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Descriptive Summary

Title

Metropolitan Community Church Historical Collection

Creator

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives

Extent

Number of containers: 6 records boxes + 3 archive cartons + 1 archive half-carton + 1
oversize box

Linear feet: 12.2 linear feet

Date

1969-2004 (bulk 1970-1985)

Repository

ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives, Los Angeles, California

Abstract

This collection consists of materials relating to the origins, history, and ministry of the Metropolitan Community Church, including both its governing body, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and the individual congregations that make up the Fellowship. The materials include brochures, bylaws, calendars, circulars, congregation meeting minutes, correspondence, financial papers, flyers, handbills, installations of pastors, invitations, news releases, newspapers clippings, orders of worship, pastoral letters, programs, sermons, and photographs. The most substantial records relate to the Beach Cities congregation in Santa Monica, California; the Los Angeles "Mother Church" for the years 1969-1979; and the New York City congregation for the years 1974-1977.



Administrative Information

Access

The collection is open to researchers. There are no access restrictions.

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Indexing Terms

This collection is indexed under the following terms:

- Beach Cities Metropolitan Community Church (Santa Monica, Calif.)
- Christian gay men
- Christian gays
- Christian lesbians
- Church work with gays
- Gay liberation movement—Religious aspects
- Gays—Religious life
- Homosexuality—Religious aspects
- Kepner, Jim (James), 1923-1997
- Metropolitan Community Church in the Valley (North Hollywood, Calif.)
- Metropolitan Community Church—Los Angeles
- Metropolitan Community Church of New York
- Perry, Troy D., 1940-
- Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches
- Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches—California—Los Angeles



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Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches—California—North
Hollywood

Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches—California—Santa
Monica

Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches—New York—New
York City

West Bay Metropolitan Community Church (Santa Monica, Calif.)

Separated Materials

1. 6 linear feet of newsletters transferred to ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives Periodicals and Newsletters Collection;
2. Original Register of Baptisms, Holy Unions and Members, February 1972-April 1975, of the Long Beach, California, congregation (now disbanded), returned to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

Acquisitions Information

Not applicable: materials pulled from other collections at ONE National Gay & Lesbian Collections.

Processing Information

Formerly boxes 104-84 through 104-93, and ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives Subject Files. Collection processed by Michael P. Palmer, November 17, 2009.



Administrative History

To be provided later.



Scope and Content and Container List

This collection consists of materials relating to the origins, history, and ministry of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), including both its governing body, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), and the individual congregations that make up the Fellowship. The materials include brochures, bylaws, calendars, circulars, congregation meeting minutes, correspondence, financial papers, flyers, handbills, installations of pastors, invitations, news releases, newspapers clippings, orders of worship, pastoral letters, programs, sermons, and photographs. Because of the method in which the collection was created (see the Note below), the materials are fragmentary: the most substantial records relate to the Beach Cities congregation in Santa Monica, California; the Los Angeles congregation for the years 1969-1979; and the New York City congregation for the years 1974-1977. The collection is arranged in 6 series: (1) UFMCC, (2) General Conferences, (3) Congregations, (4) Photographs, (5) Audio, and (6) Memorabilia.

Note: Prior to the engaging of professional archivists in 2006, the staff of the International Gay & Lesbian Archives, predecessor to ONE Archives, would occasionally remove materials pertaining to a specific subject, individual, or institution from whatever personal or institutional collection in which they were found to a specially created “historical collection”. This procedure not only compromised the integrity of the collections from which the material was removed, but also resulted in collections that did not present consistent coverage of the intended subjects. The Metropolitan Community Church Historical Collection is one such “artificial collection”: parts of its contents can be traced to the collections of J. J. Bertrund Belanger, Fred Bradford and Chuck David, Jim Kepner, Morris Kight, John O’Brien, and Johan Vessup. Returning individual items to the collections from which they were taken is impractical; this finding aid indicates the origin of a specific file whenever this can be determined.

Series 1. UFMCC

Date: 1969-2003

Extent: 1.3 linear feet

This series contains materials relating to the activities of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), the governing body of the Metropolitan Community Church. The series is arranged in 4 subseries: (1) Corporate Records, which contains copies of corporate records such as the 1969 Articles of Incorporation, bylaws, and papers and meeting records of the Board of Elders; (2) Boards / Committees / Departments / Ministries / Task Forces, which contains materials relating to the Fellowship’s various central administrative units, in particular the Elders’ Task Force on Inclusive Language, the Board of Institutional (later Prison) Ministry, Samaritan Theological Institute (now Samaritan College), and the Washington, DC, Office; (3) General Files, which comprises administrative, educational, liturgical, and publicity materials created or collected by the Fellowship, including records of Holy Unions performed by individual pastors, various editions of *Homosexuality: What the Bible does and does not say*, and pastoral letters from the Rev. Troy Perry; and (4) Districts, consisting of materials relating to the districts into which the Fellowship was divided, in particular



communications from District Coordinators and documents relating to the annual district conferences.

Subseries 1.1. Corporate Records

Date: 1969-1994

Extent: 2.5 linear inches

This subseries contains copies of the corporate records of the UFMCC. The records include the 1969 Articles of Incorporation of the Metropolitan Community Church, various editions of the denomination's bylaws, papers and meeting records of the Board of Elders, and records of the 1994 meeting of the General Council, a body formed by the Elders and District Coordinators. For additional minutes of Board of Elders meetings, see [Series 2](#) below.

Box Folder

- 1 1 Articles of Incorporation, 1969
- 1 2 Bylaws, 1977-1981
- 1 3-5
- 5 1 Board of Elders, 1975-1991
- 1 3 Papers, 1975-1991
File created by: MCC in the Valley/Chuck David
- 1 4-5
- 5 1 Meetings, 1978-1985
- 1 4 1978-1979
File created by: Fred Bradford/Chuck David
- 1 5 1981-1982
File created by: MCC in the Valley
- 5 1 1983-1985 (Oversize)
File created by: MCC in the Valley
- 1 6 General Council, 1994

Subseries 1.2. Boards / Committees / Departments / Ministries / Task Forces

Date: 1974-1997

Extent: 3 linear inches

This subseries contains materials relating to the Fellowship's various boards, committees, departments, ministries, and task forces. The materials are for the most part quite fragmentary, and several files contain no more than one or two pages. The larger files are those relating to the Elders' Task Force on Inclusive Language; Institutional (later Prison) Ministry; Samaritan Theological Institute (now Samaritan College), whose papers include syllabi and course descriptions; and the Washington, DC, Office, established to track legislation and other developments in the national capital that affect the GLBT community.

Box Folder

- 1 7 AIDS Ministry, circa 1983-1990



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- 1 8 Campus Ministry, 1977
- 1 9 Chemical Dependency Task Force, 1977
- 1 10 Christian Social Action, 1976-1977, n.d.
- 5 2 Church Services, circa 1983 (Oversize)
- 1 11 Clergy Credentials & Concerns, 1983-1984
- 1 12 Evangelism & World Missions, 1975
- 1 13 Fellowship, Faith & Order, 1975
- 1 14 Hispanic American Ministry, 1979-1986
- 1 15 Inclusive Language, Elders' Task Force on, 1981
- 1 16 National Association of Deacons, circa 1977
- 1 17 Pensions, 1983
- 5 3 Institutional/Prison Ministry, 1974-1977 (Oversize)
- 1 18 Publications, 1974-1997
- 1 19 Religious Institutes, 1976-1977
- File created by: Chuck David
- 1 20
- 5 4-5 Samaritan Educational Ministries
- 5 4 Samaritan Theological Institute/College, 1976-1984 (Oversize)
- 5 5 Excel Movement, 1980-1984 (Oversize)
- 1 20 Samaritan Extended Studies, 1983-1984
- 1 21 Special Ministries, 1984
- 5 6 Washington, DC, Office, 1976-1980 (Oversize)
- 5 7 World Church Extension, circa 1978-1987 (Oversize)

Subseries 1.3. General Files

Date: 1969-2003

Extent: 0.75 linear foot

This subseries contains administrative, educational, liturgical, and publicity materials created or collected by the Fellowship. Many of these files are quite fragmentary. The chronological files, which form half of the bulk of the subseries, contain general communications from the Fellowship to the congregations at large, including financial and statistical reports, calendars, news releases and other publicity materials; materials relating to fundraising events benefiting the Fellowship as a whole (rather than individual congregations); concerts, anniversaries, and other events sponsored by the Fellowship as a whole; and pastoral letters and other communications from the founder, the Rev. Troy Perry. The subseries also includes directories of congregations and clergy for the years 1974-1983; as files on the 1980 Cuban Refugee Relief Project (to aid the lesbians and gays among the Cubans expelled from their country that year); records of Holy Unions performed by various congregations between 1970 and 1987; materials on Operation Resurrection, a program for spiritual renewal within the church; brochures containing general information on the Fellowship and its congregations; and various editions of *Homosexuality: What the Bible does and does not say*. The file on Troy Perry contains materials relating to his activities outside his role as founder and moderator of the Fellowship.



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Box Folder

1	22	Alcoholics Together, n.d.
1	23	Bible study, n.d.
5	8-9	Brochures, 1969-1994
5	8	General, 1972-1994 (Oversize)
5	9	<i>Homosexuality: What the Bible does and does not say</i> , 1969-1990 (Oversize)
1	24-44	
5	10-11	Chronological Files, 1970-2003
1	24	1970
1	25	1971
1	26	1973
1	27	1974
1	28	1975
5	10	1976 (Oversize)
1	29	1977
1	30	1978
1	31	1980
1	32	1981
1	33	1982
1	34	1983
1	35	1984
1	36	1985
1	37	1986
5	11	1987 (Oversize)
1	38	1988
1	39	1991
1	40	1994
1	41	1995
1	42	1997
1	43	1999
1	44	2003
1	45	Coors Truck, 1979-1983 File created by: MCC in the Valley
1	46	Cuban Refugee Relief Project, 1980
1	47-52	Directory, 1974-1983
1	47	1974, 1976
1	48	1980
1	49	1981
1	50	1982
1	51	1983
1	52	Southern California, 1980
1	53	Forms & Stationery, n.d.
1	54	Holy Unions, 1970-1987
1	55	Internal Revenue Service, 1976



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1	56	Liturgical Materials, n.d.
5	12	Ministers, 1974-1981 (Oversize)
1	56a	Music, circa 1991
5	13	National Council of Churches, 1981-1992 (Oversize)
5	14-15	Newspaper Clippings (2 folders), 1970-1998 (Oversize)
1	57	Operation Resurrection, 1976-1980
5	16	Other Denominations, 1969-1994 (Oversize)
1	58	Pamphlets, 1976-1985
1	59	Perry, Troy, 1970-1988
1	60	Silent Harvest Ministries, 1986

Subseries 1.4. Districts

Date: 1973-1988

Extent: 2 linear inches

This subseries contains materials relating to the districts into which the Fellowship was divided. The records are miscellaneous and fragmentary. The majority of the documents comprise communications from the District Coordinators concerning the implementation of Fellowship policies and directives, and materials relating to the annual district conferences. Other materials include occasional publications, bylaws, and a grant proposal to the 1987 National March on Washington to fund an AIDS housing and service ministry. Seventy-five percent of the documents relate to the Southwest District, headquartered in Los Angeles.

Box Folder

1	61	Australasia, 1975
1	62	Great Lakes, n.d.
1	63	Mid-Atlantic, 1988
5	17	Northeast, 1973-1978 (Oversize) File created by: Chuck David
1	64	Northwest, 1981
1	65	South-Central, 1974
5	18	Southeast, 1974, 1980 (Oversize)
1	66-74	
5	19	Southwest, 1974-1985
1	66	1974
5	19	1975 (Oversize)
1	67	1976
1	68	1979
1	69	1980
1	70	1981
1	71	1983
1	72	1985
1	73	n.d.
1	74	Southwest District Conference, May 1984



Series 2. General Conferences

Date: 1970-1997

Extent: 0.75 linear foot

This series contains the records of General Conferences, at which general policy of the Fellowship is determined. General Conferences were originally held annually, but since 1979 they have been held biannually. The records of the General Conferences include reports by each congregation as well as by officers and departments of the Fellowship, Board of Elders meeting minutes and supporting materials, budgets, long-range plans, position papers, bylaw revisions, programs, and studies. The materials prior to 1985 are considerably more extensive than those from 1985, which are quite fragmentary. For additional Board of Elders meeting minutes, see [Subseries 1.1](#) above.

Box Folder

- 1 75 1. Los Angeles, September 25-27, 1970
- 1 76 2. Los Angeles, September 3-5, 1971
- 1 77 3. Los Angeles, September 1-3, 1972
- 1 78 4. Atlanta, 1973
- 5 20 6. Dallas, July 29-August 3, 1975 (Oversize)
File created by: Jim Kepner
- 1 79 7. Washington, D.C., August 10-15, 1976
- 1 80-82 8. Denver, Colorado (3 folders), August 1-7, 1977
- 1 83 9. Los Angeles, August 13-19, 1979
File created by: Fred Bradford
- 2 1-2 10. Houston, Texas (2 folders), August 3-9, 1981
- 5 21 11. Toronto, Canada, July 11-17, 1983 (Oversize)
- 2 3 12. Sacramento, California, June 30-July 7, 1985
- 2 4 13. Miami, Florida, July 19-26, 1987
- 2 5 15. Phoenix, Arizona, July 14-21, 1991
- 2 6 18. Sydney, Australia, July 20-25, 1997

Series 3. Congregations

Date: 1969-2004 (bulk 1970-1985)

Extent: 6.5 linear feet

This series contains brochures, bylaws, calendars, circulars, congregation meeting minutes, correspondence, financial papers, flyers, handbills, installations of pastors, invitations, news releases, newspapers clippings, orders of worship, pastoral letters, programs, sermons, and other materials relating to individual Metropolitan Community Church congregations. The series is arranged in 5 subseries: (1) General, (2) Beach Cities (formerly West Bay; Santa Monica, California), (3) Los Angeles, (4) New York City, and (5) MCC in the Valley (North Hollywood, California).

Subseries 3.1. General

Date: 1970-2004 (bulk 1970-1985)

Extent: 11.5 linear inches

This subseries contains materials relating to individual Metropolitan Community Church congregations other than the four represented by Subseries 3.2 through 3.5 below. The materials are quite fragmentary and for many congregations consist of only one or two items. The most substantial files are those for All Saints MCC/First MCC of West Hollywood/MCC Silverlake (Los Angeles, California); Auckland, New Zealand; Boston; Cincinnati; Long Beach, California; Pomona Valley, California; San Diego; San Francisco; and Washington, DC. The materials for the Chicago congregation include a cookbook; those for the Long Beach congregation include the first Register of Baptisms, Holy Unions and Members from 1972 (the original volume, as a sacramental record, has been returned to the Fellowship; the Archive retains a photocopy).

Box Folder

2	7	Adelaide, Australia, 1975
2	8	Albany, New York, 1976, 1979
2	9	Albuquerque, New Mexico, n.d.
5	22	All Saints MCC/First MCC of West Hollywood/MCC Silverlake, California 1977-circa 1995 (Oversize)
2	10	Anchorage, Alaska, 1974, n.d.
5	23	Atlanta, Georgia, 1974-1981 (Oversize)
5	24	Auckland, New Zealand, 1988-1991 (Oversize) File created by: Rev. Richard Mickley
2	11	Australia & New Zealand, n.d.
2	12	Bakersfield, California, 1987
2	13	Baltimore, Maryland, 1974-1980
2	14	Birmingham, Alabama, 1985
2	15	Boise, Idaho, n.d.
5	25	Boston, Massachusetts, 1973-1988 (Oversize)
5	26	Brooklyn, New York City, 1975-1985 (Oversize)
2	16	Charlotte, North Carolina, 2003
5	27	Chicago, Illinois, 1977-1984 (Oversize)
5	28	Christ Chapel (Costa Mesa / Santa Ana, California), n.d. (Oversize)
5	29	Cincinnati, Ohio, 1981-1984 (Oversize)
2	17	Cleveland, Ohio, n.d.
2	18	Dallas, Texas, 1974-1986
2	19	De Colores (Eagle Rock, California), 1981-1984
2	20	Decatur, Georgia, n.d.
2	21	Denver, Colorado, 1971
2	22	Detroit, Michigan, 1974-1984
5	30	East Bay, MCC of the (Oakland, California), 1976-1978 (Oversize)
5	31	Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 1980-1985 (Oversize)
2	23	Fort Worth, Texas, n.d.
2	24	Glendale, California, 1998-2004

- 2 25 Glendale, California. Divine Redeemer MCC, 1982-1988
- 2 26 Hartford, Connecticut, 1974-1979
- 2 27 Hawaii (Honolulu), 1971-1974
- 2 28 Hi Desert, MCC of the (Palm Springs, California), 1987-1989
- 2 29 Houston, Texas, 1980-1987
- 2 30 Johnson County (Shawnee, Kansas), 1994-1995
- 2 31 Kansas City, Kansas, 1979
- 2 32 Liverpool, United Kingdom, 1985
- 5 32 London, Ontario, Canada, n.d. (Oversize)
- 2 33 London, Ontario, Canada. Holy Fellowship MCC, n.d.
- 5 33
- 7 14 Long Beach, California, 1970-1997
- 5 33 General Papers, 1970-1997 (Oversize)
- 7 14 Register of Baptisms, Holy Unions, & Members (Photocopy), February
1972-April 1975 (Oversize)
- 2 34 Long Beach, California. Maranatha, n.d.
- 2 35 Miami, Florida, 1972-1978
- 2 36 Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1983
- 2 37 Modesto, California, n.d.
- 5 34 Montreal, Canada, n.d. (Oversize)
- 2 38 Nashville, Tennessee, 1978-1981
- 2 39 Nebraska (Omaha), 1974
- 5 35 New Covenant (Anahem / Garden Grove, California), 1982-1988 (Oversize)
- 2 40 New Jersey, 1975
File created by: Chuck David
- 2 41 New Orleans, Louisiana, 1975
- 2 42 New Orleans, Louisiana. Vieux Carre, n.d.
- 5 36 New York. MCC Hispana, 1978 (Oversize)
- 2 43 Newark, Delaware, 1980
- 2 44 Ocean of Life (Costa Mesa, California), 1984, n.d.
- 5 37 Oceanside, California, 1976-1981 (Oversize)
- 2 45 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1974-1987
- 2 46 Phoenix, Arizona, 1970
- 5 38 Phoenix, Arizona. Casa de Cristo, 1984-1985 (Oversize)
- 2 47 Phoenix, Arizona. A Gentle Shepherd, 1996
- 5 39 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1974-1988 (Oversize)
- 5 40 Pomona Valley, 1977-1989 (Oversize)
- 6 1 Portland, Oregon, 1977-1980 (Oversize)
- 2 48 Riverside, California. Good Shepherd, 1987
- 2 49 Rockies, MCC of the (Denver, Colorado), 1977, n.d.
- 2 50 Sacramento, California, 1971-1977
- 2 51 St. Louis, Missouri, 1977
- 6 2 Salt Lake City, Utah, 1978 (Oversize)
- 6 3 San Diego, California, 1970-1980 (Oversize)
- 2 52 San Francisco, California, 1970-2003
- 2 53 San Gabriel Valley, California, 1982

6	4	San Jose, California, 1973-1982 (Oversize)
2	54	Santa Barbara, California, 1981-1983
2	55	Seattle, Washington, 1975
2	56	Syracuse, New York, 1977-1978
2	57	Tampa, Florida, 1974-1978
6	5	Toronto, Canada, n.d. (Oversize)
2	58	Trinity MCC (San Bernardino / Pomona / Riverside, California), 1977-1980
2	59	Tucson, Arizona, n.d.
2	60	Twin Cities MCC (Minneapolis, Minnesota), n.d.
2	61	Van Nuys, California, 1983
2	62	Ventura, California, 1980-1994, n.d.
6	6	Washington, DC, 1970-1993 (Oversize)
6	7	Westchester, New York, 1976 (Oversize)
2	63	Worcester, Massachusetts, n.d.
2	64	Unidentified Congregations, n.d.

Subseries 3.2. Beach Cities (formerly West Bay; Santa Monica, California)

Date: 1971-1983

Extent: 23.5 linear inches

This subseries comprises the records of the MCC congregation in Santa Monica, founded in 1973. The congregation was incorporated in 1977 as the West Bay MCC; the corporation was dissolved in 1980, when the congregation was reconstituted as the Beach Cities MCC. The congregation was always small, and appears to have dissolved some time shortly after the resignation and withdrawal of its treasurer and vice-moderator, Walter Crosley, in 1983. The bulk of the records appear to come from Crosley. The materials include a photocopy of the original 1972 petition to form the congregation, articles of incorporation for the West Bay MCC, minutes and notes of Board of Directors and congregational meetings, financial records, membership records, pastoral letters and personal correspondence of the pastor, records of social and fundraising activities, a *curriculum vitae* of John Barbone prior to his calling to the pastorate, evaluations of pastoral staff, and papers of the Pulpit Committee relating to searches for pastors in 1977 and 1983. (An audiocassette of sermons submitted in 1983 by the Revs. Richard A. Matera and Rev. Phillip Eberle, as part of their application is cataloged in [Series 5](#), below.)

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2	65	[West Bay MCC] Articles of Incorporation / Franchise Tax Board / Dissolution, 1977-1980
2	66-73	
6	8	Board of Directors, 1975-1983
2	66	[West Bay MCC] 1975
2	67	[West Bay MCC] 1976-1977
2	68	[West Bay MCC] 1978-1979
2	69	[West Bay MCC] 1980
6	8	1981 (Oversize)

2	70-71	Binder (2 folders), 1982
2	72	1982
2	73	1983
2	74-78	
6	9-12	
10	1-6	
11	1-7	Financial Records, 1973-1983
2	74	[West Bay MCC] 1977-1980
6	9	[West Bay MCC] 1977 (Oversize)
2	75	[West Bay MCC] 1978
6	10	[West Bay MCC] 1979 (Oversize)
6	11	[West Bay MCC] 1980 (Oversize)
6	12	1981 (Oversize)
2	76	1982
10	1-6	
11	1-7	Banking Records, 1974-1983
10	1-6	1974-1983 (Oversize)
11	1-7	1975-1981 (Oversize)
2	77	Taxes, 1977-1982
2	78	[West Bay MCC] Treasurer's Report, 1973-1980
2	79	Alcoholism Resources, 1971-1981
2	80-81	
6	13	Chronological Files, 1974-1983
2	80	[West Bay MCC] 1974-1980
2	81	1981-1982
6	13	1983 (Oversize)
6	14	Church Clerk, n.d. (Oversize)
2	82	Church Development n.d.
2	83	Church Inventory, 1982
2	84	Congregational Meetings, 1976-1977, 1979, 1981
2	85	Correspondence, 1974-1983
2	86	Fellowship & District Tithes, 1977-1983
2	87	[West Bay MCC] General Service Materials, 1976-1977
2	88	Holy Unions, n.d.
2	89-91	Membership, 1979-1983
2	89	Letters of Transfer & Membership Certificates, 1979-1980, 1983
2	90	Membership Class, n.d.
2	91	Membership Lists, 1981-1983
2	92	Miscellaneous, n.d.
2	93	[West Bay MCC] Orders of Worship, 1975
2	94	Pastoral Letters, 1974-1981
3	1-9	Personnel, 1979-1981
3	1	Banner, Richard, 1979-1981
3	2	[West Bay MCC] Barbone, John (Pastor), 1978
3	3	Brend, Carol, 1981
3	4	Dearth, Bill (Pastor), 1982-1983



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3	5	Malloy, William, 1981
3	6	May, David, 1981
3	7	McCormick, Jeri, 1980-1981
3	8	Montague, Ann, 1981
3	9	Pennington, Sylvia, 1981
3	10	Petition to form MCC Mission in Venice, 1972
3	11-12	Pulpit Committee, 1977-1983
3	11	Papers, 1977-1983
3	12	Questionnaires, n.d.
6	15	Social Action Committee, 1979-1981 (Oversize)
3	13	South Bay Parish, 1971-1973
3	14-15	Southwest District Conference, 1981, 1983
3	14	1981
3	15	1983
3	16	[West Bay MCC] Stationery, n.d.

Subseries 3.3. Los Angeles

Date: 1969-1994 (bulk 1969-1981)

Extent: 20.5 linear inches

This subseries contains materials relating to the Los Angeles MCC, the “Mother Church” of the Fellowship, founded by the Rev. Troy Perry in October 1969. The records derive from a number of sources—the handwriting of J. J. Bertrund Belanger, Jim Kepner, Morris Kight, John O’Brien, and Johan Vessup can be recognized on various documents—and are very incomplete. The majority of the documents date from the pastorships of Troy Perry (1968-1973), Lee Carlton (1973-1975), James Sandmire (1975-1977), Donald Pederson (1977-1978), and the first years of the pastorship of Jeri Ann Harvey (1978-1985). Half the materials by bulk consists of the Chronological Files, which contain correspondence, administrative papers, financial reports, congregational meeting minutes, resumes for candidates for the Board of Directors and for delegates to the annual District Conference, flyers and handbills, programs, pastoral letters, and news releases. The earliest files also include mimeographed news sheets (printed newsletters have been transferred to the Archives’ Periodicals and Newsletters collection). The flyers and programs document the extensive social programs of the congregation, including the annual May Festival, and various concert and theatrical performances, the latter, in the earliest years, often held in cooperation with Pat Rocco and the Society of Pat Rocco Enlightened Enthusiasts (SPREE). A large number of the social events were held to benefit the Building Fund, first for the church at 2201 South Union St. (dedicated in 1971), and then, after its destruction by fire in January 1973, for the building at 1050 South Hill St. (dedicated in 1974). The congregation also held elaborate annual celebrations on the anniversary of its founding. Orders of Worship files contain printed programs for the Sunday worship services. The Ecumenical Construction Company files document the congregation’s response to Operation Resurrection, a program for spiritual renewal within the Fellowship (see [Subseries 1.3](#) above). The Gospel Ministry of Music files reveal the significant role that music played in the life of the congregation, while the Police Relations folder documents the congregation’s involvement in the struggle to end police harassment of gays and lesbians. The Holy Unions file supplements the Holy Unions file among the Fellowship records (see [Subseries 1.3](#) above). Of particular interest, veteran activist and



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writer Jim Kepner's notes on weekly services and congregational meetings provide insights into events and personalities not available elsewhere.

Box Folder

3	17	Board of Directors, 1975-1982
3	18	Christian Women's Association, n.d.
3	19-39	
6	16-23	Chronological Files, 1969-1994
3	19	1969-1970
3	20	1969
6	16	1970 (Oversize)
3	21	1971-1973
3	22	1971
6	17	1972 (Oversize)
3	23	1973-1975
6	18	1973-1974 (Oversize)
6	19	1973 (Oversize)
3	24	1974-1987
3	25	1974-1975
6	20	1974 (Oversize)
3	26	1975-1977
6	21	1975 (Oversize)
6	22	1976 (Oversize)
3	27	1977-1978
3	28	1977
3	29	1978-1985
3	30	1978
3	31	1979
3	32	1980
3	33	1981
3	34	1982
3	35	1983
3	36	1984
3	37	1985
3	38	1986-1989
3	39	1991-1994
6	23	n.d. (Oversize)
6	24	Council on Christian Growth, 1975-1976 (Oversize)
3	40	Crisis Intervention Center, n.d.
3	41	Delegates Report & Report of General Conference, 1979
3	42	Ecumenical Construction Company, 1980-1981
6	25	Gospel Ministry of Music, 1977-1980 (Oversize)
3	43	Growing American Youth, circa 1975
3	44	
9	1	History, 1971-1989



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3	44	1971-1987
9	1	1989 (Oversize)
3	45	Holy Unions, 1975-1979
3	46	Kepner, Jim. Notes, 1970-1975
3	47	Lenten Series, 1976
3	48	Letterhead & Envelopes, n.d.
3	49-59	
4	1-7	Orders of Worship, 1969-1987
3	49	1969
3	50	1970
3	51	1971
3	52	1972
3	53	1973
3	54	1974
3	55	1975/January-June
3	56	1975/July-December
3	57	1976/January-June
3	58	1976/July-December
3	59	1977
4	1	1978
4	2	1979
4	3	1980
4	4	1981
4	5	1982
4	6	1983-1987
4	7	n.d.
4	8	Police Relations, 1974-1977
6	27	Vessup, Johan B., 1972-1976 (Oversize)

Subseries 3.4. New York City

Date: 1973-1979, 1984-1988, 2004

Extent: 14 linear inches

This subseries contains records of the MCC of New York City. The bulk of the materials dates from the period 1973-1978, and comes from the papers of Fred Bradford and Chuck David, at that time partners, and both at one time or other during the period members of the congregation's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors materials include minutes of Board and Congregation meetings, correspondence with various UFMCC boards and officers, congregation administrative documents, and extensive handwritten notes, primarily by Chuck David. The chronological files for 1973-1979 contain correspondence, financial documents, flyers, and other materials relating to all aspects of the life of the congregation during the period. The chronological files for 1984-2004 contain miscellaneous materials, primarily flyers, circulars, brochures, and routine correspondence from the subject files at ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives. The Self Study files contain materials produced and collected in the process of a self-evaluation carried out by the congregation in 1976. The Orders of Service/Worship files contain printed programs for the Sunday worship services; the documents include a number of orders of worship for the



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Metropolitan-Duane United Methodist Church, at 13th Street and 7th Avenue, whose facilities were also used by the MCC congregation.

Box Folder

4	9-10	
6	28-29	Board of Directors, 1975-1978
4	9	August-December 1975 File created by: Chuck David / Fred Bradford
6	28	1976 (Oversize) File created by: Chuck David
4	10	1977 File created by: Chuck David
6	29	1978 File created by: Chuck David
4	11-13	
6	30-36	
7	1-3	Chronological Files, 1973-1979, 1984-1988, 2004
6	30	circa 1973-1978 (Oversize)
6	31	1973 (Oversize) File created by: Fred Bradford
6	32	1974 (Oversize)
6	33-34	1975 (2 folders) (Oversize)
6	35-36	1976 (2 folders) (Oversize)
7	1-2	1977 (2 folders) (Oversize) File created by: Chuck David
7	3	1978 (Oversize) File created by: Chuck David
4	11	1979
4	12	1984-1988
4	13	2004
4	14-17	
7	4-5	Orders of Service (from 1976, Orders of Worship), 1974-1979
4	14	1974
4	15	1975
7	4	1976 (Oversize)
7	5	1977 (Oversize)
4	16	1978
4	17	1979
4	18-20	Self Study (3 folders), 1976-1977

Subseries 3.5. MCC in the Valley (North Hollywood, California)

Date: 1970-1994

Extent: 7.5 linear inches

This subseries contains documents relating to the MCC Church in the Valley, in North Hollywood, California. The materials are quite miscellaneous and fragmentary. Some of the documents



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derive from the collections of Jim Kepner, others from an individual who was possibly a member of the congregation's staff or Board of Directors. The Adult Christian Training files contain papers relating to the congregation's "program of education for spiritual growth and ministry". The chronological files include announcements, brochures, bylaws, correspondence, flyers, news releases, pastoral letters, programs, and solicitations. The Freedom Center file contains correspondence in 1987 with Walter Williams, President of the International Gay & Lesbian Archives (predecessor to ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives), on the possibility of housing the Archives in the congregation's new facility. The Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Religious Coalition file includes agenda, bylaws, and correspondence relating to the Coalition, while the Social Action, Women, and Women's Issues files document the congregation's political activity in pursuit of social justice. The Orders of Worship files contain printed programs for the Sunday worship services, as well as weekly news of congregation activities.

Box Folder

7	6	Adult Christian Training, 1988-1990 (Oversize)
4	21-31	
7	7-9	Chronological Files, 1970-1994
4	21	1970
4	22	1972
4	23	1973
4	24	1974
4	25	1975
7	7	1976 (Oversize)
7	8	1977 (Oversize)
4	26	1978-1979
4	27	1980
4	28	1981-1982
7	9	1983 (Oversize)
4	29	1984-1989
4	30	1990-1994
4	31	n.d.
4	32	Faith, Fellowship & Order / Toward a Theology of Human Sexuality, n.d.
4	33	Freedom Center, 1987
4	34	Gayfaire, 1978
4	35	Graphics (decals), n.d.
4	36	Kuell, Charles, 1977
4	37	Leadership Rap Material, 1981
7	10	Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Religious Coalition, 1980-1983 (Oversize)
4	38	Membership, 1976-1980
4	39	Newspaper Clippings, 1998-1999
4	40-47	Orders of Worship, 1973-1987
4	40	1973
4	41	1975
4	42	1976
4	43	1978



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4	44	1979
4	45	1980
4	46	1981
4	47	1982-1987
4	48-51	
7	11-12	Social Action, 1975-1983
4	48	n.d.
4	49	1975
4	50	1976
4	51	1977
7	11	1979 (Oversize)
7	12	1983 (Oversize)
4	52	Women, 1974-1984
7	13	Women's Issues, circa 1977-1982

Series 4. Photographs

Date: 1969-1979

Extent: 5 folders

This series contains photographs found within the collection. The General folder contains miscellaneous photographs of clergy, including Troy Perry, Wally Lanchester, Bill Quesinberry, and Robert Sirico, and a worship service held at Christ Church MCC, Miami, by Don Hoffman (Fort Lauderdale), Edler John Gill (Atlanta), Keith Davis (Miami), and Frank Crouch (Nashville). The Long Beach folder contains color Polaroid photographs of MCC Long Beach's first church, found inserted in the congregation's first church register (see [Series 3.1](#) above). The Los Angeles folder includes photographs of church picnics, demonstrations, Troy Perry and Tom Bradley, a property at 35th and Normandie being considered in September 1973 as a replacement for the Mother Church at 2201 South Union destroyed by fire in January of that year, and a police van outside the church at 1050 South Hill St. in 1975. The Oceanside folder contains photographs of the installation of the Rev. Flo Fleischman as pastor of the congregation. The San Francisco folder contains photographs of a "spiritual renewal" in September 1970, and of the aftermath of the fire that destroyed the San Francisco church in July 1973.

Box Folder

8	1	General, circa 1970-1975
8	2	Long Beach, California. Church, circa 1972
8	3	Los Angeles, 1969-1975
9	2	Oceanside, California. Installation of Rev. Flo Fleischman, September 23, 1979 (Oversize)
8	4	San Francisco, 1970-1973

Series 5. Audio

Date: 1983

Extent: 1 audiocassette

This series consists of a single audiocassette submitted in 1983 to the Pulpit Committee of MCC Beach Cities (See [Subseries 3.2](#) above) by the Revs. Richard A. Matera and Rev. Phillip Eberle, as part of their application for the position of pastor to the congregation.

Box Folder

9 3 MCC Beach Cities. Pulpit Committee. Audiocassette of sermons by Rev. Richard A. Matera and Rev. Phillip Eberle, 1983
1 audiocassette : analog ; 60 minutes

Series 6. Memorabilia

Date: circa 1990

Extent: 2 items

This series consists of two plastic frisbees, circa 1990, imprinted with the logo of MCC Long Beach, address and contact information, times of church services, and the phrase “Jesus is an equal opportunity savior”.

Box Folder

9 4-5 MCC Long Beach. Frisbees, “Jesus is an equal opportunity savior”, circa 1990
2 frisbees : diameter 9 inches ; white with red lettering