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**Pepperdine’s Heritage Center**
- Established in 2009 to honor Pepperdine’s religious heritage
- Collects books, documents, photographs, religious periodicals, oral histories, and artifacts of the Stone-Campbell Movement, with a geographic focus on the Western United States and Pacific Rim

Collections include:
- Restoration History archives
- Articles and lectures on Restoration History
- Biographies of church leaders and Pepperdine alumni

**What is a Heritage Center?**
Heritage centers preserve physical and digital materials related to an institution’s religious affiliation.

**Establishing a Heritage Center**
- Define collection focus
- Write a vision statement
- Build local and national support among campus stakeholders, churches, and donors
- Seek guidance from other heritage centers
- Apply for grant funding

**Why Establish a Heritage Center?**

**Supports University:**
- Affirms University’s mission
- Preserves church history
- Engages with church members and community
- Bolsters research opportunities for students and faculty

**Supports Library:**
- Highlights library, special collections, and university archives
- Builds unique collections
- Reaches global audience via digital collections

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First Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures, January 25-29, 1943.
Sichel Street Church, Los Angeles.