

PAPERS OF REV WILLIAM GOWLAND

Introduction

‘Bill’ Gowland (1911-1991) was a leading and influential figure in British Methodism. His evangelical background moved him into exploring radical new ways to make Christianity real in the changing world of the 20th century. He constantly challenged and provoked the church, believing that it exists for those outside it and that the gospel should be present where people ‘work and toil and sweat and swear’. The Methodist Church honoured his life’s ministry by electing him President of Conference in 1979.

When he met Pope John-Paul II in 1979 he told him ‘I’m a Yorkshireman’. He was born on an isolated farm in North Yorkshire where he learned early the values of Christianity, hard work and thrift. Leaving school at 14 he saw the effects of poverty and unemployment for himself, commencing a lifelong involvement with the Labour movement. He underwent a conversion experience at 16 and started studying towards becoming a local [lay] preacher, which in turn led to a vocation to the ordained ministry. He entered Victoria Park (United Methodist) College in Manchester in 1932, the year of Methodist Union, and served his first circuit in the Isle of Man from 1935, where he met his wife, Margaret.

He then served in Tilehurst (Reading, Berks.); the Albert Hall (Manchester and Salford Mission) and Luton, all with outstanding success. He was a forces chaplain during the 2nd world war and also became heavily involved in the ‘Christian Commando Campaigns’, a novel approach to evangelism. In Manchester his popular preaching was matched by a social ministry against prostitution. But it was at Luton that he was to have his greatest impact. He had already worked in industrial chaplaincy, and the large Vauxhall Motors factory at Luton provided a focus and opportunity to extend that work. He started a large community centre within the church which developed into Luton Industrial College, providing training, courses and conferences which dealt not simply with industrial ministry but with all aspects of the church’s life in the modern world.

From Luton his speaking and preaching ministry took him around the world. As President of the Methodist Conference he aimed to spend half his time meeting people outside the church, and treated visits to the Methodist Districts as a series of conferences on issues he considered important. However, it was only after retirement that he started the influential ‘Christ and the Cosmos’ initiative to engage scientists and theologians in dialogue.

Throughout his career he maintained scrapbooks of his work, containing newspaper clippings, programmes of events, photographs, and other ephemera which form the body of the archive. These papers cover many aspects outlined above and provide significant insights not only into the life of a dynamic and remarkable individual, but how the church engaged with the challenges of society in the mid and late 20th century.

WGP1 – Christian Commando Campaigns and related matter

WGP1/1	17-26 May 1943	Papers relating to the Christian Commando Campaign in Nottingham
WGP1/2	20-30 June 1943	Papers relating to the Christian Commando Campaign in Reading
WGP1/2/1	June-July 1943	Press cuttings and tickets: examples from William Gowland's Scrap Book, June-July 1943
WGP1/2/2	20-30 June 1943	Official documents relating to the Reading Christian Commando Campaign
WGP1/2/3	20-30 June 1943	Leaflets, tickets and flyers relating to the Reading Christian Commando Campaign
WGP1/2/4	5 June-21 July 1943	Correspondence relating to the Reading Christian Commando Campaign
WGP1/2/5	20-30 June 1943	Reading University's Engagement with the Reading Christian Commando Campaign
WGP1/2/6	1943-1945	Documents relating to Reading Methodist Circuit outreach work
WGP1/2/7	undated	Photograph of William Gowland entitled 'Reading'
WGP1/3	1943-65	Scrap Book and Documents relating to various Christian Commando campaigns
WGP1/3/1	1943-45, 1965	Large scrapbook of cuttings and papers relating to Christian Commando Campaigns in Carlisle, Darlington, Epworth, York, Harlesden, Spalding, Lincoln, Norwich, South Shields, Derby, Watford, Kettering, Plymouth, Leeds, London, Barrow, Bristol, Watford, Northampton, Tilehurst and Reading; the Isle of Man and Virginia U.S.A.
WGP1/3/2	11-20 October 1943	File of loose documents relating to the Carlisle Christian Commando campaign [loose in WGP1/3/10]
WGP1/3/3	1943-50	File of loose press cuttings and documents relating to Christian Commando and other Methodist Campaigns [loose in WGP1/3/1]
WGP1/4	1949-1954	Papers relating to William Gowland's ministry at the Albert Hall, Manchester, and the Christian Commando Campaign in London, 1947
WGP1/4/1	1949-1954	Scrapbook relating to WG's ministry at Albert Hall, Manchester. Rear – papers relating to the Christian Commando Campaign, London 1947
WGP1/4/2	1947	File of loose press cuttings and documents relating to the Albert Hall, Manchester: 1948-1973. Includes a history of the Centre, 1910-71
WGP1/5	1943 and n.d.	9 Christian Commando Campaign Posters
WGP1/6	1943-1948	Various Flyers and Programmes related to Methodist missions and conferences

WGP1/7	1937-1956 and n.d.	Press Cuttings
WGP1/8	1954	Folder of newspaper clippings associated with the publication of <i>Militant and Triumphant</i> (plus the published book)
WGP1/9	1947	Bound Volume of Copies of Reports of the Christian Commando Campaign, London, 1947

WGP2 – Luton College of Industrial Evangelism (Luton Industrial College) and Luton Industrial Mission, 1957-1987

WGP2/1	1957-68	Volume – ‘Luton College of Industrial Evangelism’ Course Attendance and Address lists
WGP2/2	1968-71	Volume – Luton Industrial College, Course Attendance and Address lists
WGP2/3	1972-75	Volume – Luton Industrial College, Course Attendance and Address lists
WGP2/4/1-55	1967-77	Collection of 55 pages containing documents relating to the stone laying of the new Luton Industrial College building: inauguration, 14 Sept. 1968; opening, 5 Oct. 1968; redevelopment, 12 Oct. 1974; college chapel Stone laying, 17 May 1975; new extensions, 1976
WGP2/5	1981-82	Album: ‘Shaping Tomorrow’ conference
WGP2/6	1987	Ring binder: WG’s Rank/Coulson lecture: ‘Under Sealed Orders’ (story of the Luton Industrial College); misc. notes; letters to David Gowland
WGP2/7/1-4		‘Look at Luton’ (Methodist Home Mission) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brochure 2. Box of 48 slides 3. Cassette tape 4. CTVC video tape [Betamax format]
WGP2/8	n.d.	Architect’s drawing of Luton Industrial College: Chartered Building Design Group
WGP2/9	1957-1986	Press cuttings relating to the work of Luton Industrial College, 1957-1986
WGP2/10	1984-1986	8 Publications, Articles and Papers relating to Industry <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bill Gowland: Faith, Witness and Work’ Annual Desmond Brown Lecture (1984) 2. Ministry to People at Leisure: Home Mission Division and Luton I.C. (1985) 3. Edgar Boyes, ‘Faith in the Future’: Luton I. C. (1986) 4. Gareth Lean, <i>The Tolpuddle Martyrs</i> (1984) 5. ‘Down to Earth’, Methodist Home Mission (1980) 6. ‘European Christian Industrial Movement: The Bridge builders’, (1987) 7. American Society of Bakery Engineers 4th Conference Proceedings (1957)

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. <i>Shaping Tomorrow</i>, Methodist Home Mission (1981) 9. <i>Work and Witness</i>, Methodist Home Mission (1977) 10. 'The Changing farm': Arthur Rank Centre (1983) 11. 'The Changing Village': Arthur Rank Centre (n.d.) 12. National Ecumenical Agency in Further Education: 2 Bulletins (1981, 1982) 13. 'Rural Life': Institute of Rural Life at Home and Overseas (1981) 14. 'Health for the 80s: Churches' Council for Health and Healing (1981) 15. Hatfield Polytechnic Chaplaincy Report (1981) 16. <i>As Other See Us</i>: Christian Mission in an industrial Society (1979) 17. 'Unemployment: General Synod Board for Social Responsibility (1979) 18. 'International Ecumenical Team Visit: North-East Ecumenical Group (1979) 19. 'Industrial Mission in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Annual Report': 2 documents (1975, 1980) 20. 'Advertising: Is this the sort of work that an honest man can take pride in?' IPA (1968) 21. Linking the World through Industrial Sundays, Festivals of Work, Mayday Festivals (Industrial Christian Fellowship n.d.) plus leaflet on its work n.d. 22. Report: Unemployment and Economic Development: Issue and Programme. Author Unknown (c. 1982) 23. Methodist Division of Education and Youth: 'Value and Vision' (1982) and occasional paper by the Student Work Committee (1974) 24. Report on Consultation on Team Ministries in the Darlington District (1972) 25. 'Ways to Work with the Young Unemployed' Methodist Association of Youth Clubs (1981) 26. Howard Booth, Handbook to discover a more meaningful faith: Methodist Church Division of Ministries n.d. 27. 'Stewardship in a small church' Methodist Stewardship Organisation n.d.
WGP2/11/ 1-2	1967- 1982	<p>Published Volumes relating to the work of Luton Industrial College</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2 chapters from published volumes relating to the influence of Luton Industrial College 2. Published material from lectures delivered at Luton Industrial College <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. William Gowland, <i>Youth in Community</i> (Methodist Youth Dept., 1967) b. Prof. C. A. Coulson, <i>Faith and Technology</i> (Chester House, 1969) c. Maldwyn Edwards, <i>The State and the Modern World</i>

		<p>(Chester House, 1970)</p> <p>d. Harold Evans, <i>Men and the Mass Media</i> (Chester House, 1971)</p> <p>e. Derek Burrell, <i>The Christian Layman and Education</i> (Chester House, 1972)</p> <p>f. Douglas A. Brown, <i>The Christian in University and College</i> (Chester House, 1973)</p> <p>g. Nelson Overton, <i>The Christian Layman and the Law</i> (Chester House, 1973)</p> <p>h. David A. Gowland, <i>Common Market or Community?</i> (Chester House, 1973)</p> <p>i. J. Clifford Adams, <i>The Work of God and Man</i> (Chester House, 1974)</p> <p>j. Anthony J. Russell, <i>The Village in Myth and Reality</i> (Chester House, 1975)</p> <p>k. Bernard R. Jones, <i>Industrial Relations in Contemporary Society</i> (Chester House, 1975)</p> <p>l. R.H.L Disney, <i>Environment and Creation</i> (Chester House, 1965)</p> <p>m. Michael A. Smith, <i>Leisure and Industrial Society</i> (Chester House, 1976)</p> <p>n. Brian D. Brown, <i>The Final Frontier?</i> (Chester House, 1976)</p> <p>o. K. B. Everard, <i>The Impact of Technology on Work</i> (Chester House, 1977)</p> <p>p. Ian Fells, <i>Energy for the Future</i> (Chester House, 1978)</p> <p>q. Ralph Hopps, <i>Christians at Work in the World of Finance</i> (Luton I. C. 1978)</p> <p>r. Anthony J. Wesson, <i>Technology, Philosophy and the Person</i> (Chester House, 1980)</p> <p>s. Ronald A. Brown, <i>Technology, Change and Christian Belief</i> N. London Polytechnic, 1981)</p> <p>t. H. Hubert Luke, <i>The Commission of the Church in the Countryside</i> (Chester House, 1982)</p>
WGP2/12	1952-1977	Leaflets and anniversary publications (1957-67) relating to Luton Industrial College
WGP2/13 (1-3)	1958-1987	<p>Luton Industrial College Administration Documents</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Luton I. C. Prospectus and Course Leaflets, 1958-1968 2. Correspondence. 1971-1987 3. Miscellaneous Luton I. C. documents 1967-1986 (includes administration data e.g. numbers on courses)
WGP2/14	1955-1971	Luton Industrial Mission and Community Centre Activities and Campaigns, including the 'Faith and Action' Campaign (1955) and the 'Over to You' Campaign (1957)
WGP2/15	1985	Documents marking the retirement of William Gowland from Luton Industrial College

WGP2/16	1957-1976 and n.d.	22 Photographs relating to William Gowland's involvement with industry
WGP2/17/1-8	1980-1985	Friends of Luton Industrial College Magazine

WGP3 – William Gowland's Luton Ministry Scrapbooks, 1954-1978

WGP3/1	1954-57	Luton Ministry Scrapbook, 1954-57
WGP3/2	1959-60	Luton Ministry Scrapbook, 1959-60
WGP3/3	1963-66	Luton Ministry Scrapbook, 1963-66
WGP3/4	1963-66	Luton Ministry Scrapbook, 1963-66 (loose pages)
WGP3/5	1968-71	Luton Ministry Scrapbook, 1968-71
WGP3/6	1972-75	Luton Ministry Scrapbook, 1972-75
WGP3/7	1975-78	Luton Ministry Scrapbook, 1975-78

WGP4 – Luton Industrial College: Cuttings Albums

WPG4/1	1982	1 cuttings album labelled (14) : 'Principal Past President'
WPG4/2/1-6	1983,	6 cuttings albums: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (15)1983 2. (16) 1983-1984 3. (17) 1984 4. (18) 1984 5. (19) 1984-1985 6. (20)* 1985 (*originally unnumbered)
WGP4/3/1-2		2 cuttings albums, 'Founder Principal & Past President' <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1985 2. 1986-1987

WGP 5 – Luton Industrial College: Study Papers

WGP5/1/1-168	1970-1980	LIC Study papers labelled 'Sample' <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Ministry to Middle Management', Methodist Home Mission (1971) 2. Gordon Gatword, 'Consultation of Chaplains to the Agricultural Industry' (May, 1974) 3. Herbert Luke, 'The Church in the Rural Community' (n.d.) 4. 'The Christian Faith Today and Conference of Methodist Chaplains to Universities and Polytechnics' (1972) 5. Jack Lucas, 'Motivation in Agriculture' (1972)
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		<p>6. Heinrich Becker 'Migration of Workers within the European Economic Community' (1973)</p> <p>7. [no 7]</p> <p>8. R. Clemmett, 'Industrial Conflict: Who Wins?' (1973)</p> <p>9. C. Raymond Smith, 'Industrial Democracy' (1976)</p> <p>10. [no 10]</p> <p>11. [no 11]</p> <p>12. [no 12]</p> <p>13. Gerald H. Wallis 'The Christian in Industry' (1975)</p> <p>14. [no 14]</p> <p>15. [no 15]</p> <p>16. [no 16]</p> <p>17. The <i>Guardian</i>, 'Industrial Relations' (1970)</p> <p>18. [no 18]</p> <p>19. [no 19]</p> <p>20. David McClellan, 'Manpower Services Commission: Facilities for Disabled People' (c. 1974)</p> <p>21. [no 21]</p> <p>22. A Methodist Manager, 'Industrial Mission: What I have gained' (1975)</p> <p>23. 'District Industrial secretaries' Annual Consultation (1974)</p> <p>24. [no 24]</p> <p>25. R.G. Shackleton, 'The Christian Layman in the Social services (n.d.)</p> <p>26. Howard Booth, 'Ministry in Suburbia' (1973)</p> <p>27. [no 27]</p> <p>28. [no 28]</p> <p>29. 'Consultation on the Christian Layman in Management' (1972)</p> <p>30. Stephen J. Baum, 'Flexitime' (1975)</p> <p>31. The Churches' Consortium on Industrial Mission, 'Ecumenical guidelines for the Organisation of Industrial Mission (n.d.)</p> <p>32. [no 32]</p> <p>33. 'Report on a Consultation on the Leisure Industries' (1972)</p> <p>34. [no 34 to 37]</p> <p>35. [no 35]</p> <p>36. [no 36]</p> <p>37. [no 37]</p> <p>38. 'Authority' (1970)</p> <p>39. [no 39 to 40]</p> <p>40. 'Responsibility for the Environment' (1972)</p> <p>41. 'Christian Mission and the Agricultural Industry' (1973)</p> <p>42. 'Training for the Future: Summary of ... the Consultative Document, Dept. Employment (1972)</p> <p>43. [no 44]</p> <p>44. A: Louis Judson, 'Church in Industry Committee, Chaplain's Report' (1974) B: J. Clifford Adams, 'Church in Industry Committee,</p>
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		<p>Chaplain's Report (1974)</p> <p>45. '60th Meeting of the British Council of Churches: The BCC and Industrial Mission, Achievements and Prospects' (1972)</p> <p>46. [no 47 to 63]</p> <p>64. Jack Lucas, 'Rural Community Study I' (n.d.)</p> <p>67. David A. Gowland, 'The European Economic Community' (1971)</p> <p>68. [no 68]</p> <p>69. C.R. Smith and David Wright, 'Aspects of Industrial Mission' (1974)</p> <p>70 [no 70 to 71]</p> <p>72. 'District Industrial Secretaries' Conference' (1977)</p> <p>73. Herbert Luke, 'The Mission of the Church in the Future' (1977)</p> <p>74. 'Religious Belief and the Closed Shop' (1977)</p> <p>75. 'The Christian Faith Today Series 2: Review of some contemporary paper backs (1975)</p> <p>76. 'Changing Patterns of Employment Report (1973)</p> <p>77. Rowland Goodwin, 'Industrial Conflict (1971)</p> <p>78. Lectures on 'Theology in Contemporary Society' (1970)</p> <p>79. [no 79]</p> <p>80. H. L. Langley, 'The Closed Shop' (1977)</p> <p>81. [no 81 to 82]</p> <p>83. 'Industrial Mission in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Annual Report' (1975)</p> <p>84. [no 84 to 86]</p> <p>87. Methodist Home Mission, 'Studies in Mission' (1975)</p> <p>88. [no 88]</p> <p>89. 'Appraisal of the Church in Industry': Methodist Church in Industry Committee (1969)</p> <p>90. Rowland Goodwin, 'Industrial Change' (n.d.)</p> <p>91. 'Industrial Relations: Trade Union Reform (c. 1970)</p> <p>92. Christopher D. Bacon, 'The Christian in Society and the Mission of The Church' (1977)</p> <p>93. From <i>Frontier</i>: 'Christian Faith and Practice in Contemporary Society' (authors: Enoch Powell and William Gowland) (n.d.)</p> <p>94. [no 94 to 96]</p> <p>97. 'Ministry to Organisation' (1976)</p> <p>98. [nom 98]</p> <p>99. <i>Luton Industrial College Quarterly</i>: C. R. Smith, 'The Ethics of Compromise' (winter 1975)</p> <p>100. [no 100]</p> <p>101. 'The Question of Motivation from a European Perspective' (1977)</p> <p>102. [no 102 to 104]</p> <p>105. 'Discussion Groups within Industry' (1977)</p> <p>106. Christian Weitz, 'Technology' (1978)</p>
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WGP5/2/ 1-57	1969- 1984	<p>Study Papers (unlabelled)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Mission to the Rural Community' (n.d.) 2. J. Clifford Adams, 'What is Industrial Mission?' (n.d.) 3. John D. Frew, 'Unemployment and retirement' (n.d.) 4. William Gowland, 'Modern Technology, its effects on Society and Individuals' (n.d.) 5. Livingstone and Lucas, 'Mission in the Rural Community' (n.d.) 6. Hubert Luke, 'The Meaning of the Kingdom of God' (n.d.) 7. Hubert Luke, 'Biblical Index to be used with the Work and Witness Training Handbook' (n.d.) 8. Hubert Luke, 'The Church in the Rural Community' (n.d.) 9. Hubert Luke, 'Missions to the Rural Community: The Small Village Church' (n.d.) 10. Alvin Toffler, 'The Third Wave' Study Notes (n.d.) 11. R.G. Shackleton, 'The Christian Layman in the Social Services' (n.d.) 12. C. Raymond Smith, 'The One and the Many: Man in Community, a Biblical exposition' (n.d.) 13. North London Polytechnic: 4 leaflets, 'Shaping Tomorrow' (n.d.) 14. Enoch Powell, 'Meat offered to Idols' (1970) 15. 12th Annual Conference of Industrial Chaplains, 'Dealing with people' (1970) 16. John Bell, 'Operational Research. An Introduction' (1970) 17. 'The Industrial Chaplain: where the Church should be (1972) 18. 'Suggested Study Outline of "Sender and Sent", a Study in Mission (from the book by Leslie Davison) (1973) 19. 'Annual Conference of Industrial Chaplains: Inflation, the Christian response' (1975) 20. David E. Wright, 'Annual Conference of Industrial Chaplains: The Local Church and Mission to Industrial Society' (1975) 21. Preliminary notes for Section VI of the 5th Assembly of the WCC in Djakarta (1975)

		<p>22. Hubert Luke, 'The Search for the Historical Jesus' (1976)</p> <p>23. 'Ministry to Organisation' (1976)</p> <p>24. 'From School to Work' : Conference (1976)</p> <p>25. Hubert Luke, 'What is the Gospel?' (1977)</p> <p>26. Hubert Luke, 'The Church in the New Testament' (1978)</p> <p>27. C. Raymond Smith, 'Technology and Employment Prospects' (1978)</p> <p>28. Rowland Goodwin, 'The Micro-Revolution' (1978?)</p> <p>29. Ernie Smith, 'North-South a Programme for Survival: International Development Issues under the Chairmanship of Willy Brandt' (1980)</p> <p>30. Ronald A. Brown, 'Communications Technology and the Christian' (1981)</p> <p>31. A. Edgar Boyes, 'The Luton Accent: Study Paper 1, The Unity of Truth' (1981)</p> <p>32. William Gowland, 'Clarion Call: Mission to Rural Communities' (1981)</p> <p>33. Hubert Luke, 'Joseph Arch 1826-1919' (1981)</p> <p>34. Richard Plant, 'A Neglected Mission Field: The Working Men's Club' (1981)</p> <p>35. 'Working Party on Employment/Unemployment' (c. 1981)</p> <p>36. Herbert Luke, 'The Luton Accent: Study Paper II, The Kingdom of God is already present' (1982)</p> <p>37. Jeffrey W. Harris, 'Methodism and the Working Class' (1982)</p> <p>38. A. Edgar Boyes, 'The Impact of Technology on Man and Society: Nuclear Energy, a Blessing or a Curse?' (1983)</p> <p>39. Graham Creasey, 'Contemporary Spirituality' (1983)</p> <p>40. 'The Christian in the Trade Union Movement' (1984)</p> <p>41. John D. Walker, 'Theological Tensions in Suburbia' (1984)</p> <p>42. 'Questions for Prospective Candidates at the next Parliamentary Election' (1978)</p> <p>43. William Gowland, 'An Introduction to the Film "Revolution"' (n.d.)</p> <p>44. 11th Annual Conference of Industrial Chaplains: Power and responsibility in Modern Industry (1969)</p> <p>45. 'Technical and Further Education, a Consultation' (1971)</p> <p>46. Rowland Goodwin and Peter Hutchings, 'A Theological Statement produced for a consultation of Methodist Industrial Chaplains' (1972)</p> <p>47. Geoffrey Wainwright, 'Theology in Contemporary Society' (1972)</p> <p>48. 13th Annual Conference of Industrial Chaplains: Towards One World (1971)</p> <p>49. 'Industrial Relations: Trade Union Reform' (c. 1971)</p> <p>50. 'District Industrial Committees' Consultation (1974)</p> <p>51. H.M. Temple, 'The Role of Christian Education in Industry and Commerce' (1975)</p>
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WGP5/3/ 1-10	1975- 1981	Methodist Home Mission Papers 1. 'Mission is Down to earth': leaflet (n.d.) 2. 'Mission alongside the Poor': 5 Papers (n.d.) 3. 'Day by Day dear Lord I pray': leaflet (n.d.) 4. 'Mission Impossible?' Notes for Leaders (n.d.) 5. 'The Dale that Died' Notes for Leaders (n.d.) 6. Studies in Mission: Industrial Mission a definition' (1975) 7. 'The Witness of the Layman in Industry' (1975) 8. Report of Research Group on Lay Witness (1976) 9. 'Second Homes and the Church with special reference to rural Wales' (1976) 10. 'Ministry and the Unemployed: Working party on Employment/Unemployment' (1981)

WGP 6/1 – Overseas preaching and speaking tours: Australia and India

WGP6/1/1	1957	Ring binder: Australia 1957 [contains at the back an essay on the trip by WG]
WGP6/1/2	1957	Album: Australia 1957
WGP6/1/3A	1957	Album of photographs; National Christian Youth Convention, Adelaide, Australia, January 1957
WGP6/1/3B	1957	Loose photographs from the National Christian Youth Convention, Adelaide, Australia, January 1957
WGP6/1/4	1963	Loose papers from an album: India and Australia, 1963

WGP 6/2 – Overseas preaching and speaking tours: Canada

WGP6/2/1	1958	Large ring binder: Canada, October-November 1958
WGP6/2/2	1960	Second Canada trip April – May 1960

WGP 6/3 – Overseas preaching and speaking tours: USA and Norway

WGP6/3/1	1957-59	Scrapbook – America, October 1957 – March 1959
WGP6/3/2	1959- 1961	Bound volume: - Altoona 1959 - Hazleton 1959 - San Francisco 1959

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arlington, Virginia 1960, 1961 - 10th World Methodist Conference, Oslo, Norway, August 1961
WGP6/3/3	1966	Virginia U.S.A., March 1966 [With note: 'US trip March 1965 details in back half of large scrapbook re. Tilehurst'] [see WGP1/2]
WGP6/3/4	1967-68	Feb. 1967 Virginia Nov. 1967 Indiana March 1968 Virginia
WGP6/3/5	1969	Virginia 1969
WGP6/3/6	1971-73	America 1971, 1973 – Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia

WGP7 – President of Conference

WGP7/1 – Albums of photographs and cuttings with associated loose papers, related to W.G. as President, Ex-President and Past-President of the Methodist Conference, 1978-82

WGP7/1/1	1978-79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: President-Designate 1978-79 b. Loose papers related to the President-Designate (1978-80) c. Correspondence related to an article in the <i>Methodist Recorder</i> written by W.G., later the subject of a negative review in the <i>Luton News</i> (5th—19 March 1979)
WGP7/1/2	1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: Conference 1979 b. Loose papers related to the Methodist Conference (1979)
WGP7/1/3	1979-80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: The President on Tour (1) b. Loose papers related to The President on Tour (1)
WGP7/1/4	1979-80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: The President (2) b. Loose papers related to The President (2)
WGP7/1/5	1979-80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: The President (3) b. Loose papers related to The President (3) c. Remembrance Sunday 1979
WGP7/1/6	1979-80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: The president (4) b. Loose papers related to The President (4)
WGP7/1/7	1979-80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: The President (5)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Loose papers related to The President (5) c. Letter from Prime-Minister Margaret Thatcher relating to Jeffrey Harris's Report on London: 'A New Beginning' (14 Jan. 1980)
WGP7/1/8	1979-80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: The President (6) b. Loose papers related to The President (6)
WGP7/1/9	1979-80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: The President (7) b. Loose papers related to The President (7) c. Inauguration of the Archbishop of Canterbury (25 March 1980)
WGP7/1/10	1979-80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: The President (8) b. Loose papers related to The President (8) c. President's Day with the Royal Navy (4 June 1980) d. Methodist Church in Ireland. Bangor Conference (10-15 June 1980)
WGP7/1/11	1979-80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: President and Ex-President (9) b. Loose papers related to President and Ex-President (9) c. Methodist Conference Sheffield (1980) d. Thanksgiving Service for the 80th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother (15 July 1980)
WGP7/1/12	1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: Ex-President (10) b. Loose papers related to The Ex-president (10)
WGP7/1/13	1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: Ex-President (11) b. Loose papers related to The Ex-President (11)
WGP7/1/14	1981-82	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Album of photographs and cuttings: Past-President (12) b. Loose papers related to The Ex-President (12)
WGP7/1/15		<p>2 scrapbooks with newspaper clippings originating from a cuttings agency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. (1979-80) b. (1980)
WGP7/1/16	1979, 1980	Orders for the induction of the President and Vice-President
WGP7/1/17	1980	Session Notes: Sheffield Conference 1980

WGP7/1/18/ 1-128	1979- 80	Contacts, presidential programme, and other details for Presidential Conferences
WGP7/1/19	1979- 80	President's Diary (1978-1981)
<u>WGP7/1/20</u> WGP7/1/20/1/1-8 WGP7/1/20/2/1-63 WGP7/1/20/3/1-63 WGP7/1/20/4/1-45 WGP7/1/20/5/1-52 WGP7/1/20/6/1-88 WGP7/1/20/7/1-38 WGP7/1/20/8/1-30 WGP7/1/20/9/1-24 WGP7/1/20/10/1-31 WGP7/1/20/11/1-37 WGP7/1/20/13/1-40 WGP7/1/20/14/1-6 WGP7/1/20/15/1-53 WGP7/1/20/16/1-28 WGP7/1/20/17/1-7 WGP7/1/20/18/1-24 WGP7/1/20/19/1-4 WGP7/1/20/20/1-21 WGP7/1/20/21/1-23 WGP7/1/20/22/1-36 WGP7/1/20/23/1-40 WGP7/1/20/24/1-50 WGP7/1/20/25 /1-17 WGP7/1/20/26 /1-15 WGP7/1/20/27 /1-16 WGP7/1/20/28A /1-10 WGP7/1/20/28B/1-6 WGP7/1/20/29/1- 44 WGP7/1/20/30/1- 10 WGP7/1/20/31/1- 1-21 WGP7/1/20/33/1- 59 WGP7/1/20/34/1-35 WGP7/1/20/35/1-25 WGP7/1/20/36/1- 26 WGP7/1/20/37/1-22 WGP7/1/20/37A/1-	1979- 81	<u>Presidential visits to Districts; Industrial Conferences: schedules and correspondence</u> Army, Navy & Air Force B.A.O.R Birmingham Bristol Cardiff & Swansea Channel Islands Chester & Stoke Cornwall Cumbria Cymru Darlington East Anglia Irish Methodist Conference 1980 Isle of Man Leeds Lincoln Liverpool London Methodist Conference, 1980 (Invitations) London: North-east London: North-west London: South-east London: South-west Manchester & Stockport Newcastle North Lancashire Nottingham & Derby Oxford & Leicester Plymouth & Exeter Rochdale and Bolton Rome Scotland Sheffield Shetland Southampton West Yorkshire Wolverhampton York & Hull President's Planning: papers and circulated letters

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WGP8 – Early Life and Ministry and the Isle of Man

WGP8/1/1-5	1953-1975	Booklet: Cleasby Methodist Church Golden Jubilee Celebrations (1903-1953) (annotated); 4 documents relating to the Gowland name and genealogy
WGP8/2/1-7	1974-1978	7 Letters relating to the Gowland name and genealogy
WGP8/3/1-4	1930s	4 Documents and photograph relating to William Gowland's ministerial training
WGP8/4/1-5	1938-1939	5 Documents relating to the education of WG's wife, Margaret (Madge) Qualtrough
WGP8/5A and B	1936-1939	Scrapbook and stray papers related to WG's ministry on the Isle of Man. Includes studio portrait of WG and reports of his marriage.
WGP8/6/1-17	1934-1938	17 Letters written to William Gowland during his early ministry

WGP9 – Retirement from Luton Industrial College, and later life

WGP9/1	1985	Retirement from Luton Industrial College: Album
WGP9/2	undated	Retirement from Luton Industrial College: Retirement Tributes
WGP9/3	Sept. 1984-May 1985	Retirement Tributes: Sept. 1984-May 1985
WGP9/4	June-Dec. 1985	Retirement Tributes: June-Dec. 1985
WGP9/5	1979, 1988	Ruby and Golden Wedding Anniversary celebrations
WGP9/6	1991-92	Obituaries; copy of ' <i>...and finally...</i> ' – <i>some of Bill Gowland's sermons</i> [ed. David Gowland, Stuart Roebuck]

The following papers were deposited at OCMCH by David Gowland (the originator's son) in 2003 and Keith Crawford, from the late Ron Glithero, 18 December 2013

WGP10 – Christ and the Cosmos Initiative

WGP10/1	1987	'Christ and the Cosmos': Report on Research Consultation held at Luton Industrial College (3-5 April 1987)
WGP10/2	1993-2004	Minute Book of Christ and the Cosmos Initiative (1993-2004)
WGP10/4	1986-93	Documents detailing the origins of the Christ and the Cosmos Initiative, 1986-93, with explanatory note by John K. Barratt, President of the Initiative. Contains the Declaration of Trust (1993) and Charity Commission documents
WGP10/5	2002-05	Annual Reports of the Christ and the Cosmos Initiative (2002-2005)
WGP10/6	1987-88, 2005	Newspaper cuttings related to the Christ and the Cosmos Initiative; includes 'Merger for Christ and the Cosmos and Science and Religion Forum' article in the <i>Methodist Recorder</i> (19 May 2005)
WGP10/7	2004-06	Minutes, correspondence, and other documents relating to the winding up of Christ and the Cosmos Initiative
WGP10/8	1998-2004	Christ and the Cosmos publications: <i>Observing the Cosmos</i> (12 th – 1998) <i>Time</i> (14 th – 2000) <i>Genetic Engineering</i> (15 th – 2001) <i>Building the Cosmos</i> (16 th – 2002) <i>Technology – Master or Servant?</i> (17 th – 2003) <i>The Final Volume</i> (18 th – 2004)