Finding Aid for

National Workshop on Christian Unity Records, 1964-2008

WAB: National Workshop on Christian Unity Records, Box 5, Folder 8
The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Summary Information
Creator: National Workshop on Christian Unity
Title: National Workshop on Christian Unity Records
Dates: 1964–2008
Abstract: National Workshop on Christian Unity is an annual event that encourages ecumenical discussion and networking. Collection includes minutes, proceedings, promotional materials and correspondence pertaining to the workshops.
Size: 8 boxes, 3.75 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
Email: burkearchives@library.columbia.edu
Administrative Information
Provenance: The collection is part of the William Adams Brown Ecumenical Library, which was established in 1945 within Union Theological Seminary’s main library to hold ecumenical materials. Material from the 2007 and 2008 conference was received from the National Workshop on Christian Unity at the recommendation of Sister Lorelei Fuchs. This is documented in a letter dated September 10, 2008.

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Access Restrictions: The collection is unrestricted to readers. Please note that certain materials are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.

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History
In 1962, Pope John XXIII (the Thirteenth) called a Vatican council to discuss the stance of the Catholic Church in modern times. The council, which was the second council ever held, was significant because it positioned the church as a democratic institution and promoted Christian unity. In 1964, in response to the ideas put forth by this council which was otherwise known as Vatican II, Roman Catholic leaders in the United States held the first National Workshop on Christian Unity. This workshop was entitled Vatican II and the Ecumenical Movement and was held in Baltimore, Maryland. The primary purpose of the workshop was to train Roman Catholic leaders in the ecumenical ministry. The workshop grew every year and in 1969, the committee decided to invite other Christian leaders into the conversation. The workshop functioned much like a conference in that it included seminars, worship services and other activities, but it kept an informal atmosphere. Some of the topics that were addressed in these earlier workshops were conversions, joint worship and ecumenical education.

In 1971, the first formal national committee was formed and the Association of Denominational Ecumenical Officers (NEO) began to sponsor the workshop along with other local archdiocese. The workshop continued to rotate throughout the nation and included various denominations. Other later sessions included topics such as mixed marriages, Christian-Jewish relations, black churches, abortion, busing and women’s role in the church. Today, the workshop has expanded to Canadian provinces and features the participation of Christian churches such as African Methodists, Greek-Orthodox and Evangelical Lutherans. Through addressing contemporary issues it keeps the ecumenical discussion relevant and current.
Sources:


Collection Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of a variety of records from 1964-2008 pertaining to the national conferences and its planning committees. It includes speeches and proceedings from the conference as well as communication materials such as brochures, programs and agendas. Also included are administrative and financial records such as committee directories and treasurer’s reports.

A vast majority of the records from 1970-1980s derived from the files of NWCU member, Reverend George Sheridan.

The records are arranged in chronological order by year of conference. The most documented conference is the 2008 conference held in Chicago, Illinois. Included in this year are speaker files, registration and planning committee records. These are arranged under a series of subheadings or arranged sequentially as in the case of the speaker files.

Processing
Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Loose materials were placed with the relevant conference record. Speaker files of the 2008 conference were consolidated but order was maintained by interleaving with acid-free paper. Newspaper clippings were photocopied onto acid-free paper and acidic items were interleaved with acid-free paper as needed.

Related Collections
Burke Library Archives Collection:
*Joan Brown Campbell Papers 1990-2000*

Burke Library Holdings:
*1986 National Workshop on Christian Unity* (Sound Recording)
*1987 National Workshop on Christian Unity* (Sound Recording)
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