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[Robert W. Crew, Boston Chapel Founding Pastor 1953.jpg](#)

Bob Crew and I both came from Akron, Ohio in the 1950s to be ministerial students at Eastern Nazarene College: Bob from Akron's Arlington Church of the Nazarene; I from Akron First Church. I am both deeply honored and deeply humbled in having this in common with Bob... Bob's beloved ENC-found wife Joan has graciously added additional valuable contributions to the Archives:

On Mon, Nov 26, 2012 at 6:08 PM, [Joan Doscoci](#) [REDACTED] wrote:

Jim, Our son, Bob, had asked me to respond to your request for information about Boston Chapel... I tried to give you some of the things I remember*. I will send you a picture. Can I send it by mail? I'm not sure how to do it on my computer. Thanks for all you are doing to resurrect some history. I wish I could help you more. I will look for some other pictures which I have had. [Joan Crew Doscoci](#)--

My Boston Chapel Memories: Bob was a sophomore when he started working on the Chapel. I was a freshman and for most of the fall of 1953 we spent our Friday night dates driving into Boston and cleaning out an old building. We filled truck loads of junk from the building. During this time Bob went to different faculty members to see if they would pledge \$2. a week to support the chapel. The only faculty member who faithfully supported the chapel was Alice Spangenberg. Close to Christmas time in 1953 I asked Bob if we could do something else on Friday night beside clean the old building. He promptly took me out on a real date which I cannot recall where we went. When we finally got the chapel ready we started calling in the neighborhood two-by- two. We climbed up some narrow dark stairways and knocked on doors. Most of the dwellings were dirty and scary. I only recall standing at the door and not going all the way in. I know the work was very satisfying to Bob and to those who helped him especially Jay Bergers.

The following is from page 135 of Dr. [Cameron's](#): "The Golden Fifties"

"During the summer of 1953, under the leadership of Beth Goodnow, the student Evangelistic Association organized a Sunday school in the Dover St. section of Boston with an average attendance of forty. The summer concluded with a picnic in the Blue Hills attended by 70 people, 50 of who were children. A lease was secured for the property at 26 Dover St. for the Boston Nazarene Chapel. The pastor of the college church, Dr. [Gould](#), contributed used hymn books, and college business manager, Claude Schlosser furnished chairs, Pastor Harry Rich of the Granite St. Church of the Nazarene contributed a pulpit and altar rail. After a thorough cleaning and painting by the college students, a very dirty building was transformed into a house of worship. The project was sanctioned by the superintendent of the New England District. Student Robert Crew was appointed pastor and an extensive visitation program was begun."

AND Bob's dedicated ministry continued, as further documented by the Lawrence (Kansas) Journal-World, at the top of page 6 in the April 17, 1964 edition...

Rev. Crew Opens Local Pastorate

Rev. Robert Crew will conduct his first Sunday services this week at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1942 Mass. St. Before coming to Lawrence, he served for six years at Trinity Nazarene Church, Independence, Mo.

Rev. Crew was graduated in 1956 from Eastern Nazarene College at Wollaston, Mass., and in 1959 from the Nazarene



REV. ROBERT CRW

Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. He began his first pastorate while he was still a student. He is originally from Akron, Ohio.

His wife, Mrs. Joan Crew, was graduated in 1957 from Eastern Nazarene College. She has taught sophomore English and fourth and fifth grades.

The couple lives at 2105 Vt. St. with their son, Bobby, four years.

Please also see jpg photo attached to this e-mail:
"Robert W. Crew, Boston Chapel Founding Pastor 1953"

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