lines. It seems that somehow much of the tension and pain of those years might have been avoided. If only my two grandfathers (CWB and JBM) could have released their hold on congregational leadership in their later years! If only all in the church and her leadership could have had due respect and patience for the conscience with which the senior leaders were laboring! But the church had arrived at a point of transition where bridging the gap between the varied points of view held be conscientious people proved difficult and threatened the congregation with a split.

It was in the period of this day book that IJM was ordained to the office of bishop on October 1, 1953, as successor to CWB. He writes a poignant account of personal experience in the process of his selection for that office.

Various Attachments were found in Day Book #1, some as loose inserts and some stapled to the pages. The attachments are removed from the book, placed into a separate file folder designated and indexed as 310K.

310K [File Folder] Attachments from the pages of IJM Day Book #1

Attachments listed here by reference to Day Book page:

Page 4 – Statement regarding prohibition of members going to college, read to the congregation by Christian W. Bender on January 8, 1950.

Page 4 – Record and tally of responses of members regarding the question of college attendance.

Page 6 – Proposal of the ministers of the congregation, along with Bishop Emanuel Swartzendruber regarding some church “regulations,” including college attendance, singing school administration, selection of hymnal for church services, and observance of regulations in general. January 31, 1950.

Page 22 – Small paper with statement about stage of development at which little girls should be wearing the devotional covering.

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- Page 22 – Draft of letter prepared by IJM for CWB to be sent to Emanuel Peachey concerning a petition purportedly sent by members of the congregation to the Executive Committee of the Conference. July 5, 1950
- Page 28 – Letter from Shem Peachey to IJM. A biblical word study related to the subject of the belt as attire on men. October 5, 1950
- Page 35 – Statement from “Your Ministers” to the congregation in recognition of the request from some for an answer on the question of young girls wearing the devotional covering. October 15, 1950
- Page 36 – Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Asa Maust to “Dear Brother” stating the opinion that the congregation is not in readiness for communion, and their declining to participate. October 16, 1950
- Page 36 – Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Beitzel to IJM stating the opinion that the congregation is not in readiness for communion, and their declining to participate. October 18, 1950
- Page 37 – Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beitzel stating the opinion that the congregation is not in readiness for communion, and their declining to participate. October 20, 1950
- Page 37 – Letter from Christian W. Bender to Nevin Bender regarding delay of communion services and communication with the Executive Committee of the Conference.
- Page 39 – Letter from John H. Carter to IJM as a statement of clearing IJM of rumors of having inquired inadvisedly about lime as a farm supplement.
- Page 41 – Statement presented to the Casselman River Congregation with announcement of a communion service and the basis of participation.
- Page 44 – Announcement of method of electing school directors for the Christian day schools and Slate of Candidates for Reorganizing Sunday Schools.
- Page 49 – Statement prepared by the ministers of the Casselman River congregation for presentation to the ministers’ business meeting of the Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference regarding approach to congregational discipline, the need for additional ordained leadership, and a request for Emanuel Peachey to serve as bishop pro tem. August 23, 1951
- Pages 63 and 66 – Ballot and results of vote regarding future leadership via ordination of minister and bishop. April 1952
- Page 75 – Report to Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference from the ministers of the Casselman River congregation and Emanuel Peachey regarding the ordination of a minister. August 11, 1952
- Page 92 – Notes (on small piece of paper) apparently taken by IJM when in conversation with Paul Maust with reference to Lee Scheffel. August 16, 1953
- 310L [Three-ring loose leaf notebook] – Day Book of Church Matters No. 2, from Aug., 1955 to [May 3, 1964].
- The day book consists of 128 mostly typed pages. As with Day Book #1, IJM expresses his own perspectives beyond the revelations of the minutes and official reports presented to the congregation. Also, as with Day Book #1, this item is not indexed in this Table of Contents. The creation of an index for each of the Day Books, to be inserted into each and made available electronically, would be a great service to future researchers.

Various Attachments were found in Day Book #2. The attachments remain in the notebook as punched sheets in the three-ring binder.

310M [Black three-ring loose leaf notebook] – A collection of writings and notes by IJM, consisting of the following items:

1. Articles written for Mennonite Encyclopedia:
 - The Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference
 - Castleman River Congregation
 - Allegheny County, Maryland
 - Oak Dale Meeting House
 - Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and Garrett County, Maryland
 - Biography of Jonas B. Miller
2. Notes from “A collection of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and Other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776.” Includes the names of Olinger, Seyler, Yoder, and Hershberger.
3. The Amish of Garrett County, written for Yoder School 1952
4. Notes on Amish Mennonite Bishops. Explanation by IJM: “I made these notes from statements by J. B. Miller and C. W. Bender, Mar. 11, 1951.” Lists the bishops from Jacob Miller to 1951, following the old order sequence after 1895.
5. Notes about early Mennonites in New York City from Edmund Jacob Wolf, *Lutherans in America*, published by J. A. Hill in 1889.
6. Typed text of Last Will of Christian Mast, June 20, 1812.
7. Typed text copied from a paper then owned by J. B. Miller, given to him “many years ago” by Jacob S. Miller, written by Jacob himself. This two-part sheet lists the children of Joel Beachy, with information on birth and death dates, and lists the ministers ordained in the time of Joel Beachy and by Joel Beachy. Includes the statement, “Church was divided in 1877,” referring to the peaceful formation of two congregations with the Mason-Dixon line as the geographical boundary between them.
8. “Preface of Second Edition” is the text of the preface in the reprint of *Memorial History of Peter Bitsche*, reprinted by Ivan J. and Della Miller in 1953.
9. Beachy Cemetery – a list of names and dates on the markers of the cemetery on the farm of Joseph Yoder – Joel Yoder – Amos Yoder – Hans Yoder – Joel B. Miller – Benedict Miller – Peter Beachy II.
10. Swartzentruber Cemetery – Data was copied from the gravestone on October 27, 1948 by Ivan J. and Della Miller. This cemetery is located 2 ½ north of Grantsville.
11. Schedule of service of funeral of Noah Brenneman and obituary and outline of remarks by IJM.
12. Funeral Service and Obituary of Jonas B. Miller
13. Remarks by Alvin J. Miller in a setting of Ivan J. and Della Miller conversing with him in the Howard Johnson Restaurant in Lavale, Maryland. Includes comments about his life journey and the Amish Mennonite church of his youth.
14. Articles written for *Casselman Chronicle*:
 - Maple Glen Conservative Mennonite Church
 - Jonas B. and Barbara (Swartzentruber) Miller
 - The Amish Mennonite Children’s Home

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15. Article on the Amish Mennonite history from Zurich, Switzerland, to Kalona, Iowa, written for a centennial booklet in preparation by a committee in Kalona.
 16. Notes about the Schism in the Amish Mennonite Church in Somerset and Garrett Counties in 1895. Includes the names of Joseph Wittmer, John Gascho, Manassah Beachy, Joel J. Miller, and gives the sequence of certain events leading to the division.
 17. Article of Agreement between Abraham Kerns and John Bryson of the one part and David Shriver for the United States of the other part for the construction of the Casselman Bridge of 1813.
 18. Article of Agreement or deed between Henry Yoder and Yost Yoder on transfer of farm at Summit Mills.
 19. Land deed from Abraham Crosson and John Miller for land in Brothersvalley Township.
 20. List of Scriptures to be Memorized – prepared by Ivan J. and Della Miller for Yoder School.
 21. Inserts in the notebook are the following:
 - a. Public Sale bill of the estate of Jonas B. Miller. Advertises “about 400 books,” household goods, and antiques.
 - b. Paper giving the birth and death dates of Lydia’s father and mother. A paper of the same dimension and appearance gives information apparently copied in German from an old Bible of Peter Jutzi who bought it in 1829.
 - c. Letter from Elmer Maust, Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, to “Dear Brother in Christ” for enclosure of “the papers on which are the writings in the old German Bible.” November 20, 1948.
 - d. A small sheet with the inscription “Alvin J. Miller papers.” With information about the bishop ordinations of Manasa Beachy, Joel Beachy, and Joel J. Miller.
 - e. A penned copy of the text of a deed of transfer of land from Iother(?) _____ to Michael Baigely. This refers to the land later bought by Henry Yoder and which remained in the Yoder family for a number of generations.
- 310N [Black three-ring loose leaf notebook] – *A Manual of Draft Information for Ministers and other Counselors*, provided by Mennonite Central Committee, Peace Section, 1954. The Manual was produced and released to church leaders during the time of active draft for military service and an active program for conscientious objectors known as the I-W program.
- 310O [File Folder] – Program Leaflets of Annual Sunday Conference of the Casselman River Congregation, including most years from 1927-1966 and some years of the area Conservative Mennonite churches 1967 to 1988.

311-320 Personal Correspondence to/from Church Leaders

311 Letters from Ministers and Bishops not of CMC

Set of seven letters from Moses K. Horst, Maugansville, Maryland, bishop in the Washington County, Pennsylvania-Franklin County, Maryland Mennonite Conference to IJM.

January 1, 1943 – Refers to a Christmas card received and an earlier visit in connection with someone hospitalized in Washington, D.C. [My own memory associates this with Lee Scheffel having been hospitalized in Washington and Ivan and Della visiting there and lodging overnight in the Hagerstown area. Horst expresses appreciation for “your doctrine and principles.” [I recall Horst as a very conservative bishop among Mennonites and appreciating the positions and appearance of these Amish Mennonites from ninety miles west.]

February 23, 1943 – Refers to a visit by IJM and Della and her parents, C. W. and Ida Bender. Notes his absence at a bishop ordination in Lancaster Conference due to government restrictions on travel [a World War II measure to preserve resources].

May 6, 1943 – Thinks of accepting the invitation to visit IJM by doing a trip on the weekend when he preaches at their mission at Flintstone, thus saving some miles and gasoline in those war years of rationing. Reference to Bro. and Sister Peachey likely refers to Shem and Salome Peachey whom he “shares a common burden because of the loss of standards of Christian live among us.”

June 5, 1943 – Notes their need to give up the visit to Grantsville because of “present restrictions.”

May 30, 1944 – States plans to visit IJM home on Saturday and drive back to Flintstone Sunday morning in time for the Sunday morning service at Flintstone, but wonders if market (to sell farm goods) might make a Saturday visit too inconvenient for the Millers.

June 17, 1944 – Comments on the visit to Grantsville with reference to:

- 1) Mother Bender (Ida, Mrs. C.W. Bender), apparently referring an illness,
- 2) Rachel’s foot (daughter of Ivan J. and Della Miller)
- 3) Your father and sister – J. B. Miller and Catherine (Kate) Miller – Refers to J. B. as “a very interesting entertainer having a wide knowledge of the work and personnel of the church both past and present and being concerned to keep the church on the true Gospel standards which is the great concern of my soul so it is little wonder that 12 o’clock overtook us unaware . . .”
- 4) Bro. and Sister Shem Peachey – would have enjoyed visiting them
- 5) Bro. Scheffel – would have enjoyed a visit. Though having visited till midnight, they began the day early enough to drive to Flintstone for the morning services.

August 4, 1945 – Apparently in response to an inquiry from IJM, Moses K. Horst gives his evaluation of the two schools: Lancaster Mennonite School and Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Describes LMS as younger and more conservative and having not yet indoctrinated the students with “a literal reign of Christ on earth” (millennialism).

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- December 26, 1942 (postmark). Letter from Leah H. Bohn in envelope addressed to Ivan and Della Miller, expressing appreciation for their visit to the aged people in the home for the aged [in the Hagerstown, Maryland area.
- July 12, 1976 – Letter from J. C. Wenger, apparently sparked by access to the Ivan J. Miller Family recordings.
- 312 – Letters General (other than pastoral, CMC, and Local Congregational Sources
 Letter from Bob Ehret of Reith, Rohrer and Ehret, Funeral Directors, Goshen, Indiana, to IJM. Note by IJM: Received after the funeral of John Hershberger. John Hershberger, son of Samuel Hershberger, died on December 25 and is buried in Goshen, Indiana, according to the *J. B. Miller History*, p. 267. The apparent scenario is that John had died while at Goodwill Mennonite Home and the Goshen funeral director had been at Grantsville to receive the body and observed the setting to which he refers: Goodwill Home and the Maple Glen church and cemetery.
- 313 – Letters to IJM in response to his ordination as bishop
 These are letters to IJM, expressing support and best wishes in regard to his responsibilities as newly ordained bishop. The ordination date: October 1, 1953. The letters from the following:
- October 3, 1953 (post mark) – David S. Yoder and wife Savilla, Greenwood, Delaware, while travelling to Knoxville, Tennessee.
- October 4, 1953 – Eli Swartzentruber and wife Amelia, Greenwood, Delaware; he a minister in the Greenwood Mennonite Church.
- October 5, 1953 – Barbara Maust (later Barnhart), sent from Cheswold, Delaware, where she was teaching school.
- October 7, 1953 –Leland Bender, sent from Middleton, Connecticut where he was serving in a I-W assignment.
- October 20, 1953 – Valentine Nafziger and wife Christina, Milverton, Ontario. He a bishop in the church in Ontario.
- October 23, 1953 (postmark) – Envelope address to IJM with Farmwald return address; letter not found and only guessed to belong in this category.
- October 24, 1953 – Ernest Mullet, sent from Middleton, Connecticut, where he was serving a I-W assignment.
- October 26, 1953 – Andrew B. Zehr and wife Mollie, Croghan, New York
- October 27, 1953 – Clarence A. Yoder, Goshen, Indiana, bishop of Pleasant View Congregation
- November 24, 1953 – Harvey J. Miller and wife Mildred. Brother of IJM on missionary assignment in Luxembourg
- 314 – Correspondence in packet from Morris Swartzendruber to IJM 1986
 The items in this folder consist of letters between ministers in Kalona, Iowa (Gideon A. Yoder and Elmer G. Swartzendruber) and ministers in the Grantsville, Maryland, area (Jonas B. Miller and Christian W. Bender). These letters were sent by Morris Swartzendruber of Kalona, Iowa, to IJM. In a cover letter, Swartzendruber writes: “In the years since my father is gone, I have wondered what should be done with some of his material which I still have here. I finally decided I must make some disposition of it as after I am gone, others will not know what to do with it either . . . The material enclosed I found quite interesting as much of it is of a personal nature. The more I read of it, the more I concluded you might be interested in

- taking a look at it. I would hope you would do with it whatever your think is best.” The material consists of the following items:
- September 12, 1986 -- The face of the envelope in which Morris Swartzendruber sent the materials of this section to IJM.
- September 12, 1986 – The cover letter.
- October 13, 1986 – Response of IJM to cover letter and receipt of the materials.
Expresses appreciation for the letter and materials and comments on the historical perspective of family and church situations earlier and currently.
- July 28, 1913 – Letter from J. B. Miller to George J. Swartzendruber, Wellman, Iowa. A nine-page handwritten letter in classic JBM style. Comments on letter writing in his home as his job, not “Ma’s” as in the Swartzendruber home; a recent trip to Canada and the plight of a brother Schmidt who is a physical wreck from rheumatism; Mrs. Jacob Bender whose leg fracture had not recovered but who is an example of “growing old gracefully”; the deplorable condition of some of the Canadian churches and the problem of alcohol consumption; Elmer Swartzendruber’s ill health and hospitalization; Elmer’s “loving companionship of his gentle, tender-eyed Mary, who as the presiding genius in the role of homemaker would be busied with the many, many housewifely duties”; his (JBM’s) despondency when suffering from chronic indigestion in 1895 with its effect on his heart and the experience for later life and service, as one who was “ambitious, proud, conceited, high strung, high tempered, even more so than now”; with recitation of a poem of his own composition; various health needs of friends; their little boy needing a name (son Harvey was born in November 16, 1912).
- July 29, 1918 – Letter from C. W. Bender to Gideon A Yoder. Notes that Edwin Beitzel has been called to camp (military camp of WWI as a conscientious objector). Hints to Gideon that a bishop ordination might be considered in Gideon’s congregation. (The Upper Deer Creek congregation was without a bishop at that point. Ministers were Gideon A. Yoder, Amos C. Swartzendruber, and Elmer G. Swartzendruber. Gideon A. Yoder was ordained bishop in 1919.)
- September 29, 1922 – Letter from Jonas B. Miller to Elmer G. Swartzendruber. The main purpose of the letter seems to express concern and care about the illness of EGS’s mother with considerable comment regarding it. He then proceeds with mention of the conflict in the Townline congregation in Indiana, but that the conflict is expected to subside since a certain minister has left the congregation. He also notes the life style of the minister since as questionable. A note dated February 1949 and attached to the letter states that the minister in question was Jeff Troyer.
- March 31, 1921 – Letter from C. W. Bender to Gideon A. Yoder. Gives information on the annual conference to be held at Grantsville and seeds counsel concerning an ordination in Delaware.
- March 6, 1922 – Letter from Jonas b. Miller to Elmer G. Swartzendruber. Pages 1 and 2 and most of page 3 hold words of condolence and reminiscing about the death of EGS’s mother. Page 4 comments on plans for a local Bible conference and possible resource people. Page 5 elaborates of the illness of Lewis Bender.
- November 6, 1926 – Letter from C. W. Bender to Gideon A. Yoder, written from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where wife Ida was hospitalized for observation. From Pittsburg, CWB travelled to Stark County and Holmes County, Ohio, to conduct

- communion in the churches, but took sick in Stark County, later returned to Pittsburg and again to Stark County. Give the main purpose of the letter: to urge GAY that the churches in Indiana should be ordaining a bishop, especially since CWB is one of the younger bishops in the Conference and most are aging with a need for younger bishop resources.
- November 21 1927 – Letter from C. W. Bender to Gideon Yoder. Uses Goshen, Indiana, as place of writing but also refers to writing on the train bound home. Served congregations as bishop in Middlebury, Indiana (ordained Sam T. Eash as bishop), Holmes County, Ohio, Howard County, Indiana. In a closing comment, states: “Since my trip, I feel to be real slow in starting churches in some localities.” Comments also about having arrived at home and some people at home: Deaths of Mrs. Eli Handwerk, Lucreta (Mrs. Dan J.) Miller, and Mrs. M. M. Beachy doing poorly. (Lucy (Miller) Beachy, wife of bishop Moses M. Beachy, died November 25. 1927).
- March 18, 1930 – Letter from J. B. Miller to Elmer G. Swartzendruber, dealing with the thesis of “Bro. Gingerich” that ancestry and background of the Helvetians (Swiss) was Pheonician. Give reasons for rejection of the theory and refers to resources such as D’Aubignes, *History of the Reformation*; Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia; Encyclopedia Britannica. Also mentions the death of bishop Noah E. Miller of Springs Mennonite Church and comments on his personality and leadership style.
- March 26, 1930 – Letter from Elmer G. Swartzendruber to J. B. Miller on the question of Pheonician ancestry of the Helvetians. He doubts if “very much,” but proceeds, in this five-page letter, to recognize both arguments. Refers to resources such as *Biographical Dictionary of Saints*; S. Baring Gould, *Lives of Saints*; Professor Kurtz, *Church History*; Karl Dändliker, *A Short History of Switzerland*; F. Grenfell Baker, *The Model Republic – A History of the Rise and Fall of the Swiss People*;
- July 15, 1930 – Letter from C. W. Bender to Gideon A. Yoder. Announces the ordination of Shem Peachey, seven men having been in the lot. Mentions the drowning of a young Lutheran minister, who had been raised at Grantsville, in Lake Erie; Bertha Loechner falling from a Cherry tree while staying in the John D. Yoder home; wheat and hay harvesting in progress.
- May 30, 1931 – Letter from J. B. Miller to Elmer G. Swartzendruber. Writes a full page of sympathy regarding the illness of EGS’s father. Page 2 tells of a Swartzentruber family homecoming “at the old homestead”. Speaks of the eventual triumph of virtue, integrity, purity, and true godly nobility of character, and comments: “Oh! If the departed Barbara could only have heard the statements which now thrill my heart as I think of them.”
- June 5, 1931 – Letter from J. B. Miller to Elmer G. Swartzendruber. JBM thanks EGS for promptly submitting the obituary of his father, George Swartzendruber, and then proceeds with extensive words of condolence and philosophical observations about the loss of loved ones. Describes the Sunday school teachers meeting in the Milton E. Hershberger home and the occasion of sharing the EGS letter with Evan J. Miller
- May 10, 1932 – Letter from C. W. Bender to Gideon A. Yoder, written from Holmes County, Ohio; Middlebury, Indiana; Stark County, Ohio, and while riding the

- train en route. Was on a trip from home about two weeks. Mentions church work in the locations of his visits as bishop, including the ordinations of Dan Eash as deacon and Simon Coblentz as minister, and various individuals. Upon arrival by train in Meyersdale, son Harvey was there to meet him.
- April 3, 1936 – Letter from J. B. Miller to Elmer G. Swartzendruber. As editor of *Herold der Wahrheit* (English part), JBM has on hand an article which he hesitates to publish and is asking counsel from EGS. He then proceeds to express his frustrations as editor due to his perception of lack of support for the *Herold* and his work as editor. He includes this statement: “I had hoped I could serve the church and the *Herold* constituency and the cause of Christ and in turn receive some help toward a living, but with exception of 1934, this was not forthcoming for a number of years.”
- April 10, 1936 – Letter from Elmer G. Swartzendruber to Jonas B. Miller. Comments on the article of the April 3 letter, but without definite counsel on whether or not to publish it. Talks of dreaming of “talking with you and Allen’s children, that I picked up little Jonas . . .” (Likely referring to Allen and Alma (Miller) Maust and their son Jonas, born in 1928). Consoles JBM concerning *Herold* difficulties, suggestion the apparent indifference does not reflect on his work, but on the busyness of the people. Writes at some length about the building project (Fairview church).
- May 30, 1940 – Letter from the ministry of Locust Grove Mennonite Church (Emanuel B. Peachey, John B. Zook, Ben F. Glick) to “Dear Brethren, suggesting that they have received information about the pending national military conscription and that resources, such as John S. Mast and S. G. Shetler, who have had experience with the government in time of war, be invited to the upcoming annual conference to give information on the situation.
- July 24, 1940 – Letter from J. B. Miller to Elmer G. Swartzendruber concerning national military conscription and the response of the non-resistant church to it. Local persons named in the discussions are C. W. Bender, Shem Peachey. Mention is made of the “statement issued by the brethren of the “Valley,” apparently referring to Belleville, Pennsylvania, and to correspondence with Harold Bender of the Mennonite Peace Problems Committee. JBM seems uncertain about the suggestion of inviting men with experience in dealing with war issues, since “the issues of that day are past; its exemptions and helps are things of the past, and to have men tell of their achievements . . . [is] not germane or to the point today.” The illness of Mrs. Noah Breneman is noted. The letter of May 30, 1940, from the ministerial body of the Locust Grove congregation was found in this envelope of the July 24 letter.
- January 6, 1946 – Letter from J. B. Miller to Elmer G. Swartzendruber. Informs EGS of the apparently terminal illness of Ansel Miller, cousin of JBM and friend of EGS. Hearing the clock strike while writing, JBM mentions the passage of time represented by that clock which had belonged to him and wife Barbara from the early days of their marriage, installed in their home then as a “new clock”.
- September 17, 1946 – Letter from J. B. Miller to “Dear Brother.” Response to a request for a vote for Publication Board member (Amish Mennonite Publication Board, sponsor of *Herold der Wahrheit*). Deliberates between Wagler and Nisly, then

votes for Nisly. Comments further on situations related to the *Herold*. Regrets the trends in Mennonite circles and attitudes of many of our conference members and admits to “a smarting thorn in the flesh and realizes that “the younger man of the ministry have the powers of prime manhood, with active, virile minds and bodies . . . but the time will come when the youngest man in the ranks will be as old and as impotent as the oldest man of today . . .” Refers also to a pamphlet on Jacob Swartzendruber and his dissatisfaction in the Casselman River area along with Bishop Joel Beachy’s disapproval of the practice of bundling.

321-330 – Historical Items Related to the IJM Church and Family

321 – Items of Della’s History

Family Almanac of 1913, published by Mennonite Publishing House, 55 pages plus ads. The front cover bears the inscription, “Della Bender.” In addition to the usual almanac information on the calendar and zodiac, the booklet contains articles by Mennonite writers and rosters of ministers and institutions of various Mennonite groups. The articles consist of (1) a biography the musician Joseph Funk of Virginia, (2) “Jerusalem the wonderful City,” S. C. Yoder telling of the eventual results of a first drink, (3) “Proper Care of Children, (4) “Health Hints.”

322 – Items of Ivan’s Family History

Packet of papers consisting of the following items: (1) a letter from IJM to Elmer G. Swartzendruber (October 10, 1952), requesting EGS to write an article on the life of Jonas B. Miller for *Mennonite Yearbook*, (2) a letter from IJM to EGS (November 23, 1952) as a cover letter for sending to him a copy of the JBM obituary, (3) a letter from EGS to IJM with enclosure of the article and comments about it, (4) the article by EGS, titled “Jonas B. Miller, 1870-1952,” (5) obituary of Jonas B. Miller, (6) Schedule of the Service – Funeral of Jonas B. Miller, September 23, 1952 – in the worksheet stage, and (7) Schedule of the Service, apparently in final form. The IJM letter of October 10, 1952, consists of two pages and includes family news with mention of Ruth, David, Rachel, and Esther.

323 – Family of Christian W. Bender (Della’s family)

“Inside Sheet” of auction of effects of C. W. Bender, July 16, 1963. These sheets are the tallies of the “inside clerk”. Persons listed, with tally of monetary values of their purchases: Floyd Bender, Philip Bender, Omar Bender, Simon Beachy, Paul Bender, Leslie Byler, Harvey Bender, Sanford Bender, Richard Bender, Oren Bender, Omar Maust, Willard Maust, Markel Maust, Ivan Maust, Evan Maust, Daniel Miller (Lancaster), David I. Miller, Fannie Miller, Elmer H. Maust, Paul Maust, Ivan J. Miller, Paul E. Yoder.

324 – Family of Jonas B. Miller (Ivan’s family)

Estate of Alvin J. Miller in which IJM served as executor. This folder holds the communications from the Orphan’s Court, including the distribution of the assets. In view of this information being public and accessible to any interested person, the decision was reached to leave the material on file here, as its point of provenance, rather than moving it to the Alvin J. Miller collection of the archives.

325 – Genealogy (General)

Notes “copied August 26, 1969, while in Kansas”. Likely taken by Della Miller. Consists information on (1) the first settlers of Yoder, Kansas, taken from the Hutchinson

newspaper, including the names of Christian C. Miller and Eli Yoder, (2) George Petersheim and Peter Petersheim, taken from Descendants of Jacob J. Petersheim and Anna Yoder, and (30) Daniel A Nisley who married Elizabeth Mast and their move to Kansas, including the names of Eli Nisly, Noah Beachy, Abraham Nisly, and Christian Bontrager.

No date – Letter from Joseph E. Hershberger (son of Edwin Hershberger), Iowa City, Iowa, to IJM inquiring about the history of Peter Hershberger (died 18927). Lists Peter’s children with birth date.

326 – Local History (General)

Letter from Paul V. Hostetler, Hamden, Connecticut, to The Miller Family. Apologizes for taking the motel key home and apparently enclosed it with the letter. Comments on his visit to Grantsville with Virgil Miller and the opportunity of Virgil and Kate (Catherine J. Miller) meeting each other. Had visited the historic sites of Peter Beachy, Joseph Maust, Hochstetler homestead, John Miller Sr. at Berlin.

Paper with inscription by IJM: “Old paper found among books from the Donald Hershberger sale.” Writer and date not given. A single sheet without definite beginning or ending. The writer visited “at Grandfather Gortner” when the writer was “teaching at Sunnyside.” Statements by the writer: “both the old folks were living then in a small house they had built when they retired from farming. Their granddaughter Nettie, about 3 years old, and her mother were visiting the grandparents too.” The three generations in reference are Frederick Gortner (4), and daughter Mary (Gortner) Breuninger (34), and granddaughter Nettie Breuninger, born May 24, 1890, married Noah E. Miller. (The parenthetical numbers refer to *The Daniel Bender Family History*.) So, whatever the date of the writing, if Nettie was three years old, the writer shares a memory of 1893 in this document, including a cute anecdote of little Nettie. In all likelihood, the paper was written by or to Donald Hershberger’s mother, Catherine (Kate) (Beachy) Hershberger.

331-340 – Church History – General

331 – Congregational and Regional History

Alden – “The History and Socialological factors of the Alden Mennonite Church of Alden, New York,” a college term paper by Mervin L. Bontrager, 1961.

Copper Creek – “History of Copper Creek Amish Mennonite (Conservative)

Congregation in Howard-Miami Counties, Indiana, Community,” by Ivan I. Miller of Elkhart, Indiana, 1982, 18 pages. Covered by a letter from Ivan I. Miller to IJM, December 28, 1982.

Denmark – Clipping from *Gospel Herald*, “Mennonites in Demark: a Surprising Discovery,” translated from *Algemeen Doopsgezind Weekblad* by Jan Gleysteen, 1976.

East Center – “A History of the Old Order Amish Mennonite Sunday School, East Center Congregation, Hutchinson, Kansas,” by Val J. Headings, Jr. Purpose, date, and occasion of writing not given. This paper occurs in two formats: (1) a typed copy of 2 ¼ pages and (2) a one-page clipping from *Mennonite Historical Bulletin*, April 1959.

Germantown, Pennsylvania – Clipping of 1962 from Mennonite Weekly Review with title, “First Permanent Mennonite Settlement in America Begun at Germantown, 1683.

Grantsville, Maryland – “The Mennonite Amish Way of Life with Emphasis on the Amish in the Grantsville and Nearby Points in Pennsylvania, “ a college term paper by Ruth B. Propst of Cumberland, Maryland, 26 pages, 1961. IJM is listed among “people who were so generous in their help.” Pages 1 and 3 of notes in IJM’s hand concerning the Amish division of 1693 appear to be associated with the project and are filed with the document. The paper gives background of Anabaptist history and moves into describing the various local Amish and Mennonite groups. This appears to be a draft in progress, not final. It lacks footnotes, bibliography is hand-written. It seems to be among the papers of IJM as a draft for further consultation. It holds an amazing degree of information. But the reader should be aware of the following needed corrections:

- p. 12 – The terms “church Amish” and “house Amish” are not applicable to the Grantsville community, since the Amish Mennonites had built church houses in 1881 before the formation of two Amish Mennoite groups, Old Order and Conservative in 1895.
- p. 12 – The Old Orders of the Casselman River area do not meet in homes for church services and have not had an ordained deacon since 1895. In the pages which follow, the descriptions of church services in home likely were picked up from general literature about the Amish.
- p. 17 – Benedict Miller married the daughter of Peter Beachy II.
- p. 19 – In addition to Eli Yoder and son Henry, son Paul also was involved in the operation of Yoder’s Locker Plant.
- p. 20 – Bishop Christian Yoder was located in the Berlin, Pennsylvania, area of Somerset County.
- p. 21 – Many of the early and later generations of the Beachy family were not Amish.
- p. 22 – After the division of 1927 and the formation of the Beachy Amish Mennonite congregation, both groups (Old Order and Beachy) used both meeting houses (Niverton and Summit Mills) on alternate Sundays until the construction of the Mountain View meeting house by the Beachy Amish in the 1950s.
- p. 24 – Wilhelm Bender is buried in the Niverton church cemetery (now Old Order).
- p. 25 – Joel B. Miller did not serve as bishop, nor was he ordained as a minister.
- p. 26 – Miriam, daughter of Ivan J. Miller, married a Maust.

Greenwood, Delaware – “Greenwood Mennonite Church: Attitudes Toward Change, Progressivism, and Discipline,” a college term paper by Mildred Bender, 1958.

Greenwood – “History of the Greenwood Conservative Mennonite Community,” a college term paper by Nevin Bender, [Junior], 1961.

Hutchinson, Kansas – “Conservative Amish Mennonite Church Record.” Author and date not given. Thus running account of the establishment of the congregation runs to 1950.

- Kansas Historical Marker – Clipping from *Mennonite Weekly Review* of photograph of marker: “Kansas Historical Marker – the Mennonites in Kansas. Notes the immigration of Mennonites from Russia to Kansas beginning in 1974.
- Lewis County, New York – Clipping from *Mennonite Weekly Review*, May 24, 1962, on “First Amish Settlers Came to Lewis County, N.Y. from France in 1830s”.
Congregations mentioned include Croghan, Lowville, Woodville, First Mennonite, Pine Grove.
- Locust Grove – Clipping from *Pennsylvania Farmer*, of an article on Locust Grove Mennonite Church, Belleville, PA.
- Locust Grove – “The Beginnings of Locust Grove Conservative Mennonite Church,” a college term paper by Roy T. Hartzler, 1958
- Locust Grove – A typed paper of two pages titled “History Given by Gid S. Glick at Dedication”. It refers “back 51 years to the fall of 1898,” placing this paper at about 1948 or 1949. This apparently refers to the dedication of the remodeled Locust Grove church house and the dedication of it on September 19, 1948. Glick traces the history of the Locust Grove congregation from 1898. An attached sheet from Erie Renno to IJM offers “a complete list of ordained men” at Locust Grove. It appears the IJM drew on these papers when writing on Locust Grove in *History of Conservative Mennonite Conference*, pp. 231-237.
- Maryland – “Beginnings of the Mennonite Church in Middle and Eastern Maryland,” by H. Austin Cooper, 1966, 19 pages. Includes migration into Somerset County and the origin of Springs Mennonite Church.
- Springs Mennonite Church, Springs, Pennsylvania – Program brochure of sesquicentennial commemorative conference of the congregation, July 12-14, 1940. Lists nearly one dozen speakers from various areas in memory of the 150 year history of the congregation.
- Townline – *Townline Conservative Mennonite Church*, Shipshewana, Indiana – A brief Sketch and History of 100 Years, 1976, 17 pages.
- Townline – “Organization and Expansion of the Townline Congregation,” a college term paper by Wilma Kaufman, 1956.
- Turkey Run – Clipping from Gospel Herald, August 15, 1978, “Oldest Ohio church celebrates 175th”.
- Upper Deer Creek, Iowa – “History of Upper Deer Creek Church – Mennonite History and Thought Term Paper,” by Delmer Yoder, pre-1961.
- Upper Deer Creek – “A Brief History of the Upper Deer Creek Congregation,” a college term paper by Bertha Beachy, 1957.
- Wellman and Kalona, Iowa – “Amish Mennonite Church Centennial Anniversary,” Compiled by Elmer G. Swartzendruber, 1953, 81 pages. “A short history of the settlement, organization and progress of the Amish and Mennonite Church in the Iowa, Johnson and Washington Counties area, near Wellman and Kalona, Iowa.
- Williamsville, New York – Clipping from The Amherst Bee, “Mennonites Active Here.”
Caption: “Harding Avenue Mennonite Church Group Started Construction on Own Place of Worship in 1941.” Describes the origin and development of the work, including involvement of Richard Bender.

- 332A – Amish Mennonite History, manuscripts of book length on the subject. Writers or promoters of the project include A. C. Swartzendruber, J. D. Gingerich, S. F. Swartzendruber, and S. D. Guengerich, all from the Kalona, Iowa, area. The manuscript deals with pre-Anabaptist developments in the believers church and traces the Amish Mennonite history through the Reformation, the Swiss Brethren, and the Jacob Amman period to America. The so-called Amish Division Letters are quoted and reproduced extensively. The copies in this file are entirely in German, apparently submitted to Evan J. Miller for translation into English. Editions of these manuscripts are located also in the Catherine J. Miller Collection in the Conservative Mennonite Conference in Rosedale, Ohio, in more developed condition, including introductory and background correspondence and extensive translation of the text of the manuscripts. The Collection in Rosedale also includes a section on the local Iowa Amish Mennonite history. (I recall my father (IJM) referring to an effort for writing a book-length history of the Amish Mennonites with Uncle Evan somehow involved, but that the project was given up and discontinued.)
- 332B – Various Mennonite History Items
- Article or chapter (removed from some publication) titled, “The Mennonites,” by Ernest O. Kooser of Somerset, Pennsylvania, 1940. The author traces Mennonite history and notes the presence of Mennonites in Somerset County. Apparently written with a motive of advocating freedom of religion for the Mennonites.
- Clipping of article, “Early Mennonite in War and Peace,” and a picture of Sunday morning worship service for COs at Camp Funston, Kansas during World War I.
- 333 – Biography of Church Leaders
- 333A – Biographical of Ivan J. Miller
- Clipping and cover letter from Creed and Miriam Yoder to Della Miller. Robert (Bob) Yoder writes in a church paper column, “Along the Path,” about his great-uncle Ivan J. Miller’s “gentle voice [which] rose from the depths of a humble heart” as noted by Bob upon listening to a recording of his parent’s wedding of 1954. January 12, 2004
- 333B – Various Biographical Materials
- Ida (Hershberger) Bender (Mrs. C. W. Bender) Obituary (1876-1945)
- Earl and Idella Maust – A clipping from Mennonite Weekly Review, June 11, 1970, announces the Mausts up and coming 50th wedding anniversary celebration.
- Jonas B. Miller – Letter from Andrew Gingerich, secretary of Executive Committee of Conservative Mennonite Conference, address to Casselman River Congregation, Grantsville, Maryland. This is a letter of sympathy to the congregation related to the loss of minister J. B. Miller. See Report of Conservative Mennonite Conference, 1953, pp. 53, 54.
- Christian M. Nafziger – College term paper by Eileen Lehman, 1957, titled “Christian M. Nafziger 1861-1953, 11 pages. Two additional papers are attached: (1) an historical sketch of the Amish Mennonite church in Lewis County, New York, and (2) a historical sketch by Luella R. Moser.
- Mark Peachey – Announcement in the publication of Eastern Mennonite College of the death of Mark Peachey under the title of “EMC Trustee, Peachey, Dies.
- John L. Stauffer – An issue of Eastern Mennonite College Bulletin, January 1960, devoted to the memory of Stauffer, former president of EMC. Contributors are John R.

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- Mumaw, Clarence Ramer, Moses Slabaugh, Ira E. Miller, John L. Horst, Chester K. Lehman, and Lois Staufer Messner.
- J. C. Wenger – Picture of J. C. and Ruth Wenger sent to IJM with note of February 12, 1966 along with other pictures being returned to IJM. The picture is dated 1961.
- J. C. Wenger – A free-hand drawing by JCW of the likenesses of his father and mother, with this inscription: “This was done by John at a conference at the same table where I sat. IJM” The picture is dated February 3, 1970
- J. C. Wenger – Clipping from Gospel Herald, Feb. 1981, saying, “Dinner given in Honor of J. C. Wenger”. A second clipping from *Gospel Evangel* announces the title, “Friends Recognized J. C. and Ruth Wenger”.
- J. C. Wenger – “A Brief Biographical Sketch of the Author” J. C. Wenger), written by Bob Detweiler, 1984.
- Paul H. Yoder – Copy of material sent by Della Miller to Paul H. and Marie Yoder, apparently requested by them or their family, for the celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary. Consists largely of excerpts from the IJM ministerial records.
- 333C – Elmer G. Swartzendruber (1890-1960)
Copy of a manuscript on EGS by Morris Swartzendruber, son of Elmer. A cover letter (undated) indicates that Morris had sent or given a copy, upon request, to IJM. The cover letter solicits IJM’s critique. Notes by IJM on a separate sheet indicates ideas for Morris to consider. The author writes on a separate sheet: “This manuscript is copyrighted by the undersigned, July 24, 1981. Morris Swartzendruber, Kalona, Ia.” As indicated in the letter, the manuscript is not a finished product. 124 pages.
A college term paper on EGS by Esther Schrock, January 29, 1961.
- 334 – Institutions
Rosedale Bible College – A paper by Elmer S. Yoder, “Sketches of the Past – Rosedale Bible Institute.” 8 pages
- 335 – Bibliography
List of papers prepared by students at Eastern Mennonite College pertaining to the history of Conservative Mennonite Conference. Sent by Irvin B. Horst to IJM in connection with IJM writing the CMC history. August 31, 1961
- 336 – Missions, History of
College term paper by Emery J. Miller, May 16, 1965, titled “The Missions Emphasis of the Conservative Mennonite Church, past and present.” 8 pages.
- 337 – Conservative Mennonite Conference, History of (non-IJM)
Address of Elmer G. Swartzendruber, “Experiences of the Past,” given at the annual Conference of Conservative Mennonite Conference, held at Wooster, Ohio, August 10, 1955.
Richard Showalter, Conservative Mennonite Conference – A Short History, 1971. Picture of lunch time at 1912 Sunday school conference at Maple Glen, Grantsville, spread across front and back cover. Two men in lower right: Christian W. Bender (front) and Lewis Maust. On left with horse in background: Joel Maust.
- 338 – *History of Conservative Mennonite Conference*, by Ivan J. Miller, 1985
- 338A – Arrangements and Planning for the Book

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- January 22, 1960 – Letter from IJM to John C. Wenger noting the need for a gathering the history of the Conference and the possibility of a book. Asks counsel on IJM's own ability for such a task. Refers to the IJM writings in Mennonite Encyclopedia.
- January 27, 1960 – Letter from IJM to John A. Hostetler. Includes a paragraph concerning the 50th anniversary of Conservative Mennonite Conference and the prospect of producing a history of the Conference. Asks for a candid answer to the questions: Should a man of limitations as mine, coupled with lack of formal training, think of such an undertaking?
- February 3, 1960 – Letter from John A. Hostetler to IJM, expressing his opinion, based on his reading of the IJM articles in Mennonite Encyclopedia, that IJM should write the Conference history.
- February 20, 1960 – “Proposal for the Writing of a History of the Conservative Mennonite Conference”. Inscription by IJM: “Copy mailed to Val Headings at Fellowship Meeting, Alden, N.Y. Saturday Feb. 20, after snow storm turned us back home. (As I type this notation, I remember the experience of my parents being unable to drive the entire way from Grantsville to Alden, getting a motel room, and returning home. David I. Miller, March 27, 2011)
- March 17, 1960 – Letter from David Showalter of the Conference Executive Committee, stating that the Executive Committee decision to present to the ministers the idea of a conference history being written with a committee consisting of IJM a conference historian along with Morris Swartzendruber and an additional brother to be selected by the two.
- March 26, 1960 – Letter from IJM to Morris Swartzendruber reporting on Executive decision and posing the question of a third member of the committee.
- April 3, 1960 – Letter from Morris Swartzendruber to IJM. Regarding the third member of the Book Committee, he suggest Eli D. Miller and wonders about Shem Peachey.
- April 4, 1960 – Letter from J. C. Wenger to IJM. Responds to a previous letter from IJM, suggesting that a conference history should pay its own way, that IJM should be the author, and that Merlin Swartz is interested in writing a Conference history.
- April 16, 1960 – Letter from IJM to Eli D. Miller asking for him to serve on the Conference history book committee.
- April 18, 1960 – Letter from Eli D. Miller to IJM, noting the favorable reaction of the ministers in meeting at Alden, New York, to the proposal of a Conference history.
- April 27, 1960 – Letter from IJM to Morris Swartzendruber and Eli D. Miller (Book Committee) with questions on (1) author of the book, (2) financing the book, (3) getting materials from the congregations, and (4) a proposed outline of the book.
- May 1960 – Letter from Eli D. Miller to IJM, responding to letter of IJM of April 27, responding to a proposed outline for the book, and suggests Evan J. Miller for consideration as author, financial underwriting by the Conference, and a committee to carry out the work.
- May 29, 1960 – Letter from Morris Swartzendruber to IJM and Eli D. Miller, suggesting IJM as author of the book, comments on financing the project, and the use of questionnaires to the congregations for collecting material.
- June 30, 1960 – Letter from IJM to MS and EDM. Notes items of authorship and finances. Evan J. Miller is not available to take primary responsibility as author. IJM not finances as born by self if necessary IF he were author, but would accept both

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- responsibilities only if both of committee found it be God's will. Asks each to consider and to meet for further processing on the first day of the upcoming annual conference.
- July 11, 1960 – Letter from Eli D. Miller to IJM and MS. Suggests IJM as author, finances as Conference responsibility, approval of IJM outline of contents, each mission and congregation providing self-material.
- November 21, 1960 – Letter from IJM to MS and EDM with suggested form enclosed for use in soliciting information from congregations and suggesting the MS gather information from western locations and Eli from mid-west locations.
- 1960 – Outline soliciting information from the congregations with introductory information and request from IJM.
- December 3, 1960 – Letter from John A. Hostetler responding to IJM's out line as "comprehensive " and "nothing to suggest in addition."
- December 8, 1960 – Letter from Eli D. Miller to IJM with approval of the forms prepared for gathering congregational information. Also refers to the work at Plain City, Ohio (apparently involvement of the Executive Committee in that area) as "a knotty problem."
- July 11, 1961 – Letter from IJM to Irvin B. Horst, requesting papers written by students at Eastern Mennonite College on the history of Conservative Mennonite Conference. Requests and interview with Horst. (Note: The papers received from Horst, apparently in response to this letter, are located in File # 331 of the IJM materials.)
- 338B – Resources and Materials for the Conference History
- Pictures of 1961 in Envelope #1. Subjects include Sisters' Meeting officers (Della Miller, Anna Hershberger, and Martha Yutzky), Executive Committee of Conference (Orie Kauffman, Eli D. Miller, Ivan J. Miller, Erie Renno, and Jesse L. Yoder,) Richard Bender preaching Conference sermon, and Mickey Zehr in conversation with another man.
- Picture of ministers of Conservative Mennonite Conference at Ministers Fellowship in Geauga County, Ohio, March 1967.
- Letter from David I. Miller to IJM, covering a document discovered in the office of Rosedale Mennonite Missions by Jesse Zook, "Beginnings of Conservative Mennonite Missions." Sent to IJM for "what it may be worth to you."
- Photocopies of pages from early Mennonite Yearbooks consisting of rosters of Amish Mennonite Churches (Conservative) of various years. Dates not included on the copies.
- 338C – Text and Editing of the Conference History
- Letter from Stanley Yoder of Mennonite Publishing House as cover letter for sending "proofs of Chapter seven." May 8, 1985
- A ten-page double-spaced draft typed on scrap paper with numerous editorial markings by IJM. Includes "Chapter 4 West of the Alleghenies" and pages 5-7 of "The Amish division." These pages appear to be a step in the process of writing *History of Conservative Mennonite Conference*.
- 338D – Advertising the Conference History
- Letter from the Sugarcreek Budget Publishers to IJM answering questions about advertising in their paper. October 1, 1977
- Letter from IJM to *The budget* with ads to be run in their paper.

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- Ads sent by IJM to *The Budget of History of Conservative Mennonite History* and long play records of Ivan J. Miller family. November 25, 1985.
- Letter to *Mennonite Weekly Review* for sending two items for possible book review: *History of Conservative Mennonite Conference*, and *Pennyroyal*. Also includes an ad. September 12, 1985
- Brochure advertising the Conference History.
- Small sign posted for sale of Conference History, likely at table at annual conference.
- 338E – Sales of the Conference History
- Four Invoice Books with carbon copy sheets of sales slips of the Conference History sold to individuals, libraries, schools, and other organizations.
- Statement from Broese Kemink of Meern, Holland requesting return payment for a book ordered in excess by mistake and reply from Della Miller after Ivan's death. 1990
- 338F – Inventory and Finances of the Conference History
- October 24, 1985 – Invoice from Mennonite Publishing House for printing
- February 5, 1986 – Letter from IJM to Elmer S. Yoder, chairman of the Historical Committee, responding to Yoder's letter of January 31 (attached). Includes financial information on IJM financing the Conference History and the historical drama performed at the 75th annual conference.
- August 14, 1986 – Notes by IJM of information shared with the Conference Executive Committee in session on the finances of publishing the Conference History, with written report to follow.
- August 27, 1986 – Written report for the Executive Committee as follow-up to the report of August 14.
- October 15, 1986 – Letter from John Mishler, secretary-treasurer of the Conservative Mennonite Conference, indicating check enclosed as “subsidy for the uncovered outlay of monies for the writing of the Conference History.”
- October 18, 1986 – Letter from IJM to John Mishler acknowledging a check of \$2,000.
- July 29, 1987 – A report, as follow-up to a phone call of July 25, with information “regarding the status of the Conference history books.”
- August 18, 1987 – Letter from John Mishler to IJM indicated check of \$2,000 enclosed as second subsidy regarding expenses in publishing the Conference History.
- August 22, 1987 – Letter from IJM to John Mishler, acknowledging the check of August 18 and stating a readiness to issue a statement excusing Conference of any further financial responsibility in the matter. IJM adds a further paragraph:
 “It is now a little over 49 years that the Lord laid His hand on us for the ministry. Ordination procedures were different then. From the beginning of the service that morning, on through the church giving her voice, the drawing of the lot, and the charge, Della and I had no opportunity to exchange any counsel except through prayer. I remained calm till we were together in the car with the little ones and driving out of the parking lot and then my emotions broke. Della put her hand on mine and said, ‘I will stand by you and the Lord will help us. How true both observations have been!’”
- August 13, 1988 – Financial Statement on the Conference History project by IJM.
 Inscription by IJM: “Presented to John Mishler, Conf sec., who presented this to the Conf. body. I assume this will be the final report to Conf. unless Conference feels to do something about it further.”

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- No date – Small sheets staple together with numbers of finances and inventory of the Conference History.
- 338G – Ownership and Copyright of the Conference History
- April 25, 1985 – Request for Preassignment of Library of Congress Catalog Card Number:85-071553
- September 24, 1986 – Letter from John Mishler to IJM referring non-specifically to agenda about the Conference History and the Children’s Home as agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting.
- October 3, 1986 – Letter from IJM to John Mishler referring to the items of the September 24 Mishler letter and explaining his health issue of a heart attack.
- 338H – Reviews of and Comments about the Conference History
- September 30, 1985 – Letter from J. C. Wenger to IJM with congratulations on completion of the Conference History and complimentary comments on its quality.
- October 7, 1985 – Letter from Noah L. Hershey, moderator of Lancaster Mennonite Conference, with complimentary comments on the quality of the work.

341-350 [File Folders] Extra-CMC (Non-Conservative Mennonite Conference) Items

341. [file folders] – Documents and Letters of/about non-CMC Agencies/Organizations

341A - Mennonite Central Committee

- July 2, 1954 – For a copy of Manual of Draft Information for Ministers and Other Counselors, see 310L.
- December 15, 1951 – Report by Elmer G. Swartzendruber – “somewhat of a review of the past year in Relief, Refugee and Peace work of the church, as well as the present draft status of our CO men and the work that lies before us in the coming year if the Lord tarries longer for us here.” Includes information on Voluntary Service, Espelkamp, and the draft.
- December 31, 1954 – Cover letter of this date with IJM inscription: “Important – on non combatant service.” The letter covers a report of an interview by Orlando Harms and J. B. Toews with representatives of the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C. on the subject of non-combatant service in the military.
- September 1955 – *Mennonite Mental Health News*, featuring survey results and statistics of the presence and extent of mental illness in the Mennonite constituency.
- No date – “Pastoral Help in serious Mental Illness,” a pamphlet published by the National Association for Mental Health, likely provided to IJM by Brook Lane Farm.
- October 11, 1955 – Letter from John Purves of MCC to IJM regarding fund-raising for the expansion of Brooklane Farm.
- October 28, 1955 – Letter from IJM to John Purves reporting that he had contacted Joe Yoder, Old Order Amish bishop and also contacted the Beachy Amish Mennonites and he believes that support will be forthcoming. Inquires about Purves’ interest in presenting the case to the Conservative Mennonite congregation.

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- November 2, 1955 – Letter from John H. Purves, Brook Lane Farm, regarding information sent to Joseph Yoder and Eli Tice, and arranging for a meeting to present the Brook Lane program at Maple Glen.
- November 11, 1955 – Letter from IJM to John H. Purves, regarding schedules for Purves' presentation at Maple Glen.
- November 1955 – *Mennonite Mental Health News*, featuring the expansion program of the Brook Lane Farm mental hospital.
- June 1, 1958 – *The I-W Mirror*, a publication of reflections for and about Mennonite and Brethren in Christ I-Ws. (I-W was a Selective Service classification of conscientious objectors who were given work assignments in lieu of military service. This issue deals with race issues.
- May 19, 1972 – MCC news release – “Supreme Court Upholds Amish in Unanimous Decision.” Regarding school attendance laws in Wisconsin.
- 341B** – Mennonite Church General Board and Mennonite General Assembly)
- August 7, 1971 – Letter from Erie Renno to IJM and Jesse L. Yoder concerning the question of Conservative Mennonite Conference joining/participating in the Regional Coordinating Committees of the Mennonite Assembly.
- August 18, 1971 – Bylaws of the Mennonite Church
- August 18, 19, 1971 – Roster of elections at first meeting of Mennonite General Assembly at Kitchener, Ontario.
- August 31, 1971 – Financial Report of Mennonite General Conference, showing a contribution of \$1,000 from Conservative Mennonite Conference.
- March 24, 1972 – Letter and attachments from Paul N. Kraybill to Conference and District Moderators, Secretaries, and Executive Officers, concerning appointment of delegates to the Regional Coordinating Committees.
- May 30, 1972 – Letter from Roland Royal addressed to “Dear Sir” and apparently sent to wide range of persons associated with the General Board of the Mennonite Assembly, referring to funds deposited with supposedly to be kept in a Mennonite Church Trust Fund, but retrievable. Has been unable to retrieve the funds and is asking for action with a threat to sue if not action is taken.
- Minutes of the General Board of the Mennonite Church, during the term of IJM representing Conservative Mennonite Conference, on the following dates: September 1971, May 1972, September 1972, March 1973.
- March 30, 1973 – Memo from Paul N. Kraybill to Mennonite Church Coordinating Council. Defines the role of the General Board in recommending program and budget for the next General assembly.
- January 10, 1972 – Letter (copy) from Paul N. Kraybill to Willard Mayer, soliciting representation from Conservative Mennonite Conference to the Coordinating Committee of Region IV of the Mennonite Assembly.
- August 7, 1972 – Letter from Paul N. Kraybill, to IJM, exploring and encouraging a working and organizational involvement of Conservative Mennonite Conference in the Regional Coordinating Committees of Mennonite Assembly.
- November 29, 1972 – Report to the Mennonite General Board on “The Mennonite Church in World Perspective”

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- January 5, 1973 – Letter (copy) from Paul N. Kraybill to Elmer H. Maust, inquiring about the relationship of Conservative Mennonite Conference with the general assembly of The Mennonite Church to be held at Harrisonburg, VA, in 1973.
- June 1973 -- Report on “Amnesty: A Peace Church Concern” by the Mennonite Board of Congregational Ministries
- June 11, 1973 – Letter from Daniel Hertzler, editor of *Christian Living* inquiring about the reason for Conservative Mennonite Conference no longer sending delegates to Mennonite Assembly. Response (undated) of IJM is attached.
- July 3, 1973 – Letter from Ross T. Bender to IJM expressing appreciation for his input at the General Board meeting.
- July 13, 1973 – Letter from Paul N. Kraybill, executive secretary of the Mennonite General Board, including recognition with appreciation of the term of IJM and others expiring.
- June 30, 1977 – Letter from Ivan Kauffmann, associate general secretary of Mennonite General Board, soliciting contributions for a scrapbook to be presented to Paul Kraybill as a retirement gift.
- August 1977 – Letter from IJM to Paul N. Kraybill recognizing Kraybill’s termination as general secretary of Mennonite Assembly. Likely in response to the letter fo June 30 from Ivan Kaufmann.
- 341C – Mennonite Publication Board/Mennonite Publishing House/Herald Press
- 1959 – Critical Review of Herald Adult Study Quarterly written by Clayton Beyler of the months of January, February, and March 1959, by J. E. Kurtz.
- Minutes of the Mennonite Publication Board, May 1973, including special meeting on same date
- March 28, 1970 – Report by J. C. Wenger on “the Correspondence from the Church to the Scottdale Editors and the Publisher in the 1960s.” Attached: Editorial Guidelines of Mennonite Publishing House.
- August 8, 1970 – Letter from Elmer H. Maust to Ministers of Conservative Conference, covering a Report concerning “the Publishing House Report by J. C. Wenger on Publishing House and the breakdown of confidence between our churches and the writers and editors of Scottdale publications.
- 341D – Mennonite General Conference (predecessor of Mennonite General Assembly and Mennonite Church USA
- Undated – “A Message to Our Overseers,” issued by the General Problems Committee of Mennonite General Conference. Includes concern about the practices of baptism, communion, feet washing, devotional covering, anointing with oil, salutation with the holy kiss, and marriage only in the Lord. The document can be dated as pre-1944 since the committee was chaired by Daniel Kauffman who died in 1944.
- Undated – *Church Polity* of Mennonite General Conference. Appears to be an early document of that body.
- August 16, 1955 – Article, “A Current Survey,” in *Gospel Herald*, as a report of the general Problems Committee to be presented to Mennonite General Conference. It deals with position on divorce and remarriage and with nonconformity. Decries the “tendency to conform to the world in outward adornment, including ministers in some areas no longer wearing the regulation coat exclusively.

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- September 22, 1961 – Letter and report from Grants M. Stoltzfus, secretary of the General Problems Committee/Church Welfare Committee of Mennonite General Conference reporting the results of questionnaire filled out by members of Conservative Mennonite Conference.
- April 5, 1962 – Letter from Daniel Kauffman, secretary of the Department of Stewardship of Mennonite General Conference, to Dear Brother Moderator,” with a questionnaire on district/conference financial needs.
- April 26, 1962 – Letter from A. J. Metzler, general secretary of Mennonite General conference to IJM and Jesse Yoder, as officials of Conservative Mennonite Conference, addressing the need for funds in their treasury.
- 341E – Mennonite Council of Faith, Life, and Strategy
 November 14, 1972 – Letter from IJM to Richard Showalter, critiquing a paper by John W. Miller on “Church Reform and the Missionary Congregation in the 1970s.” The paper is attached.
 Minutes of the Council of Faith, Life, and Strategy of the Mennonite Church held in March 1973
- 341F – Beachy Amish Mennonite Materials
 Undated – apparently at a time after the ordination of Eli Tice as bishop in the late 1940s – Document on Christian courtship formulated by ministers a lay members under the leadership of Eli Tice.
- 341G – Letter from a “Committee” based in Baltimore to The Clergy of Maryland, proposing an ad to be placed into the “Sunday Sun” regarding the destructive results of alcohol consumption. Includes penciled notations by IJM
- 341H – Mennonite Board of Education (Mennonite Church)
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- 341I – Committee on Economic and Social Relations (Mennonite Church)
 June 7, 1955 – Article in *Gospel Herald*, “The Way of The Cross in Race Relations.”
- 341J – Consultations and publications on Mennonite church concerns
 January 10, 1966 – Committee of One Hundred – Letter from Sanford G. Shetler to “Dear Brother.” Apparently sent to multiple addresses, including IJM, seeking to “take some definite steps in attempting to combat the false teaching and questionable activities being sponsored by brethren within our beloved denomination. Apparently enclosed with the letter was a leaflet, as a reprint from *Guidelines for Today* on “Our Peace Witness and Civil Rights Activities”.
- February 2-4, 1970 – Program brochure and papers presented at Consultation on Brotherhood Concerns at Willow Street, Pennsylvania. Topics included: Listening to Different Convictions within the Brotherhood, A Disciplined Church, Christian Separation from the World, The Christian’s Testimony to the World, Current Theological Issues. Attended by IJM.
- July 10, 11, 1979 – Report on meeting at Smoketown, Pennsylvania, in *Gospel Herald* of July 24, 1979. Issues included authority of the Scriptures, personal piety and joy, priority on the saving power of the Gospel, evangelism, payment of taxes, local congregation.

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- March 30, 31, 1981 – Report of meeting at Berne, Indiana, in Gospel Herald of April 14, 1981. Known as Consultation on Continuing Concerns. Issues included biblical authority, integrity of leadership and influence of humanism.
- 341K – Virginia Mennonite Conference
 May 24, 1944 – *Report of the Thirty-fourth Annual Mennonite Church Conference of the Virginia District*. Bears notation by IJM, “Action on Radio”.
- 341L – Lancaster Mennonite Conference
 1974-1976 – Keystone Bible Institute. Letters concerning arrangements for IJM to serve as teacher and schedules and programs of KBI where IJM taught in November of 1974, 1975, and 1976.
- 341M– Mennonite Encyclopedia
 1948-1953 – Materials concerned with IJM authorship of entries for the projected Mennonite Encyclopedia. Items include (1) two letters from John A. Hostetler, editorial assistant, to IJM regarding IJM writing articles on the Amish and Amish Mennonites in the Grantsville area, (2) Instructions to Writers of Articles, (3) Specifications for Amish Community Articles, (4) a sample congregational history, (5) Assignment Sheets for IJM to write articles on Cherry Glade C. A. M. congregation; Old Order Amish in Somerset County; Somerset County; Pennsylvania and Garret County, Maryland; Garrett County, Maryland; Garrett County, Maryland; (6) galley proof sheets of IJM’s articles.
- August 15, 1986 – Letter from Cornelius J. Dyck of the Institute of Mennonite Studies to IJM requesting IJM to write articles for Volume V of Mennonite Encyclopedia published in 1990. This file includes correspondence and guidelines related to the project and IJM’s manuscripts on the entries of “Delaware” and “Conservative Mennonite Conference”.
- November 16, 1949 – Text of article written for Mennonite Encyclopedia, “The Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference.”
- 341N – Maple View Mennonite Church, Ontario
 Letters exchanged between IJM and Christian O. Erb, pastor of the Maple View/Cross Hill Mennonite congregation in Wellesly, Ontario, and related notes. These documents range from October 15, 1966, to September 6, 1969, when the congregation was involved in some internal tensions and IJM was called to give leadership regarding ordinations by calling men from the congregation into ministerial office. Cross Hill and Maple View were two places of meeting, each with its own attendees, but led and administered as one congregation until separate organization was effected in 1969.
- September 19, 1966 -- Notes by IJM of an interview with Crist Erb and Alvin Leis, minister, of the Maple View congregation. This interview seems to have been at a place other than Ontario, perhaps at Grantsville. The notes mention the resignation of bishop Crist Streicher, points of congregational tension, and a strong congregational vote to ask IJM “to come to help the church to find a way to proceed”.
- October 15, 1966 – Letter from Chriss Erb to IJM, asking IJM, apparently after an oral request on September 19, to be with the congregation to help work through issues.

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- October 18, 1996 – Letter from IJM to Chriss Erb, accepting the invitation to be with the congregation later in the fall and referring to the occasion being a time to give leadership to an ordination in the congregation.
- November 5, 1966 – Letter from Chriss Erb to IJM acknowledging IJM's acceptance of the invitation and offering suggestions and questions regarding specific arrangements.
- November 15, 1966 – Letter from IJM to Chriss Erb concerning details of his impending visit to the congregation.
- November 28, 1966 – Letter from Chriss Erb to IJM, writing further about plans for IJM's visit to the congregation. Clarifies that the role of Henry Yantzi, whose assistance IJM had suggested, is to assist, with IJM taking the leadership regarding an ordination.
- Undated – Notes (6pages) in the hand of IJM, apparently taken in the process of interviewing members at Maple View/Crosshill concerning the questions faced by the congregation about ordaining a minister or ministers in view of a future bishop ordination. This identification places the document into December 1966.
- December 11, 1966 – Notes in the hand of IJM, giving the tally of votes received in selection of candidates for ordination as minister for Maple View and for Cross Hill. In each case, the incumbent deacon received a very high number of votes in a setting traditional to deacons being typically ordained to the ministry followed by election and ordination of succeeding deacons.
- December 23, 1966 – Letter from Chriss Erb to IJM, requesting written clarification of the plan he presented to the church and clarifying that the congregation is retaining IJM for bishop responsibilities in the congregation.
- December 29, 1966 – Report from IJM to Berbert Schults, secretary of Western Ontario Mennonite Conference; Christ Streicher, bishop; Crist Erb, pastor. Presents the plan presented to the congregation in a members' meeting on Saturday evening, December 10, 1964.
- February 21, 1967 – Letter from Chriss Erb to IJM. Speaks of things going well in the congregations since IJM's time there and of plans to proceed with two deacon ordinations and asking IJM to officiate.
- March 14, 1967 – Letter from IJM to Chriss Erb stating acceptance of the request to officiate in the deacon ordinations, but indefinite on schedule.
- March 22, 1967 – Letter from Crist Streicher to IJM. Notes that Chriss Erb is ill. Suggests that IJM offer a schedule for his time with the congregations for deacon ordinations.
- April 20, 1967 – Letter from IJM to Cris Streicher, suggesting arriving in Wellesly on May 19.
- May 1, 1967 – Letter from Crist Streicher to IJM confirming the date of May 19.
- May 15, 1967 – Letter from Chist Streicher to IJM acknowledging IJM's illness and saying that they prefer for him to come at a later date rather than to proceed without him.
- May 28, 1967 – Notes by IJM with information about the ordination of deacons, one for Maple View and one for Cross Hill. The notes give information of the votes taken and the process of determining the lot, and the request of the leadership that IJM

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- return for a bishop ordination and seek to arrange coordination of the event with Willard Mayer when there for meetings later in the year.
- May 31, 1967 – Letter from IJM to Willard Mayer, reporting on events at Maple View and Cross Hill and seeking an arrangement with Willard to coordinate his schedule of meetings with the upcoming bishop ordination.
- June 16, 1967 – Letter from Willard Mayer to IJM suggesting August 27 to September 3 for the meetings and ordination at Wellesly.
- June 30, 1967 – Letter from IJM to Willard Mayer and Chriss Streicher concerning schedules. States difficulty being at Wellesly on September 3 and offers a schedule one week earlier (which Willard found possible but less desirable) or that Willard could give leadership to the ordination in IJM's absence.
- July 11, 1967 – Letter from Chriss Streicher to IJM confirming the dates of August 20-27.
- August 25-27, 1967 -- Report by IJM of "Work at Wellesley, Ontario, with the Maple View-Crosshill congregation." Reports on the congregation and leadership process of placing candidates into the lot and the result of Crist Erb being ordained as bishop.
- November 5, 1968 – Letter apparently from Chriss Erb apparently to IJM, addressed to "Dear Bro. and Sister and Family". Two pages of the letter are extant with the succeeding page or pages missing. The extant pages describe current discord on the Maple View and Crosshill congregations, specifically on whether to admit sisters with cut hair to the communion service.
- December 6, 1968 – Letter from IJM to Chriss Erb. Acknowledges Erb's letter referring to the problem of cut hair, but does not give specific counsel concerning the matter.
- December 14, 1968 – Letter from Chriss Erb to IJM. He writes about the question facing the congregations about cut hair, notes a petition from members having gone to the Executive Committee of the Western Ontario Mennonite Conference and the decision of the Executive Committee to intervene, and states, "This letter comes to you (not official but personal) no one knows I am writing . I guess I am only unloading my tensions to someone in whom I have confidence."
- February 11, 1969 – Letter from Jacob Roes to IJM seeking advice concerning seminary training, thinking of Eastern Mennonite Seminary.
- February 18, 1969 – Letter from IJM to Jacob Roes in response to Roes' letter of February 11. Supports the idea of training and Eastern Mennonite Seminary, but notes the need to consider the effect on family and congregation. Suggests consideration of Rosedale Bible Institute.
- June 2, 1969 – Letter from Chriss Erb to IJM, bringin IJM up to date on their local situation. A joint vote (Maple View and Cross Hill together) for accepting sisters with cut hair for baptism and communion did not pass, but the vote was in favor at Crosshill. Later it was passed by both congregations for each location to be a separate congregation.
- June 24, 1969 – Letter from IJM to Chriss Erb, responding to the letter of June 2 with encouragement and best wishes.

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- September 2, 1969 – Letter from Chriss Erb to IJM, updating IJM on local church conditions, including a schedule for members to decide between Maple View and Crosshill. Asks IJM's evaluation of David Thomas as revival preacher
- September 6, 1969 – Letter from IJM to Chriss Erb, responding the Erb's letter of September 2 with goodwill and full recommendation of David Thomas.
- 341O – Mennonite Historical and Research Committee
1963 – The Mennonite Family Census of 1963, by Melvin Gingerich
- 341P – Eastern Mennonite School/College/University
Eastern Mennonite College Bulletin, January 1957
- 341Q – Radio Station WFRB
A packet of materials in this section relate to an incident of an editorial by Carl Loughry, manager of the radio station, on August 23, 1971. Loughry was responding to a release that day of a program known as CHOICE (Mennonite Broadcasts) by David Augsburg. The editorial was highly critical of the position of conscientious objection to war expressed by CHOICE and apparently expressed that criticism in ways insensitive to the Mennonite people in the area. When IJM requested a copy of the editorial, the station replied that it had not been written and that it was not recorded because a wrong switch was thrown that day. The following materials are located in this file:
- August 26, 1971 – a reply by IJM which was broadcast over the same station
- August 26, 1971 – a letter from IJM to Mennonite Broadcasts describing the situation and enclosing a copy of the script of the Reply.
- August 27, 1971 – a letter from John H. Kraybill, pastor of Springs Mennonite Church expressing appreciation to the station for accommodating IJM's reply and endorsing the reply.
- September 13, 1971 – a letter from Kenneth J. Weaver of Mennonite Broadcasts to IJM with thanks to for the letter of August 26 and for the Reply aired over the station.
- September 16, 1971 – Letter from Albert J. Meyer, Executive Secretary and Director of Educational Development of The Mennonite Board of Education, thanking IJM for for the copy of the reply to WFRB with a "heartly amen." Referred to a good visit in Chicago.
- No date – a letter from Carson B. Groves of Mt. Lake park, Maryland, to IJM with severe criticism toward the position of conscientious object to war.
- 341R – Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)
June 25, 1955 – Letter from Paul E. Bender, secretary for the Ministerial body of the Casselman Valley District, to "all the brethren of the Mennonite and Amish Churches of the Casselman Valley District." Notes the Civil Defense program as inappropriate for nonresistant Christians and announces a meeting with Boyd Nelson of Elkart, Indiana on possibilities for response to disaster.
- September 6, 1955 – Notes by IJM on a meeting at Springs Mennonite Church. Congregations represented were Springs Mennonite, Casselman Mennonite, Beachy Amish Mennonite, Conservative Mennonite. Eighteen persons present. Decision to operate one year with minimum organization to see what organization is needed. Claude Beachy to serve as coordinator for the Casselman Valley. Representatives: Alton Miller for Springs Mennonite, Allen Beachy for Casselman Mennonite,

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- Edward Yoder for Conservative Mennonite, and Jonas Tice for Beachy Amish Mennonite.
- March 1956 – “A Statement of Guiding Principles about Civil Defense,” adopted by the MCC Peace Section and MDS and endorsed by Conservative Mennonite Church.
- June 25, 1956 – Minutes of the Organization Meeting of the Mennonite Disaster Service of Western Pennsylvania and Western Maryland held at the Kaufman Church.
- No date -- Constitution of the Mennonite Disaster Service of Western Pennsylvania and Western Maryland.
- July 13, 1956 – Form letter from J. R. Buzzard, secretary-treasurer of Mennonite Disaster Service of Western Pennsylvania and Western Maryland, addressed to “Dear Brethren”. Announces the formation of the organization, adoption of a constitution, and the plan for each congregation to appoint a representative.
- April 1958 – *Quarterly Bulletin* of Mennonite Disaster Service. Includes an article, “Meeting Disaster Victims Spiritual and Emotional Needs.”
- November 25, 1961 -- Notes by IJM on interview with Lloyd A. Trout, deputy director of Civil Defense. Information was received in first aid classes and basic civil defense training.
- August 1, 1962 – Report by L. L. Swartzendruber on MDS to “the Ministerial body and all MDS Officers. He reports as member of the Coordinating Committee and as representative of Conservative Mennonite Conference. Includes minutes of various meetings Mennonite Central Committee Executive Committee, the sixth and seventh annual meetings of Mennonite Disaster Service representatives, Mennonite Disaster Service Coordinating Committee, and information on the organizational structure and regional system of MDS.
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- June 15, 1956 – Letter from Alvin J. Miller to Personnel of Eastern Ohio Division, MDS. Refers to May 12 when 19 tornadoes ravaged Michigan in one day and dipping and rising intermittently from Flint to Cleveland to Ravenna, and the response of Amish and Mennonite people.
- June 25, 1956 – Memorandum from Alvin J. Miller, secretary-treasurer of Mennonite Disaster Service, Eastern Ohio Division, to MDS Personnel. Conveys the contents of and comments on a letter from the American Legion Post with the information of American Legion having forwarded their contribution, in behalf of tornado-stricken Ravenna, Ohio, to MDS. AJM’s note to IJM wonders about sending the information to Gortner and Gid Bender.
- No date – A sample set of organizational materials of the Eastern Ohio MDS sent by Alvin J. Miller to IJM.
- Clipping of reprint from The Indianapolis Star Magazine. April 29, 1956, sent by Alvin J. Miller to IJM, with stories and pictures of Amish and Mennonites at work in MDS rehabilitation in Marion, Ohio.
- 341S – Mennonite Revival Singers, Uniontown, Ohio
- 1954 – Self-description of the Mennonite Revival Singers, including personnel, objectives, policies, and financial accountability.
- February 9, 1954 – Letter of recommendation of the Mennonite Revival Singers by George R. Brunk.

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- April 12, 1954 – Letter from John J. Overholt to IJM offering the Mennonite Revival Singers to do a program at Maple Glen.
- April 17, 1954 – Letter from IJM to John J. Overholt declining the services of the Mennonite Revival Singers on the basis of Maple Glen not having a policy of admitting special singing performances and questioning the stewardship of their tour to Europe.
- 341T – Allegheny Mennonite Conference
- July 4, 1944 – Annual Sunday School Conference of the Casselman Valley District of Allegheny Mennonite Conference, held at Glade Mennonite Church, Bittinger, Maryland
- July 31 to August 3, 1955 – Program of Annual Meeting of Allegheny Mennonite Conference and the Christian Education Conference, held at Springs Mennonite Church.
- 351-360 Missions, Voluntary Service, and other Outreach**
- 351 – Missions (General)
- 352 – Mission Agencies
- 352A – Conservative Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities/Rosedale Mennonite Missions, Irwin, Ohio (also referred to as the Conference Mission Board or RMM)
- October 22, 1945 – Letter from Elmer G. Swartzendruber to the Mission Board of Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference. At this point of time, the Conference was considering moving into overseas relief work. Elmer had been in communication (much of it in person) with representatives of Mennonite Central Committee and of the Mennonite Church and is offering suggestions for moving ahead in ways that may have seemed novel for some within the Conference.
- November 7, 1945 – Letter from Elmer G. Swartzendruber addressed to “Dear Brethren,” likely the ministers of the Conference. The letter for October 22, 1945 is enclosed.
- March 10, 1953 – Form letter to IJM from Mark Peachey, secretary of the C. A. Mennonite Mission Board regarding congregational delegates to the Mission Board, appointment of Paul E. Yoder as Voluntary Service director, and congregations canning food for home mission locations.
- No date – “Constitution governing the operation of activities relating to the work of the Conservative Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities.”
- 1959 – Missions Week brochure with the theme “Spirit-Directed Witnessing.” Includes a list of field workers and their locations.
- 1962 – *Entrusted with the Gospel*, Fall Missions Week booklet of Conservative Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities. Included pictures and reports of Catherine “Kate” J. Miller, Esther Miller, and Harvey J. and Mildred Miller.
- May 2, 1967 – Letter from Mark Peachey, Secretary of RMM, notifying Esther Miller of appointment to service in Espelkamp, Germany.
- February 1969 – Questionnaire for Prospective Mission Workers, approved by RMM.
- March 4, 1969 – Letter from Mark Peachey, secretary, to Alvin Swartz, Ivan J. Miller, John Gingerling, and Alvin Mast, announcing appointment of each to the Personnel Committee of RMM.

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- March 15, 1969 – Letter from IJM to Morris Swartzendruber, in response to letter of March 4 from Mark Peachey, declining the appointment to the Personnel Committee.
- May 10, 1978 – Clipping from Somerset County Shopper with title, “Beitzel 3rd of Family to Volunteer.” Reports assignment to Germany under RMM.
- 1984 – Annual Report of Rosedale Mennonite Missions with a few notations by IJM.
- 352B – Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities, Elkhart, Indiana
- July 1954 – *Mission-Service Newsletter*, published by Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities.
- May 10, 1949 – Letter from John A. Hostetler (on Mennonite Encyclopedia letterhead) to IJM regarding rural missionary outreach through colonization. Attached to the letter is a paper (11 pages) on the subject by Hostetler addressed to Conjoint meeting Missions Committee and Executive Committee Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities. The letter indicates that Hostetler sent the paper to IJM because of his expressed interest in evangelization by colonization.
- 352C – The Amazon Valley Indian Mission
- No date – Plan of operation includes (1) Objective and Purpose, (2) Doctrine, (3) Organization, (4) Financial Support, and (5) Pioneer Missionaries: Howard, Dorothy and Jeanne Hammer.
- November 6, 1954 – Program leaflet of “Missionary Meetings Sponsored by the Amazon Valley Mission Board” at Mountain View Congregation on Saturday and at Springs Mennonite Church on Sunday. This was in the setting of initiating work by this organization and sending Howard and Dorothy Hammer to the Amazon area of Brazil.
- 353 – Mission Fields
- 353A – Luxembourg
- September 19, 1950 – Letter from Orié O. Miller of Eastern Mennonite board of Missions and Charities to six men of Conservative Mennonite Conference regarding a joint effort of the two Conferences and mission agencies to send two couples to Luxembourg.
- 353B – Latin America
- Report (handwritten) by IJM of a ten-day visit by Ivan and Della to the RMM missionaries and volunteers in Nicaragua and Costa Rica, in April 1973 (4 pages).
- March 28, 1973 -- Letter from Henry Helmuth, for the Committee, to IJM regarding arrangements for the visit to the field in Nicaragua and Costa Rica.
- April 1973 – Schedule for Retreat to be held April 14-16. The schedule included four sermons by IJM.
- May 22, 1973 – Letter from Eugene Diener, director of Voluntary Service in Latin America, to Ivan and Della Miller, expressing appreciation for their presence and ministry in the retreat.
- 354 – Civilian Public Service (CPS) and Conscientious Objection to Military Service
- 1940 – Leaflet: “Counsel to Mennonite Young Men Regarding the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 as it applies to Conscientious Objectors.”

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- No date – Leaflet: “Additional Counsel to Mennonite Young Men Regarding the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 as it applies to Conscientious Objectors.”
- May 1941 – Pamphlet (8 pages): “Mennonite Civilian Public Service Camps – Bulletin of Information.” Prepared by H. A. Fast and H. S. Bender. Printed May 15, 1941.
- October 31, 1940 – Letter from Ervin Yoder [Ervin H. Yoder] stating: “I have gotten the serial numbers of our folks down there.” The letter addresses “Dear Friend.” Ervin H. Yoder lived near Oakland, Maryland in 1940. Apparently he had been asked by someone (IJM?) to go to the local Selective Service Office in Oakland to get the numbers assigned to men registered with Selective service. The names in the list include men from the various Anabaptist groups of Garrett County: Old Order Amish, Beachy Amish Mennonite, Conservative Mennonite, and Mennonite. The term used by the writer, “down there” reflects the local concept of Oakland being “up” compared to Grantsville because of its higher altitude.
- November 12, 1940 – Pamphlet: “The Mennonite Civilian Service Program – for Conscientious Objectors Exempted from Combatant and Non-combatant Military Service and the Selective Service and Training Act, 1940”.
- January 3, 1942 – Leaflet: “Our Attitude as Nonresistant Christian in the Present Situation – A Message to Mennonite and Other Nonresistant Christians. (Approved by the Peace Problems Committee of the Mennonite General Conference) Adopted by the Mennonite Central Committee, Chicago, January 3, 1942.”
- July 1942 – Pamphlet (8 pages): “A year of Civilian Public Service”. A report issued by Mennonite Central Committee.
- 1942 – Receipts in the format of certificates issued by Mennonite Central Committee certifying contribution received “to the work of love and peace carried on by the Mennonite Central Committee on behalf of the Mennonite churches . . .” The certificate provides a space for the contributor’s signature to this testimony: “This contribution is intended as an alternative to support of war and defense measures, which my conscience does not permit me to support, and as a constructive service to humanity in the name of Christ, the Prince of Peace.” Signatures on these certificates in behalf of MCC are Orié O. Miller and P. C. Hiebert and, in behalf of the contributor, Ervin J. Yoder and Shem Peachey.
- No date -- Sample Form 47 – Special Form for Conscientious Objector, issue by Selective Service.
- October 20, 1943 – Letter from J. Mark Martin to “All Ordained Brethren of the Mennonite Church, written from the CPS Unit at Howard Rhode Island. He decries what he considers looseness on the part of CPS units. He lists carelessness regarding the Lord’s Day, swimming in public pools, attending movies and dances, courting non-Mennonite girls, and issues of dress.
- December 1943 – Pamphlet: “The Civilian Public Service Program – An Analysis and Evaluation of its Origin and Present Operation,” by Sanford G. Shetler. A reprint from *Sword and Trumpet*, December 1943. Includes an extended section on “Pertinent Questions” in Q&A format.
- February 26, 1944 – Letter from Sanford G. Shetler to IJM, responding to a “letter of encouragement” earlier received from IJM. Apparently IJM had referred to a

- writing if SGS, to which SGS makes further reference. The writing in reference may have been the article in *Sword and Trumpet*, December 1943.
- 1944, early – “A Message Concerning the Support of Dependents of Mennonite Men in C.P.S. Camps,” issued by the Peace Problems Committee of the Mennonite Church.
- May 1944 – Pamphlet (12 pages) – “Three years in Civilian Public Service” – An MCC publication.
- June 5, 1944 – Letter from Grant M. Stoltzfus, director of CPS camp 24 at Clearspring, Maryland, to IJM, responding to concerns expressed by IJM about the spiritual well-being of the men in camp. Refers also to the use of tobacco by the Amish men in camp.
- January 23, 1945 – Notes by IJM on “Information on Daniel’s Questionnaire.” Daniel M. Miller was a hired man on the farm of IJM and during the draft of World War II applied for a farm deferment. Information concerning the farm includes crop acreages and livestock numbers as well as Daniel’s time factor with each category. Another part of the paper service the same purpose when applying for renewal of deferment, July 19, 1945. Includes comments on IJM’s health issues and his involvement in church activities as a minister.
- January 31, 1946 – Classification Advice issue by the Selective Service System to Daniel Miller (Daniel Moses Miller). Classification: 2-C (Deferred for Agriculture).
- February 1, 1945 – Report by Elmer G. Swartzendruber on the work of MCC. This extended report of 15 pages was written after his attendance at the annual MCC meeting. The report includes reference to C.P.S. (page 9-12) and to the Dependency Aid Section, a program for providing for dependents of men in CPS camps.
- 1945 – Booklet (24 pages) – “Twenty-five Years – The Story of MCC 1920 to 1945”. Alvin J. Miller is mentioned on pages 11, 12, and 13 and is included in picture. CPS is reported on on pages 17-19.
- July 1, 1945 – Letter from Elmer G. Swartzendruber, apparently sent to the ministers of Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference. Gives a list of 146 names of men who had been or yet were in CPS service.
- January 1946 – Report by Elmer G. Swartzendruber apparently to the ministers of the Conference after having attended the annual MCC meeting. This eight page report (mostly on legal size paper) includes reference to CPS. He refers to CPS as “on its way out” and notes that “according to the present schedule about half of men in CPS will be released by the end of May 1946.”
- July 1, 1946 – List of men who had served and were serving in CPS as of date.

355 – I-W Service

- 1950 – Report by Mark Peachey, secretary of the Conference missions board, regarding interest in moving forward with Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference having and promoting its own Voluntary Service Program.

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- February 14, 1951 – Report by Elmer G. Swartzendruber after attending the MCC annual meeting. The report includes comments on the current draft and its effects on the conscientious objectors.
- June 15, 1951 – A report by Elmer G. Swartzendruber to “one brother in each of our churches,” regarding draft legislation and provision of conscientious objectors.
- 1950-1954 – Notebook (red cover, saddle stapled) with inscription by IJM on cover: “Young Brothers in Draft Age who came for Assistance. 1950— “ Includes the following names: Samuel Compton, Elmer Maust, Walter Maust, Marvin Bender, Mayard Beitzel, David Miller, Homer Schrock, Eli Sommers, Kenneth Yoder, Willis Maust, Jacob Miller, Clayton Yoder, Oscar Maust. Records a meeting on February 12, 1952, regarding farm deferments in the situation of the local draft board giving all conscientious objectors the I-O classification, meaning conscientious objector available for civilian work contributing to the national health, safety, or interest.
- January 18, 1953 – Retyped article by C. F. Yake (*Youth’s Christian Companion* of this date) concerning the military draft in force then and a challenge to men in positions of the I-W classification to pass the test of service as a testimony and as a response to the government’s recognition of conscientious objectors to military service.
- 1952 and 1953 – List of men in I-W and Pax service. Source of the list is not given. The addresses of the men and the kind of paper used indicate that the list names the men from congregations of Conservative Mennonite Conference in I-W and Pax service at that time. Approximately 150 names are on this list.
- February 22, 1954 – Letter from Henry Weaver, Jr., director of I-W Services of Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities, Elkhart, Indiana, to “Ministers, Editors and Writers, and Church School Teachers. Gives facts and encloses fact sheets concerning the I-W program, the men serving in it, and the existing units in operation.
- April 9, 10, 1957 – Minutes of I-W Services Planning and Evaluation Conference, Elkhart, Indiana. The minutes include listing various presentations, including the papers listed below:
- Paper by Clarence C. Lutz, “Impressions of the I-W Program.” Notes “the following things that should receive attention by all concerned”: (1) Individual Independence, (2) Administration, (3) Factors that Contribute to the Choice of Place of Service, (4) Spiritual Effects, (5) Social Effects, (6) Decentralized Program, and (7) Various Forms of Service.
 - Paper by Ray Bair addressing concerns about the existing program for men in I-W service. The paper pleads for improvements in pre-service orientation, in-service relationship to the church, and keeping the peace witness alive.
 - Paper by John E. Lapp, “What the I-W Program is Doing for the Church. The paper states that (1) we are becoming more conscious that we are citizens of a state, (2) I-W service makes the church more aware that we cannot be too permanently fixed, (3) through I-W service that church has received a larger world perspective, (4) I-W service helps our church to see the greater values of V-S, (5) I-W is spreading our witness, (6) I-W brings youth back to our

congregations with varied experiences, and (7) I-W makes the church to see the need for preparing all of its members for a better individual Christian Testimony.

- Paper by Henry Weaver, Jr., “Keys to Effective I-W Service.” Presented at the I-W Evaluation Conference. Approaches the subject from the perspective of (1) Doors of Effective I-W Service and (2) Keys to the Doors.
- Paper by J. Harold Sherk, “Information on Selective Service I-W Operations.”
- “Findings of the I-W Evaluation and Planning Conference, Elkhart, Indiana, April 9-10, 1957”.

December 22, 1959 – “Final Report of the Mennonite Church I-W Study Committee – As revised and approved by the Relief and Service committee.” The report offers recommendations to general church organizations, to district conferences, to congregations, to pastors, to parents, and to young men.

356 – Pax Service

357 – Voluntary Service

September 23, 1957 – Letter from Elton Moshier, Director of Voluntary Service, to pastors and mission delegates. Attaches and explains the application forms for Voluntary Service and describes a new voluntary service unit and opportunity in Meridian, Mississippi.

358 – Local Outreach

358A – Hosting International Students

September 20, 1961 – Letter from IJM to Hal W. Guffey, director of International Students, Inc., Washington D.C. inquiring about the possibility of hosting international students for a visit to homes in the Grantsville area.

September 26, 1961 – Letter from Art Volkmann, Washington Area Director of International Students, Washington, D.C. Responds to letter for September 20 offering to arrange for visits and inquiring about aid for students to help pay for bus fare.

October 12, 1961 – Letter from IJM to Art Volkman offering that arrangements can be made for at least 30 students to make the trip.

November 9, 1961 – Letter from Richard P. Loomis, program advisor of the International Training Division of Agency for International Development of the Department of state, Washington, D.C. to IJM stating, “I want to confirm that I have approximately 30 officials of foreign nations who are extremely interested in accepting the kind invitation of your congregation to spend Thanksgiving Day in their homes. Lists names of individuals from Iran, Turkey, Jamaica Liberia, Indonesia, Philippines, Jordan, Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, China, and Thailand.

November 14, 1961 – Letter from Arthur D. Volkmann to IJM stating that ICA and American University will be sending about 32 students to Grantsville.

November 20, 1961 – Letter from IJM to Richard P. Loomis, confirming arrangements made by phone for 40 international guests to arrive in Grantsville to be hosted in homes.

- November 20, 1961 – Letter from Richard P. Loomis to IJM with final confirmation of plans for the visit of 36 people who “are government employees of their respective governments who have been sent to the United States for training”.
- No date on sheet, but matching names of November 20 letter – a list of names of hosts and guests.
- November 29, 1961 – Letter from Richard P. Loomis to IJM. Speaks with gratitude and high compliments about the trip to Grantsville with 37 foreign participants.
- 1961 – Envelope with various newspaper clippings of the event of hosting foreign students: *The Republican* (Oakland) November 30, 1961; *The Meyersdale Republican* November 31, 1961; *The Cumberland News* November 25, 1961. Pictures include Philip Bender and wife Lela Bender; Elmer H. Maust and wife Ida Maust.
- August 1960 – The International Student, published by International Students, Inc., Washington, D.C., and additional informational sheets. ISI is a “Christian organization that befriends and assists visitors from other lands, particularly those engaged in international educational exchange.”
- November 6, 1962 – Letter from IJM to Department of State, Agency of International Development, Public Administration Branch, International Training Division, Washington D.C. Inquires about again hosting international guests as in the previous year.
- November 9, 1964 – Letter from IJM to Patricia Roberts, Council on Specialists and Leaders, Washington, D.C. Inquires about the possibility of hosting international guests.
- November 18, 1964 – Letter from Patricia Roberts to IJM responding to the letter for November 9. Notes that their contacts usually are of brief location in Washington and that arrangements for visits would tend to be of short notice. Enclosed with the letter: brochure “About the Experiment in International Living.”

361-370 Items of Academic and Personal Interest (pamphlets, clippings, study outlines, manuscripts, and Papers)

361 – *Biblical and Theological Papers and Outlines*

361A – Dead Seas Scrolls – *Union Seminary Quarterly Review*, March 1956, given by Alvin J. Miller to Ivan J. Miller with IJM notation: “From Uncle Alvin – the underlining is his.” The heavily underlined article is “The Significance of the Scrolls”, referring to the Dead Sea Scrolls. Also in the file, “Facts about the Dead Sea Scrolls,” in the Bible Society Record of April 1956, and “A New Genesis” in the Religion Section of *Time* magazine, February 20, 1956. (I recall Alvin J. Miller as a consistent reader of *Time*.)

361B – Translations of the Bible

Various pamphlets and clippings evaluating the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

361C – Sermon/Teaching Outlines and texts of Ivan J. Miller

Note: the main body of the IJM outlines is not included in this body of materials.

1. ***Constructive Tension in a Loving Brotherhood***, presented by IJM at the Leadership Seminar at Rosedale Bible Institute, December 3-7, 1979. This folder holds materials used in IJM’s presentation or series of presentations, including the basic outline,

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- transparency films, and a fictitious church model used with a panel consisting of three men in the respective roles of bishop, minister, and deacon. Other inclusions: Notes by IJM, perhaps taken while the panel was in progress, correspondence with David Clemens regarding credit for the course, and a list of the Ministers' Week registrants.
2. ***Conference and Congregation Relations***, presented by IJM at the annual Ministers Fellowship of Conservative Mennonite Conference, February 16, 1956. A nine-page written presentation.
 3. Series at Ministers' Study Conference, Ontario Amish Mennonite Conference, Tavistock, Ontario. Parts II, IV, and closing sermon (Responsibilities of Ministers and Congregation in Ordination) by IJM. Parts I, III, and V by J. C. Wenger. Part II: ***The Meaning and Implications of Ordination***. Part IV: ***Qualifications for the Ministry***. November 6-8, 1959.
 4. ***Studies in Nonresistance***, given by IJM at Maple Glen, Grantsville, Maryland, in 1951. (The distribution of mimeographed outlines seemed rather novel. Not the kind of paper necessitated by the mimeograph machine. – David I. Miller)
 5. ***Separation of Church and State***, by IJM, presented at Ministers' Fellowship, February 1961.
 6. ***The Christian Church***, by IJM, given at Keystone Bible Institute, 1974.
 7. ***Studies in Philippians***, by IJM, given at Keystone Bible Institute, 1975.
 8. ***The Principle of Holiness***, by IJM as indicated by the document being in handwriting. No date.
 9. ***Conference Preparing to Meet Tomorrow's Issues***, by IJM, given at Ministers' Fellowship 1957.
 10. ***Separation of Church and State***, by IJM, given at Ministers' Fellowship, 1961.
 11. ***Studies in I Peter***, by IJM, given at Keystone Bible Institute, 1975/
 12. ***Preparing the Message***, by IJM, given at Ministers' Fellowship, 1950.
 13. ***Fasting***, by IJM, given at Ministers' Fellowship, 1953.
 14. The Need of Salvation from Sin, prepared by IJM as a sample of possible lessons for candidates for baptism in the local church. He visualized this lesson to be followed with Lesson Two – God's part in Our Salvation; Lesson Three – Man's Part in Receiving Salvation; Lesson Four – The Christian Life. This sample was intended for consideration by the ministry of the local congregation. An inscription by IJM shows the following date: "1945?" (As one baptized in that setting in 1946, I do not recall the use of this or similar outlines for instruction. I do recall the use of the Dortrecht Confession. – David I. Miller)
 15. List of meditations/messages given by IJM at Goodwill Mennonite Home from 1961 to 1971. Title at top of page: "My appointments at Goodwill Mennonite Home."
 16. List of IJM sermon titles used at Counsel Meeting and Communion 1958 to 1970.
 17. List of possible texts for funerals, baptism or Easter, New Years sermon, general.
 18. Outline (handwritten on 4X6 card) of meditation at "Prayer Service with the family of Olen H. Yoder at Newman Funder Home, Grantsville, Md. May 31, 1976, 9:00 p.m. – Funeral is to be tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at Methodist church. Psalm 4:6b-8."

361D – Manuscripts and Published Articles by IJM

A six-part series, "Lessons from the Past," by IJM written for Missionary Bulletin in 1966, with the following sub-titles:

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- I. Christian Discipleship
 - II. When Holiness Separates
 - III. When Schism Divides
 - IV. New Challenges
 - V. The Purpose of Organization
 - VI. Current Issues

Current issues treated include (1) The trend toward union and merger throughout Christendom, (2) Application of New Testament Principles in the midst of disturbing change, (3) The welfare state with its proposed security for all citizens. These papers are found inserted in a copy of *EMC Bulletin* (February 1965) with the following inscription on the cover in the hand of IJM: “Inside – The originals typed articles for Missionary Bulletin.”

361E – Sermon/Teaching Outlines and Texts other than IJM

1. Series at Ministers’ Study Conference, Ontario Amish Mennonite Conference, Tavistock, Ontario. Parts I, III, and V by J. C. Wenger. (Parts II, IV, and closing sermon [Responsibilities of Ministers and Congregation in Ordination] by IJM). By JCW: (1) *Historical Pattern and Background of Ministry in the Mennonite Church*, (2) *The Work and Responsibility of the Ministry*, and (3) *Methods of Selection and Ordination*.
2. *The Prayer Head Veiling*, by Daniel Yutzy, given at Ministers’ Fellowship, February, 1964.
3. *Modern Thought Glossary*, by Henry Plank, presented at the Casselman River Area Bible Institute, December 1981.
4. *Book Study of Job* (Book of Job) by Ervin Hershberger, at Conservative Mennonite Ministers’ Fellowship, 1966.
5. *Scriptural Confession of Sin*, by Nevin Bender, given at Ministers’ Fellowship, March 1957.
6. *Scriptural Church Discipline*, by Nevin Bender. No date or occasion listed.
7. *The Universal Need of a Saviour*, by Emanuel Peachey (according inscription). A set of eight pages with sub-topics such as Man’s Helplessness, How to be Saved, Justification, Faith, Repentance, Regeneration, Sanctification, Conversion, Adoption. Thoroughly referenced with Scripture references.
8. “*Education and Evangelization of Children*.” Bears in inscription by IJM, “Gideon Yoder’s Conrad Grebel lectures on Child Evangelism at Springs May 18, 19, 20, 1956.” The Conrad Grebel Lectures were sponsored by the Mennonite Board of Education and administered by its Lectureship Committee.
9. *The Place of Restitution in New Testament Experience*, by Jesse Zook, given at Ministers’ Fellowship, February 1955.
10. The Acts of the Apostles, an outline by Earl Maust. IJM inscription: Used by Earl Maust, Pigeon, Michigan, at Maple Glen, December 1854.
11. *Report on the Study of the Word Flesh . . . Gk. Sarx*, a study prepared by Jesse Zook. According to an inscription, the paper was “prepared for help to John Schrock, Sugar creek, Ohio.” See the Conference Report of 1961, pp. 5 and 11.
12. *Lessons in Non-Conformity*. Author not given, but designated as material of Fairview Bible School 1953. Inscriptions indicate that the extant copy was used as reference by IJM. Of the ten lessons, Nos. 3, 5, and 7 are missing.

13. *The Principle of Love*. Author, date, and setting of presentation not given. In outline format.
14. *Guiding Principles for Congregational Progress*. Author, date, and setting or presentation not given. In narrative format, 11 pages.
15. *Conference Preparing to Meet Tomorrow's Issues*. Author, date, and setting or presentation not given. In outline format, 4 pages.
16. *A Plea for the Worship Veil* – The New Testament Symbol of Woman as the glory of the Race, by J. C. Wenger. Two letters are attached to this item: (1) a letter from J. C. Wenger to “Several Representative Mennonite Leaders and the Church Welfare Committee [Mennonite General Conference] (December 15, 1963) and (2) a letter from IJM to J. C. Wenger (January 20, 1964) as a response to the letter of JCW and the paper. Though not a part of the Mennonite General Conference and apparently not officially included among the recipients, JCW apparently did give a copy to IJM and solicited his response. After expressing deep appreciation for JCW’s scholarship and writings, IJM notes a problem, from his own perspective, in accepting the theses that the veiling is for public worship, but not necessarily for other public appearance. He also offers to additional exegetical suggestions. This edition of the paper is noted as “First Draft” and consists of 22 pages.
17. Seminar on the Church – Shiloh Mennonite Church 1978. Speakers in this seminar were Willard Mayer, Richard Showalter, Alvin Yoder, and David Showalter. The report was written by a resolutions committee served by David I. Miller as chairman and secretary. A copy of this plastic-bound report was sent by David I. Miller to his father (IJM) with a note inserted: “Thought you might want to see this report. Some differences on items of discipline within the Shiloh church gave rise to the seminar. Things are not settled at this point. More discussion is scheduled. Pray for Shiloh.”

362 – *Mennonitism*

Old Colony Mennonites at Fort Vermillion, Ontario – an article by John A Hostetler in *Mennonite Life* (April 1948), “Pioneering in the Land of the Midnight Sun”. (I retain a memory of John A Hostetler as a guest in my parental home, perhaps in 1948, and telling to the experience of the trip described in this article and offering to send a copy of *Mennonite Life* to my father.)

Clipping from Gospel Herald, October 12, 1976; Editorial by Daniel Hertzler, “The Aggresso-Conservative.”

363 – *Ethics and Life Style*

Clipping from Newsweek, October 13, 1958, “TV: Dial Anything for Murder. An article decrying the frequent and rampant depiction of murder in the 1959-59 TV season. (In this period, Conservative Mennonite Conference was dealing with keeping TV out of the homes.)

– A tract by John L. Stauffer, “The Radio Problem”. Warns strongly about the evils of radio material and against the use of radio by Christians. Undated. Stauffer died in 1959.

364 – *Social Concern and Justice*

364A – Clipping from *Christianity Today*, September 21, 1973, on a meeting in Chicago and the resulting statement, “A Declaration of Evangelical Social Concern”.

365 – *Denominations*

Methodist – Flyer, “Souvenir Folder of a Methodist Bicentennial Commemorativ Ride. A bi-centennial celebration; includes comments on the early circuit riders.

Methodist – Clipping from *The Plain Dealer*, March 19, 1966, with article on “U.S. Methodism’s 200 Years of ‘Endless Line of splendor’”. Describes the early circuit riders. Inscription by Alvin J. Miller, “Please keep on file, I may want it later. Alvin”. Apparently given by Alvin to IJM.

366 – Biographies

Elizabeth Beitzel, nee Orendorf. Clipping: “Aged Women at Goodwill Home; Mrs Beitzel to Be 106,” taken from *Meyersdale Republican*, October 16, 1969.

Norman and Beulah Bender and Enos and Verna Maust – clippings (2) from the *Oakland Republican*, October 23, 1969, and the *Meyersdale Republican*, October 16, 1969, reporting the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Benders and the Mausts on Saturday, October 19, 1969. The Meyersdale account was authored by Ivan J. and Della Miller with comments about each of the couples, including memories of the wedding day and commentary about the families.

Dr. Arthur H. Hawkins – clipping from a newspaper with biographical comments on Dr. Hawkins, a physician of Cumberland, Maryland, who died on June 9, 1952.

Jonas J. Beachy – Clipping (photocopy) from *Meyersdale Republican*, January 8, 1931, reporting the death of Jonas J. Beachy, father of the renowned photographer Leo Beachy. Includes mention of the western adventures of Jonas the funeral at Maple Glen when Jonas was a member.

367 – Historical Papers, Outlines, and Publications by IJM

Address by IJM at the annual conference of Conservative Mennonite Conference in 1960. A 50th anniversary presentation. Bears these inscriptions by IJM: “Original Draft address at Conference Wellman, Iowa, Aug. 18, 1960. Paper as read in file of Articles for publication. It was published in *Missionary Bulletin*.”

Address by IJM at the annual conference of Conservative Mennonite Conference in 1985 (75th anniversary), titled, “Our Vision in 1910,” 11 pages double spaced.

368 – Speaking Engagements of IJM Away from Home or Home Church

1951, 1952, 1953, 1954 – Winter Bible School at Fairview Mennonite Church, Kalona, Iowa. The program brochures of the above years list IJM as instructor. (I recall my father going to Iowa in consecutive years to teach in the annual Bible school in Iowa. My memory harks back also to the pleasure with which he spoke of the experience of attending the Christmas concert at the University of Iowa. Though not certain, I believe they were taken there by my mother’s niece, Mary and Leslie Byler. – David I. Miller, 04-08-2011)

December 4-6, 1973 – Ministers’ Week of Lancaster Mennonite Conference at Millersville Mennonite Church with IJM among the input persons.

July 16, 17, 1977 – Centennial Program of Upper Deer Creek Conservative Mennonite Church, Wellman, Iowa, with IJM as guest speaker.

August 25-27, 1978 – Annual Senior Citizen’s Retreat at Beaver Camp, Lowville, New York, with IJM as guest speaker.

November 1954 -- ??? Bible Conference at The Harrisburg Mennonite Church, Harrisburg, Oregon. One of the slots for instructor is given as “To be supplied.” At this writing, I have not found evidence of IJM having been that instructor. But my memory is clear that IJM had served in meetings in one of the churches in Oregon.

Perhaps this brochure is among his papers because he service in this case or perhaps as a sample of the Oregon program when communicating about another time.

370 – Various Items of Interest

Facts recorded by IJM about the Goodyear Airship Hangar at Akron, Ohio, after visiting there in 1937 en route home from the annual conference in Middlebury, Indiana. The carload: IJM and Della with son David and Simon Beachy and wife Verda Beachy.

371-380 Personal Items (Family, Farm, Business)

371 – Family

Forms of Mennonite Aid, Inc., and Mennonite Mutual Aid Association (MMA) showing membership of and assessments to Ivan J. Miller (family membership) and Ruth Miller (single membership) for medical insurance.

Family attendance at events of interest. The presence of the brochures and leaflets of various programs and events indicate family participation and/or interest. Events so represented are the following: (1) First Annual Home-Coming and Folk Festival, Springs,, Pennsylvania, October 11, 1958, (2) Garrett County Schools Third Annual County Wide Spelling Bee, may 13, 1958, (3) Yoder School Program of Song, April 8, 1952, (4) Yoder School Musical, May 28, 1957, (5) Yoder School Christmas Program, December 18, 1957, (6) Yoder School Christmas Program, December 16, 1960, (7) Goshen College Men’s Chorus 1934, (8) Goshen College Man’s Chorus 1936, (9) Goshen College A Cappella Chorus 1941, (10) Goshen College A Cappella Chorus, 1956, (11) church bulletin of First Presbyterian Church, Bradford, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1953, (12) Order of Worship for Each Evening Service; name of church not given; date given only as “Thursday, Sept 26,” a combination which occurred in 1968; A second inscription: “Our family sang the two anthem: “There were Shepherds”, Jesus Lover of My Soul”.

372 – Farm

Letter from Joel E. Hershberger to “Dear Nephew and Niece” (Ivan J. and Della Miller). Refers to promissory note and checks and a distribution, apparently related to the mortgage he had held against an earlier note when Ivan and Della borrowed from Joel for the purchase of Mapleshade Farm. January 29, 1944

Letter from Alvin J. Miller to IJM. The main point of business is permission to use his plow, but written to his nephew in jovial vein. I recall the occasion of this letter arriving in my parental home. My memory and the context indicate that IJM had met a rabbi in Cumberland who knew Alvin because of Alvin’s involvement at that time with The National Conference of Christians and Jews. Alvin also refers to his nephew Alva R. Yoder who apparently had asked Alvin about using his plow on his own farm. Alvin owned a farm on the north side of US 40 about two miles east of Grantsville and apparently had some farm machinery.

373 – The Casselman

Letters from and to Ivan J. and Della Miller and their children concerning estate planning and incorporation of The Casselman business. Responses to the parents include Rachel and Philip. The letters range in date from February 19, 1977, to March 24,

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1984. A clipping is included from *Nation's Business*, "Estate Planning for Business Owners".
- Handwritten notes, including a "Rough Balance Sheet" of The Casselman and a display of gifting program to the children of Ivan J. and Della Miller. May 1995
- Brochure advertising The Casselman Inn circa 1970s.
- 374 – Philanthropy
- Receipt from Conservative Conference, signed by Jacob Schrock, to Della Miller for \$1300 accompanied by a note with comment about the weather and the illness of minister Levi Stutzman. January 19, 1991
- 375 – Antiques
- Frosauscher Bible – Memo by IJM about the Frosauscher Bible of 1553 in possession of Mark Miller, who received it from his father, Evan J. Miller, who received from his father, Jonas B. Miller, who received when on a trip to Ontario Canada.
- 379 – Other (Personal Items)
- Letter from Della Miller to James W. Gregory, attorney at law, Fresno, Californian, regarding the estate of Della's aunt, Cora (Hershberger) Bender. Attached: Response of the attorney and a copy of the will.
- Letter from Ralph M. Burnett in behalf of Salem Home for children, asking IJM to serve on the Board of Directors of Salem. September 21, 1984
- Letter from IJM to Clarence Y. Fretz acknowledging receipt of Christmas tapes (likely of IJM family) and acknowledging IJM's interest, apparently in response to Fretz's inquiry, in the family singing selections of *Anabaptist Hymnal* for production of a tape. February 23, 1988

381-390 Conference Participation and Administrative Involvement

- 381 – Conference Events
- 381A Annual Conference of Conservative [Amish] Mennonite Conference
- Program brochures of some years of annual conference
- 381B Ministers Fellowship of Conservative [Amish] Mennonite Conference
- 1948 – Form Letter to "Dear fellow-Minister," with inscription by IJM: "Invitation to first Ministers Fellowship Meeting, January 1948 (sponsored by Pigeon River Congregation)"
- Program brochures of some years of Ministers' Fellowship of Conservative [Amish] Mennonite Conference
- 382 -- Conference Positions and Declarations
- Divorce and Remarriage – Two copies in typed form of the position later printed as a leaflet, one copy less complete with handwritten notations by IJM.
- 383 – IJM as Conference Moderator and Member of the Executive Committee
- 384 – IJM as Editor of *Brotherhood Beacon*
- Ivan J. Miller served as Editor of *Brotherhood Beacon* from January 1971 (the initial issue of the publication) to December 1976. This section holds his correspondence related to his work as editor during that period, sorted by the following categories:
- 384A – Administration of the publication

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- Final issue of *Missionary Bulletin* (December 1970), predecessor of *Brotherhood Beacon*, with the editorial by editor Elmer S. Yoder with reference to the debut of *Brotherhood Beacon* in the following month.
- Report of Publication and Literature Committee of Conference, including appointment of IJM as editor of new publication, price, beginning date, and name of publication – August 18, 1970.
- Letter from Elmer S. Yoder, editor of *Missionary Bulletin*, to IJM, editor-elect of *Brotherhood Beacon*, offering suggestions about features in the new publication – August 21, 1970. Attached: reply of IJM. August 25, 1970
- Letter from IJM to Mark Peachey at Rosedale Mennonite Missions Office concerning thematic emphasis of missions material for the first to issues. August 31, 1970
- Letter from Mark Peachey to Elmer S. Yoder. Refers to IJM letter of September 5, 1970, and requests ESY to respond to it. September 16, 1970
- Letter from IJM to Mark Peachey on the questions of locus of circulation management. September 18, 1970
- Letter from Elmer S. Yoder to IJM offering suggestions based on his experiences as an editor regarding periodicals on an exchange basis, free books for reviews, deadlines for materials, technique for calculating space, use of folders for each issue – September 2, 1970. Attached: reply of IJM. September 18, 1970
- Letter from IJM to Elmer Jantzi requesting his services a circulation manager. October 24, 1970
- Letter from Stanley Yoder of Mennonite Publishing House to IJM giving an estimate for printing *Brotherhood Beacon*. September 24, 1970
- Letter from Mrs. Ivan J. Miller to Dorcas Miller, Greenwood, Delaware, written at the request of IJM to ask Dorcas to serve as editor of the Sisters' page. September 25, 1970.
- Letter from Mark Peachey to IJM announcing approval, by the Missions Board, of IJM proposal given in a letter for August 31. Also responds to question of circulation management. October 1, 1970
- Letter from Dorcas Miller to IJM, accepting responsibility for the Sisters Page, but raising questions about lines of accountability in regard to the editor and the Women's Service Committee. October 2, 1970
- Letter from IJM to Dorcas Miller (cc: Elmer H. Maust) explaining his understanding about the appointment of the Sisters' Page editor, but referring the question to Elmer H. Maust as secretary of the Publication and Literature Committee. October 6, 1970
- Letter from Elmer H. Maust to Dorcas Miller (cc: IJM). Gives background on the development of a Conference Nurture Cabinet and Publication Committee and the role of the editor in appointing the Sisters' Page editor. October 7, 1970
- Letter from Dorcas Miller to IJM acknowledging the explanations of previous correspondence and accepting the role of Sisters' Page editor. October 8, 1970
- Letter from Mark Peachey to Luke Yoder, David Showalter, and IJM recommending that Elmer Jantzi serve as circulation manager. October 19, 1970
- Notes on *Missionary Bulletin* circulation, finances, and dimensions. No date.
- Letter from IJM to Richard Showalter and Elmer H. Maust seeking counsel regarding printing costs, design of masthead, page size, and color. October 7, 1970

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- Letter from IJM to Mark Peachey, Willard Mayer, Elmer H. Maust, David I. Miller, and others in certain offices seeking to identify the various special interests editors. October 13, 1970. Attached: responses of Elam Peachey and David I. Miller.
- Letter from IJM to Baker Book House, seeking permission to quote from one of their publications. November 2, 1970. Attached: reply of Baker Book House granting permission on condition of use of credit line.
- Letter from Elmer H. Maust, secretary of Publication and Literature Committee, to the Publication and Literature Committee concerning appointment of circulation manager. November 3, 1970
- Letter from IJM to Special Interests Editors concerning status of the first issue, flexibility of space used for each area of interest, and space calculations. November 17, 1970
- List of Brotherhood Beacon departments: missions, Executive Committee, Nurture Cabinet, Youth, Sisters, General and Editorial. No date.
- Letter from IJM to Elmer Jantzi (circulation manager) and/or Mark Peachey (missions office) concerning the mailing list for extra promotional copies of first issue of BB to be sent out. December 1, 1970
- Letter from IJM to Sanford L. Shank, Park View Press, on details of style and layout. December 2, 1970
- Letter from Mark Peachey to IJM concerning schedules for submitting materials and noting the Elmer Jantzi accepted to appointment of circulation manager. December 3, 1970
- Letter from IJM to Mark Peachey, Elmer S. Yoder, and Richard Showalter concerning schedules for receiving material for publication. December 7, 1970
- Minutes of Meeting Regarding Editing of Missions Material and Circulation and Promotional Planning for the Brotherhood Beacon. December 12, 1970
- Letter from Lois Bowman of Menno Simons Historical Library of Eastern Mennonite College asking for a copy of Missionary Bulletin of March 1957 in order to complete their section. January 14, 1971
- Letter from Sanford L. Shank of Parkview Press to IJM regarding the cost of changes made in layout by the assistant editor, Richard Showalter, after the initial layouts have been completed. Copied to Richard. March 3, 1971
- Letter from IJM to Sanford L. Shank and Richard Showalter, responding to the concerns of the letter of March 3, giving guidelines for efficient interactions of IJM directives and Richard Showalter's expertise. March 4, 1971
- Letter from Elmer S. Yoder to IJM with questions about absence of materials appearing from some departments, using color at least on the front page, Special Interest Editors as a possible misnomer, and deadlines for submitting materials. March 15, 1971
- Letter from IJM to Elmer S. Yoder in response to letter of March 15. Some departments were absent due to no material received. Probing was going directly to Park View Press, not to IJM. Lateness of paper due in part to late changes by Richard Showalter causing reprinting. March 20, 1971
- Memo from Parkview Press to IJM stating their practice of sending to IJM photocopies of final layouts and asking for phone calls if corrections are needed. April 19, 1971
- Letter (copy) from Mark Peachey to Elmer S. Yoder, noting the long wait time from submitting materials to appearance in BB and announcing the change of missions

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- interests materials going directly to the general editor rather than first to ESY who had served as missions editor. August 13, 1971
- Letter from Dorcas Miller to IJM inquiry about the use of background sketching on the Sisters Page. October 12, 1971
- Letter from IJM to Dorcas Miller regarding background sketching, noting that any extensive use of such art would add expense and should be in consultation with the Publication and Literature Committee.
- Letter from Glen T. Yoder to IJM advising of his appointment as youth editor and asking for instructions on schedules and procedures. No date.
- Letter from IJM to Glen T. Yoder concerning schedules and approaches for the Youth Page. November 16, 1971
- Letter from Philip Byler to IJM, noting enclosure of his last contribution of youth editor and referring to Glen Yoder as his successor and commenting with pleasure on the experience of working with IJM as editor. November 19, 1971
- Letter from IJM to Philip Byler in response to the letter of November 19. November 29, 1971
- Letter from Sanford L. Shank of Park View Press to IJM about schedules for receiving materials for BB and completing the printing each month and some of the problems encountered. February 10, 1972
- Letter from IJM to Parkview Press and Richard Showalter, writer of the Probing Column, concerning schedules, including arrangement for the Probing material to be sent to IJM by a certain date rather than directly to Parkview. February 28, 1972
- Series of letters under one staple related to the transition of editor of the Sisters Page from Dorcas Miller to Ethel Miller, 1973:
- September 24 – Dorcas Miller to IJM regarding her discontinuation of the assignment.
 - October 3 – IJM and Della to David and Erma Miller asking for suggestions on who might serve as Sisters editor with mention of Mrs. Raymond Swartz and Mrs. Luke Yoder.
 - October 16 – IJM to Morris Swartzendruber asking counsel on Sisters editor, mentioning Ethel Miller and Edith Nissly. Response by Morris typed at bottom of page, recommending Ethel.
 - October 29 – IJM to Dorcas Miller recognizing her resignation and seeking clarification on her desired schedule of termination.
 - November 9 – Paul H. Yoder, secretary of the Publication and Literature Committee to the members of the committee asking for response to the nomination of Ethel Miller as Sisters Page editor. Hand written notes indicate approval of the committee.
 - November 9 – Dorcas Miller to IJM, consenting to serve as editor until successor found.
 - November 11 – Paul H. Yoder to IJM – a handwritten note covering the responses of the Committee members John Ropp and Allen Yutzy.
 - No date – Violet Ropp (Mrs. John) to Paul H. Yoder stating that John was out of town, she talked with him by phone, he approves Ethel's appointment.
 - November 22 – IJM to Ethel Miller, asking her to serve as editor of the Sisters Page.

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- December 11 – Ethel Miller to IJM, accepting the assignment as editor of the Sisters Page. She comments: “Hopefully, you didn’t choose me because of knowing my father’s [Elmer G. Swartzendruber] abilities. You may be disappointed if you did.”
- December 27 – IJM to Henry Plank, chairman of the Pub. and Lit. Committee; Paul H. Yoder, secretary; Dorcas Miller, editor of the Sisters Page; Ethel Miller, editorial appointee. Announces Ethel’s acceptance and appointment and asked Ethel and Dorcas to coordinate plans for the transition.
- Letter from IJM to David I. Miller and Richard Showalter concerning the space for missions material and the Probing column. October 29, 1973
- Letter (copy) from David I. Miller (Missions Office Information Services) to Richard Showalter concerning the routing of the manuscripts of Richard’s column known as Probing. November 5, 1973
- Letter from Dorcas Miller to IJM regarding the schedule of transition of the Sisters Page editorship from herself to Ethel Miller. January 9, 1974
- Letter from Paul H. Yoder, secretary of the Publication and Literature Committee, to Mrs. John L Ropp (Violet Ropp), chairman of the Women’s Service Committee, explaining the lines of accountability regarding the appointment of the editor of the Sisters Page. This is a response to her letter of November 14, 1973. February 25, 1974
- Letter from Glen J. Yoder, youth page editor, to IJM informing of his discontinuation as editor and being succeeded by Merle and Mary Hochstedler. December 20, 1974
- Announcement from Nelson Waybill of Mennonite Publishing House of a Conference Editors Workshop at Laurelville Church Center. February 11, 1974.
- Letter from IJM to Nelson Waybill, enclosing for issues of BB for evaluation, especially for evaluation of the editorials. States plans of self-financing his possible attendance since “the relations between the Conservative Conference and the wider brotherhood seem a bit strained at present and I did not feel to ask for permission to use conference funds for this trip. February 18, 1974
- Letter from Mrs. Jacob Miller (Dorcas Miller) to IJM regarding an error or confusion in identify the Sisters Page editor or contributor and acknowledging her own part in the error. August 9, 1974
- Letter from IJM to Paul H. Yoder, secretary of the Publication and Literature Committee, offering his resignation as general editor of BB, reasoning that a younger person with training should be given the job. Resignation effective December 1975. September 7, 1974
- Letter from IJM to Paul H. Yoder, secretary of the Publication and Literature Committee, responding to a request for counsel in regard to the search for the future editor of BB. IJM nominates John Mishler and give reasons for the nomination. April 24, 1975
- Letter from Walter Beachy, president of Rosedale Bible Insitute, to IJM regarding space allotments for RBI materials. June 10, 1975
- Letter from IJM to David Showalter. Refers to a recent telephone call and proceeds to describe the work of the editor of BB. Apparently Showalter was seeking to understand the editor’s task in consideration of accepting the assignment as successor to IJM. March 5, 1976

Letter from IJM to David Showalter, noting “word from LeRoy Yoder about the transition in editorship for the BEACON” and the “LeRoy suggested I would contact you about some planning for the next months.” IJM then gives an outline of schedules in use for receiving and processing materials and printing and offers suggestions for possible meeting times. September 14, 1976

Letter from J. Ward Shank to IJM noting transfer of editorship and of address of exchange issues. November 5, 1976

384B – Material solicited/offered/suggested for publication and related correspondence

Ivan J. Miller – Request received from J. Ward Shank, editor of *Sword and Trumpet*, for IJM to write an article on the subject of the family. Also comments on the poem by IJM on the cover of BB May 1971 and writes two paragraphs on the then newly projected structure of the Mennonite Church, i.e. regional assemblies. May 3, 1971. Reply: IJM encloses the first three stanzas of the poem which were omitted because thought too romantic for a religious paper, comments on the regional idea of Mennonite Church as a puzzlement from the CMC perspective, and accepts the task of writing an article. May 8, 1971

Willard Mayer -- Letter from Willard Mayer indicating an article, as requested by IJM, for BB. Expresses deep appreciation for the paper. October 14, 1971

Elmer S. Yoder – ESY to IJM accepting IJM’s request for an article by Elmer. Also offers to send quotations which can be used as filler. November 30, 1971 Reply: IJM comments that supply and space have worked out well in the first year and accepts the offer of filler material. No date.

Glen J. Yoder – Ray M. Geigley, editor of *Youth Messenger*, to IJM asking permission to reprint article, “Life is for Living from the February 1972 BB. February 28, 1972. Reply: IJM gives permission. March 11, 1972.

Richard Showalter – Levi Miller, editor of *Builder* magazine requests permission to reprint Richard Showalter’s article, “The Christian Teacher.” IJM notes on letter: “Answered favorably, with copy to Richard 6/10/72.” June 8, 1972

Elmer S. Yoder – Suggests that with the bicentennial of the United States approaching, articles be included on the “religious positions of men such as Franklin and Jefferson so that our people don’t get sidetracked by glorifying these men as Bible believing and obeying models . . .” April 29, 1972. Response of IJM to ESY: Thanks ESY for the concern and suggestion and asks for an outline of approach. July 27, 1972

J. Ward Shank – IJM seeking permission to reprint three of Shank’s editorials in *Sword and Trumpet* as guest editorials. July 17, 1972

Ray M Geigley, editor of *Youth Messenger*, to IJM, requesting permission to reprint an article from BB. July 27, 1972. IJM notation: “Sent letter granting request 7/29/72.”

Fannie Yoder – Mark Peachey to IJM and Dorcas Miller urging that a certain article by Fannie Yoder be place on the front page rather than in the Sisters page.

Fannie Yoder – IJM to Mark Peachey and Dorcas Miller, stating a preference and decision for Fannie Yoder’s article to appear in the Sisters Page or possibly in the Missions Section. November 5, 1973

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- Henry Plank – Encloses article for publication on modern thought and offers additional articles. October 22, 1972. IJM reply to Henry Plank: Accepts the article for use when suitable per space and notes some editorial questions. October 28, 1972.
- Henry Plank – Explains background of article recently submitted and registers concern about neo-orthodoxy and the charismatic movement. Requests return of the article for further work. Nov. 4, 1972. IJM reply: returns the article with some explanations.
- Morris Swartzendruber, Kalona, Iowa, and David L. Miller, Hutchinson, Kansas, addressing both men asking for an article and for a guest editorial respectively on the subject of discipline in the church. November 3, 1972
- Morris Swartzendruber – Accepting the assignment, with reluctance, requested in the letter of November 3. November 9, 1972
- David L. Miller – Accepts the assignment requested in the letter of November 3 and reminisces his visit to Grantsville in 1950, referring to Evan J. Miller. November 19, 1972
- John Daniel Stahl – Letter to IJM covers an article related to the Greenwood Sixtieth Anniversary. April 16, 1974. Reply: accepts the article for the June issue and offers a few editorial changes. May 3, 1974
- Nevin Bender – Letter from IJM to Nevin Bender, requesting that he write a guest editorial, reflecting on the upcoming conference sessions. Handwritten note by IJM: Nevin called later to say he had just return from an extended trip and is not sure whether he will be at conference. August 3, 1974
- Ivan J. Miller – Letter from J. Ward Shank requesting permission to reprint in Sword and Trumpet the IJM editorial “Law and Order” and “The case of Wesley Marner.” Expresses a wish for a personal visit and orders a gallon of Maple Syrup. January 25, 1975. Reply: Letter from IJM to J. Ward Shank, granting permission for the requested reprints and extending an invitation to visit the Millers at Granstville. February 13, 1975
- John L. Ropp, “Lady Preachers !?!#&”. Attached: cover letter of Ropp to IJM (April 21, 1975 and a response from IJM (May 24, 1975) suggesting some changes.
- Arthur McPhee – Letter from Mark Peachey to IJM offering for publication material presented by Arthur McPhee at Celebration of Faith at Eastern Mennonite College on the subject of Discipling in the Congregation. May 9, 1975 Enclosure: copy of letter to Art McPhee seeking permission to reproduce his presentation either in BB or in mimeographed format. May 10, 1975. Reply: letter by IJM to Arthur McPhee and Mark Peachey suggesting that McPhee’s material by written in condensed form for BB, either by McPhee or Peachey with the two working it out. May 17, 1975
- Alva Maust – Memo from the Conference Publication and Literature Committee to IJM and Alva Maust regarding an article by Maust titled, “Is It Lawful for a Man to Put Away His Wife?” IJM had sought counsel from the Committee regarding the article. The committee recommends (1) that the editor work with the writer for improving the article, (2) an additional article on the subject be included in the same issue, and (3) the Ministers Fellowship committee include a study on the subject in their annual program. May 20, 1976.
- Alva Maust – Letter from Paul H. Yoder to IJM, stating that Alva Maust supports the suggestions of the May 20 Memo and wishes for Paul to meet with him and IJM to

discuss the article. Handwritten note by IJM: “Paul, Alva, and I met July 8 in our home. We went over the article and decided I was to re-write it and submit a copy to Alva for his approval.” June 12, 1976

384C – Reader Responses to *Brotherhood Beacon*

- Letter from Orië Kauffman to IJM with favorable comment about the new paper with appreciation for IJM’s editorial work on Orië’s article. January 9, 1971
- Letter from Elmer S. Yoder with comment: “I received the first copy of *Brotherhood Beacon* after much anticipation. You did a fine job in preparing this introductory issue. I am looking forward to future issues.” Also includes business as missions editor regarding future materials, including writing by Fannie Yoder. January 9, 1971. Attached: IJM reply. January 13, 1971
- Letter from Raymond Byler to IJM with favorable comments about the new paper, *Brotherhood Beacon*. January 11, [1971]
- Letter from Howard J. Zehr, executive secretary of Mennonite General Conference, to IJM and Richard Showalter with highly favorable comments about the first issue of BB. January 15, 1971
- Letter from Raymond Byler to IJM commenting on the Youth Page with embarrassment because of the “Pentecostal” emphasis appearing with his son as youth editor and the writer as a member of his church in Florida. Appreciates IJM’s cautious response in the editorial. February 10, 1971
- Letter from Richard Blosser of Mennonite Weekly Review with appreciation for receipt of the two first issue of BB and offering an exchange arrangement. February 13, 1971
- Letter from Clarence Church of the Wycliffe Institute of Linguistics in Bogota, Colombia, with congratulations on BB as a “very fine presentation” and comments on “four young Mennonite fellows with us plus a young married couple and with reference to Ray and Susie Schlabach work in Costa Rica. April 12, 1971
- Letter from Mark Peachey to IJM with appreciation for the IJM editorial, “To the Unknown God”. March 2, 1972
- Letter from Raymond Byler to IJM: “You did it again – Law and Order.” Great! You left us in easy, with three paragraphs from real life, then a gentle application with a prophetic bible verse, then a clincher using a very picturesque worl in italics, and then a fatherly prayer.” Also comments on the purpose and use of combined Conference Reports having historic value and for libraries, not for general distribution. No date.
- Letter from Luke Yoder and wife Cora Yoder to Ivan and Della Miller with appreciation for IJM’s work as editor. January 2, 1976
- Letter from Luke Yoder to IJM. Check enclosed as honorarium for IJM as speaker at Pigeon River church with appreciation for his ministry there. Comments on work as editor: “I do appreciate your work as editor of the *Beacon*. I especially liked your recent editorials relating to your great grandchildren and great grandparents!” June 22, 1976

385 IJM as Conference Historian

Ivan J. Miller served as Conference Historian from 1948 (see page 5 of the Annual Report of Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference, 1948) to 1985.

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- 1949-51 – Packet of seven post cards and two sheets of paper with notations with information on ordination dates and officiating bishop of ministers, including Christian M. Nafziger, Eli Swartzentruber, Nevin Bender, Alvin Mast, Emanuel Swartzendruber, Christian W. Bender, Noah S. Miller, Lloyd Boshart, and Emanuel Peachey. The cards are addressed, some to IJM (Conference historian) and Raymond Byler (Conference secretary). This information appears to have been solicited for the purpose of compiling or updating the list of Conference ministers with dates and officiating bishop of ordination included. These items are placed into an envelope with the inscription, “Ministerial List of Conference.”
- July 5, 1949 – Letter from J. B. Miller to Raymond Byler responding to a request for information about JBM’s ordination. The ordination occurred at the Oak Dale church on Sunday, May 30, 1897, Joel J. Miller officiating. Others in the lote were Joel Hershberger, Simon S. Miller, and Solomon Yoder. JBM then proceeds with a description of a dream of an unrealistic setting of the annual conference and reference to Henry Harbaugh with quotation of one of his Pennsylvania Deitsch poems. (Comment: this letter seems to represent some mental failings of my 79 year-old grandfather.)
- August 1950 – Outline of Report of Conference Historian to the business meeting of Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference concerning article written for Mennonite Encyclopedia and combining the annual Conference Reports of 1938 to 1950. See page 7 of the Conference Report of 1950.
- April 2, 1951 – from A. J. Beachy, Kalona, Iowa, to IJM giving requested information of the names and terms of Publication Board members 1933 to 1950. This refers to the board responsible for the publication of *Herold der Wahrheit*.
- April 1957 – Proposed Statement Concerning the Duties of the Conference Historian, approved by the Historical Committee of the Mennonite General Conference. Inscription by J. C. Wenger: “Please deliver to your Conference Historian.”
- April 6, 1957 – Minutes of the Meeting of the Historical Committee of Mennonite General Conference.
- April 1957 – Report of the Custodian of the Mennonite Church Archives to the Historical Committee of the Mennonite Church.
- August 1960 – Outline or items of report for the Historical Committee to the business meeting of Conservative Mennonite Conference: (1) author or editor of the Conference History? (2) finances of the Conference History, (3) tentative outline of the book, (4) securing local material, and (5) ginding the last 10 years of Conference Reports.
- 1960 – “Congregational and Area Histories (a guide)”. Inscription by IJM: “Received from Merlin L. Swartz, student at Goshen College, when he asked for information on the Conservative Conference. He was planning to write a brief history of Conference in a course on Mennonite History. This was in 1960.”
- August 26, 1969 – Letter from Willard Mayer, secretary of Conference, to Melvin Nussbaum, administrator of Goodwill Mennonite Home, regarding records of the Amish Mennonite Children’s Home located on the premises of Goodwill. Nussbaum is referred to the Conference Historian, IJM.
- August 1981 – Report of the Conference Historian to the business meeting of Conservative Mennonite Conference. Main topic: the archives in Rosedale and

the need to secure an archivist. Also notes the approaching 75th anniversary in 1985.

January 20, 1984 – Report by IJM to Winifred Paul, Mennonite Church Historian, responding to Paul’s request for a report, on activities of the historian of Conservative Mennonite Conference. Notes the archives, the upcoming 75th anniversary, and the writing of the Conference History.

April 23, 1984 – Letter from Elmer S. Yoder to IJM with information on plans for a series of historical articles in *Brotherhood Beacon*.

May 25, 1984 – Letter from IJM to Elmer S. Yoder acknowledging Elmer’s letter of April 23.

February 13, 1985 – Report of Conference Historian to the business meeting of Conservative Mennonite Conference. Includes a reminder of the availability of archives in Rosedale for positing congregational and ministerial materials and plans for the annual conference to celebrate 75 years.

1985 – Clipping from *Mennonite Weekly Review*, “Conservative Conf. Observes 75 years – notes celebration at annual conference with drama, *Zamma Kumma*, and release of History of Conservative Mennonite Conference.

No date – Notes on Mennonite Yearbook: contains pages on “Amish Mennonite (Conservative)” in the years 1905 to 1908; no Yearbook published in the years 1909 to 1912; published annually in and after 1913.

386 – Della Miller Serving on Conference Women’s Committees

Della served on various committees of the women’s programs and activities, beginning with the first organization of a standing committee in 1949.

March 25, 1952 – Letter from Della Miller to Eula Swartz and Wilma Yoder, co-members of the Program Committee of the Conference sister’s organization, concerning who should chair the committee and a list possible subjects for the program of the sisters’ meeting.

389 – IJM Involvement in Conference – Various

1969 – Report by IJM on In-Service Training or Continuing Education for Ministers. This report is in the form of a questionnaire of undisclosed source or destination. Lists Ministers’ Fellowship and the Conference’s Bible Institute.

Correction to Header: This is the printing of April 10, 2011. The need for this correction was discovered after all 134 pages were printed.