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**Records of the Anglican Evangelical
Group Movement (AEGM)**

1907-1979

Accession number: 1975/09; 1977/06; 1992/05; 1992/14; 1979/12; 1993/27

Historical Background:

The Anglican Evangelical Group Movement began as a small, informal grouping of discontented evangelicals within the church of England in 1906. It is said to have emerged as a result of the visit of Douglas Thornton, a member of the missionary union, to St Aidan's College, Birkenhead, where he found a number of people discontented with the direction evangelicalism had taken in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Thornton inspired them to some kind of action and after two meetings, the Group Movement (as it was called in the early stages) began with the Liverpool Six - Lisle Carr, H. Probyn, A. J. Tait, A. F. Thornhill, B. C. Jackson and F. S. Guy Warman. The latter, at that time was vicar of Birkenhead and became first permanent secretary and in 1908 he replaced Tait as principal of St Aidan's.

The earliest concerns of the group reflected the way in which they thought evangelical principles had been allowed to slip in the church of England. Privately circulated points for consideration included a belief in the revelatory nature of the Bible and the implications of this for personal exegesis and practical divinity. Their soteriology was very Christocentric, with an important statement made about the role of Christ in the transmission of grace and the confirming nature of baptism in the visible church to ensure acceptance into the invisible church. Evangelisation of the world was considered to be the primary duty of the church.

The organization that followed these beginnings was swift with the setting up of regional meetings of Groups who were part of the larger Group Movement in Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol, Manchester and Durham. Discussion took place about their immediate concerns, especially the need for a logocentric practical divinity and, under the direction of Warman, the Group Movement began producing pamphlets under the general title of English church manuals. After the first world war the Group Movement became more active and was revitalized through the publication of Canon Vernon Storr's essays under the title Liberal evangelicalism. This title epitomises what the movement became in its heyday of the 1920s and 1930s; one committed to freedom of religion and thought on the one hand but in the practical converting power of the Gospel on the other. The tension inherent in this combination eventually led to the fundamentalists breaking away and setting up the Bible Churchman's Missionary Society.

In 1923 agreement was reached about the essential aims of the movement which included evangelism at home and abroad, to promote Christian civilization and work for the attainment of effective unity in word and sacrament. The Group Movement was renamed the Anglican Evangelical Group Movement, it produced a pamphlet, *The A.E.G.M.: what it is and what it stands for*, and it became a more open pressure group within the Anglican church holding a yearly meeting called the Cromer Convention. Bible readings at these conventions were often given by Canon Storr, who emerged as effective leader until his death in 1940. His death and the outbreak of war disrupted the AEGM's activities and membership fell from 1600 to 500. However, the organization continued to produce its bulletin and concern itself with revisions of the sacerdotal side of Anglican worship until it finally disbanded in 1967, when, at its last annual conference, it dissolved itself on the grounds that the job it originally set out to do had largely been done (Hickin 'Liberal evangelicals in the church of England', *passim*).

Frederic Sumpter Guy Warman

Guy Warman was born on 5 November 1872 and educated at the Merchant Taylors' School from which he won a classical scholarship to go to Pembroke College, Oxford. He then went on to

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theological school and was ordained as curate of Leyton in 1895. In 1899 he married Gertrude Earle and they went on to have two sons. He was briefly vice-principal of St Aidan's Theological College in Birkenhead before resigning to become vicar of Birkenhead, eventually returning to St Aidan's as principal in 1907. In 1916 he wrote a short history of the evangelical movement and in the same year he became vicar of Bradford. In 1919 was appointed to the see of Truro and in 1923 moved to Chelmsford. He was heavily involved in the revision of the prayer book for the 1927 version. In 1928 he was made bishop of Manchester, his evangelicalism possibly robbing him of the possibility of translation to the archiepiscopate of York. He saw out the rest of his career as bishop of Manchester before dying on 12 February 1950 at his home in Orpington, Kent. Both his sons followed him into the church and papers in the collection relating to Warman originate with his son, also Guy Warman (Obituaries from the Times 1951-1960).

Custodial history:

Deposited through the Reverend Canon A. T. L. Doyle in Jun 1975 and his daughter in May 1993; by Reverend Leonard Hickin through the Church Missionary Society in Oct 1977; and by Canon Eric Smith in May 1992.

Description:

The records include minutes of annual general meetings (1930-1967) and minutes of the central committee (1926-1967) as well as minute books of committees such as the general purposes committee and minutes of the Birmingham Group (1936-1945), of the Liverpool Six (1907-1911), of the Group Brotherhood (1920-1926) and the South London Group (1932-1937). Central committee files (1927-1951) are held along with the files of the sociological subcommittee (1934-1944), the confirmation joint committee (1944-1945) and the theological committee (1947-1951). Financial records include all balance sheets (1950-1972), a ledger (1940-1962), the ordination fund account book (1927-1950) and sales of publications (1942-1950). Indexes and lists of members as well as members' correspondence can be found (1935-1966). Other material in the archive includes study outlines (1948-1966), files of general correspondence (1937-1962) and various subject files, including files on the incorporation of the movement, its federal, regional and Indian committees, its programmes, diocesan units and thoughts on Anglican services such as baptism, confirmation and burial as well as its subject files on marriage and divorce. The records also include press cuttings, articles written about the movement by Leonard Hickin, copies of the AEGM's published pamphlets as well as copies of its bulletin, *The Liberal Evangelical* (intermittent 1933-1962) and a group of papers (1907-1966) which includes correspondence, a photograph and an obituary relating to one of the leaders of the early movement, the Reverend F. S. Guy Warman.

Arrangement:

U DEM/1	Minutes, 1926-1967
U DEM/2	Committee Files, 1927-1979
U DEM/3	Finance, 1927-1972
U DEM/4	Membership, 1928-1966
U DEM/5	Conferences, 1947-1967
U DEM/6	Study Outlines, 1948-1966
U DEM/7	Various Files, 1927-1970
U DEM/8	Press cuttings, 1925-1950
U DEM/9	Printed Material, 1907-1962
U DEM/10	Miscellaneous, 1907-1966

Extent: 18 boxes

Related material:

Other repositories:

Records of the Hereford Group, Herefordshire Record Office [GB 0044]

Finding aids: Entry in Religious archives subject guide

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

Language: English

U DEM/1	Minutes 19 volumes, 3 files, 1 item & 1 bundle	1926-1967
U DEM/1/1	File. Minutes of Annual General Meetings, Nos. 1-22 1 file	1930-1949
U DEM/1/2	Minute Book. Minutes of Annual General Meetings, Nos. 21-40 1 volume	1948-1967
U DEM/1/3	Minute Book. Minutes of Central Committee 1 volume	1931-1942
U DEM/1/4	File. Minutes of Central Committee 1 file	1942-1946
U DEM/1/5	File. Minutes of Central Committee 1 file	1946-1948

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U DEM/1/6	Minute Book. Minutes of Central Committee 1 volume	1948-1967
U DEM/1/7	Volumes. Minutes of Central Committee Spare copies. 3 volumes	1927-1967
U DEM/1/8	Minute Book. General Purposes Committee Known as the 'Extension Committee', 1927-1934. 1 volume	1927-1965
U DEM/1/9	Minute Book. Ordination Candidates Fund Sub- Committee 1 volume	1927-1939
U DEM/1/10	Minute Book. Birmingham Group 1 volume	1936-1945
U DEM/1/11	Minute Book. Birmingham Group 1 volume	1945-1952
U DEM/1/12	Minute Book. Birmingham Group 1 volume	1952-1967
U DEM/1/13	Bundle. 'Documents removed from Minute Book' Includes reports, lists of members, programmes, accounts, notices, and papers. 1 bundle	1926-1940
U DEM/1/14	Minute Book. Group Movement ('The Liverpool Six') 1 volume	1907-1911
U DEM/1/15	Minute Book. Group Brotherhood (AEGM) 1 volume	1920-1926
U DEM/1/16	Minute Book. Central Committee 1 volume	1926-1930
U DEM/1/17	Minute Book. South London Group 1 volume	1932-1937
U DEM/1/18	Minute Book. South London Group 1 volume	1937-1942
U DEM/1/19	Minute Book. South London Group 1 volume	1942-1958
U DEM/1/20	Minutes. Meeting of the North-West London Group 1 item	22 Jan 1952

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U DEM/1/21	Minute Book. West Kent Group 1 volume	1945-1953
U DEM/1/22	Minute Book. Ordination Candidates Fund Committee 1 volume	1939-1958
U DEM/2	Committee files 12 files	1927-1979
U DEM/2/1	File. Central Committee 1 file	1927-1928
U DEM/2/2	File. Central Committee 1 file	1929-1930
U DEM/2/3	File. Central Committee 1 file	1930-1931
U DEM/2/4	File. Central Committee 1 file	1948-1949
U DEM/2/5	File. Central Committee 1 file	1949-1950
U DEM/2/6	File. Central Committee 1 file	1950-1951
U DEM/2/7	File. Central Committee Election of members. 1 file	1961
U DEM/2/8	File. Sociological Sub-committee Including minutes for 1941-1943. 1 file	1934-1944
U DEM/2/9	File. Confirmation Joint Committee 1 file	1944-1945
U DEM/2/10	File. Theological Committee 1 file	1947-1951
U DEM/2/11	File. Central Committee - Last Days and Membership List Includes correspondence and some minutes. 1 file	1966-1979

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U DEM/2/12	File. Memorandum and Articles of Association File contains printed copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association with copies of the resolutions passed at Extraordinary General Meetings in 1939 and 1950. 1 file	1927-1950
U DEM/3	Financial papers 4 volumes, 2 bundles & 5 items	1927-1972
U DEM/3/1	Bundle. Balance Sheets 1 bundle	1950-1972
U DEM/3/2	Volume. Ledger 1 volume	1940-1962
U DEM/3/3	Account Book. Ordination Fund 1 volume	1927-1962
U DEM/3/4	Account Book. Ordination Fund 1 volume	1962-1965
U DEM/3/5	Bundle. Ordination Fund: particulars of candidates and grants 1 bundle	1927-1950
U DEM/3/6	Account Book. Sale of publications 1 volume	1942-1950
U DEM/3/7	Annual Report and Financial Statement Printed report and statement for 1933, 1935, 1937 and 1938. 4 items	1933-1938
U DEM/3/8	Volume. Financial Statement and List of Members 1 volume	1933
U DEM/4	Membership papers 3 items & 2 bundles	1928-1966
U DEM/4/1	Index. Members 1 item	1949-1953
U DEM/4/2	Lists. Members 1 bundle	1951-1965
U DEM/4/3	Membership correspondence 1 bundle	1952-1966

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U DEM/4/4	Index. Cromer Convention members 1 item	1928-1939
U DEM/4/5	Index. Affiliated Parochial Study Groups and corporate members 1 item	1935-1944
U DEM/5	Conference papers 5 files	1947-1967
U DEM/5/1	File. Easter conference 1 file	1947-1950
U DEM/5/2	File. Easter conference 1 file	1950-1951
U DEM/5/3	File. Conference 1 file	1952
U DEM/5/4	File. Annual conference 1 file	1954-1957
U DEM/5/5	File. Spring conference 1 file	1953-1967
U DEM/5/6	Bundle. Winter Conference and Cromer Conventions Printed invitations and programmes for the Winter Conference and summer meetings (called Cromer Convention) for 1931-1939 and 1959-1967. 1 bundle	1931-1967
U DEM/5/7	Bundle. Group Officers' Conference Typescript reports of annual meeting, also includes pamphlet for internal audiences entitled 'The Groups in parochial life'. 1 bundle	1934-1938
U DEM/6	Study outlines 5 files	1948-1966
U DEM/6/1	File. Study outlines 1 file	1948-1952
U DEM/6/2	File. Study outlines 1 file	1953-1958
U DEM/6/3	File. Study outlines 1 file	1958-1961

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U DEM/6/4	File. Study outlines 1 file	1961-1966
U DEM/6/5	File. Study outlines Printed outlines (1931-1938 and 1961-1962); printed and typescript notes including pamphlet text, minutes of meetings; proposed Liturgy of Liverpool branch (1962); revision of Burial Office (West Kent Group); printed Chairman's letter (1955). 1 file	1961-1966
U DEM/7	General files 24 files & 2 bundles	1927-1970
U DEM/7/1	File. General correspondence 1 file	1937-1950
U DEM/7/2	File. General correspondence 1 file	1952-1953
U DEM/7/3	File. General correspondence 1 file	1956-1958
U DEM/7/4	File. General correspondence 1 file	1958-1962
U DEM/7/5	File. General correspondence 1 file	1962-1967
U DEM/7/6	File. Incorporation of the Anglican Evangelical Group Movement 1 file	1927-1950
U DEM/7/7	File. South India Church proposals for Church Union 1 file	1930-1947
U DEM/7/8	File. Federation of Group and Regional Committees 1 file	1930-1955
U DEM/7/9	File. Lent Books and Good Friday addresses 1 file	1937-1951
U DEM/7/10	File. Programmes 1 file	1935-1951
U DEM/7/11	File. Burroughs Lectures 1 file	1936-1954
U DEM/7/12	File. Diocesan Units 1 file	1943-1950

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U DEM/7/13	File. Revision of the baptismal service 1 file	1943-1960
U DEM/7/14	File. Confirmation Pamphlets for confirmees. 1 file	1946-1951
U DEM/7/15	File. The Fellowship of the Kingdom and the Free Church Fellowship 1 file	1947-1957
U DEM/7/16	File. 'Challenge' series of pamphlets 1 file	1949-1950
U DEM/7/17	File. Literature Includes minutes of the Literature Committee. 1 file	1949-1956
U DEM/7/18	File. Marriage and Divorce 1 file	1950-1957
U DEM/7/19	File. Revision of aims and basis 1 file	1952-1953
U DEM/7/20	File. Revision of Canon Law 1 file	1953-1960
U DEM/7/21	File. Revision of the burial service 1 file	1958-1960
U DEM/7/22	File. Attempts to continue the Movement 1 file	1965-1970
U DEM/7/23	File. Anglican Evangelical Group Movement papers Minutes, newsletters, circulars, accounts, correspondence, study outlines. 1 file	1957-1968
U DEM/7/24	File. Articles by Reverend L. Hicken, with related correspondence Including: a) 'The Origins and Early Years of the Anglican Evangelical Society' b) 'Liberal Evangelicals in the Church of England' c) 'Evangelicalism at the End of the Nineteenth Century' 1 bundle	[1966]-1969
U DEM/7/25	Bundle. Lay membership Correspondence and draft memorandum relating to revising the Memorandum and Articles of Association. 1 bundle	c.1931-1949

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U DEM/7/26	File. AIM & BASIS and Faith and Freedom Copies of Constitution, aims and basis with annotations, copies of the printed letters from the Chairman. 1 file	1936-1967
U DEM/8	Press Cuttings 1 bundle, 2 volumes & 6 items	1925-1950
U DEM/8/1	Bundle. Loose press cuttings 1 bundle	1925
U DEM/8/2	Volume. Press cuttings 1 volume	1928-1938
U DEM/8/3	Volume. Press cuttings 1 volume	1939-1950
U DEM/8/4	Articles from 'The Church of England Newspaper' and 'The Record' Reports of Cromer Conventions. 6 items	1927-1939
U DEM/9	Publications 2 volumes, 2 files & 54 items	1907-1967
U DEM/9/1	Volume. Anglican Evangelical Group Movement pamphlets Nos. 1-26 (missing No. 5). 1 volume	1920
U DEM/9/2	Volume. Anglican Evangelical Group Movement pamphlets Nos. 28-53 (missing No. 38). 1 volume	1920
U DEM/9/3	Publication. 'Christ Our Redeemer: the Cross in Human Life' Addresses given at the Cromer Convention. 1 item	26 Jun- 1 Jul 1933
U DEM/9/4	Publication. 'The Church in the Modern World' Addresses given at the Cromer Convention. 1 item	22-29 Jun 1935
U DEM/9/5	Publication. 'Christ and Authority' Addresses given at the Cromer Convention. 1 item	26 Jun- 3 Jul 1937

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U DEM/9/6	Bulletin. 'The Liberal Evangelical' Contains the following issues of the 'Bulletin' of the Anglican Evangelical Group Movement, also known as 'The Liberal Evangelical': Vol. II Nos. 5-7; Vol III Nos. 1-10; Vol. IV Nos. 1-3 and 5-8; Vol. V Nos. 1-2; Vol. VI Nos. 15-18; Vol. VII Nos. 1-7; Vol. VIII Nos. 1-3 and 5-9. Note: see also U DEM/9/9 for further issues. 41 items	Oct 1933- Feb 1962
U DEM/9/7	Pamphlets. Anglican Evangelical Group Movement Includes 'The Divinity of Christ, by Reverend Vernon F. Storr (1919); 'The Spiritual Value of the Holy Communion' by Canon T. Guy Rogers (1927); 'A Catechism' by Reverend Geoffrey C. L. Lunt (1930); 'The Creed Comes Alive' by K. A. Saunders (1948); 'How to Pray' by G. H. G. Hewitt (1948); 'What the Church is doing' by E. J. Walser (1948); 'What does it mean to be a Christian' by E. J. Walser (1948); 'What the Church Stands For' by F. W. Head (n.d.); 'Why Religion at all?' by J. W. Hunkin (n.d.); 'An Introduction to the Communion Service' by Reverend R. O. P. Taylor (n.d.). 10 items	1919-1948
U DEM/9/8	Printer Matter Specimens Printed conference reports, Constitution, printed statements made by some of the Groups including 'Authority' (London Group) and 'The Church and the Marriage Law' (Kingston Group). 41 items	1907-1915
U DEM/9/9	File. Copies of the 'Bulletin' of the Anglican Evangelical Group Movement Contains the following issues of the 'Bulletin', later known as 'The Liberal Evangelical': Vol. II Nos. 3-4, 8-9; Vol. IV No. 4 (War Edition); Vol. V No. 9; Vol. VI No. 4; Vol. VIII Nos. 4, 10-17; Vol. IX Nos. 2-3; Vol. X Nos. 1-3; Vol. XI Nos. 1-2. Note: see also U DEM/9/6 for further issues. 1 file	Oct 1932- Dec 1967
U DEM/10	Miscellaneous 18 items	1907-1966
U DEM/10/1	Correspondence of Reverend F. S. Guy Warman and other papers Relating to the founding of the Anglican Evangelical Group Movement. 11 items	1907

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U DEM/10/2	Papers relating to Dr F. S. G. Warman, Bishop of Manchester Including: a) Obituary from 'Manchester Guardian' (14 Feb 1953) b) Obituary by Reverend E. C. Dewick, St Aidan's College Magazine (Birkenhead) ([1953]) c) Letter from his son, Reverend Guy Warman to Reverend L. Hicken enclosing a) and b) and the minute book of the Liverpool Six (U DEM/1/14) and writing of his memories of his father (2 Aug 1966) 3 items	1953-1966
U DEM/10/3	Group photograph. Anglican Evangelical Group Movement Conference at St Hilda's College, Oxford 1 photograph	Apr 1958
U DEM/10/4	Printing blocks Two printing blocks, one containing the AEGM initials and logo and a second more elaborate block with the phrase 'The Truth shall make you free'. 2 items	1950
U DEM/10/5	AEGM Banner Banner has a blue background with a cross and AEGM initials in yellow. 1 item	n.d.