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Word has been received here of the death of the Rev. Marvin Pierce Halverson, a trustee of New College and a former executive director of the department of worship and the arts of the National Council of Churches.

Rev. Halverson, 54, who was among the charter trustees of the college, died Friday at Berkeley, California, where he was teaching in an arts program for foreign students at the University of California.

Rev. Halverson was instrumental in the founding of the NCC department of worship because he believed the Protestant Church was too slow in supporting artists compared to other religions.

He had visited Sarasota on numerous occasions in connection with his duties as a trustee of the college.

A graduate of Augustana College and the Chicago Theological Seminary, Rev. Halverson had served as a Congregational minister and dean of students at the Chicago seminary and had done considerable writing on religious and artistic subjects.