Finding aid of the Metropolitan Community Church Historical Collection
Coll2009-006

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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.
Physical Description: 6 records boxes + 3 archive cartons + 1 archive half-carton + 1 oversize box(12.2 linear feet).
Storage Unit: 1
Access
The collection is open to researchers. There are no access restrictions.
Publication Rights
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Acquisition Information
Many materials came to the archives through a donation by Fred Bradford in 1979. Other materials were pulled together from other collections at ONE National Gay and 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 supplied later.
Scope and Content of Collection
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.
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.

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in 6 series: (1) UFMCC, (2) General Conferences, (3) Congregations, (4) Photographs, (5) Audio, and (6) Memorabilia.

**Separated Material**

6 linear feet of newsletters transferred to ONE National Gay & Lesbian Archives Periodicals and Newsletters Collection. 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.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

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

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**UFMCC Series 1. 1969-2003**

**Physical Description:** 1.3 Linear Feet

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

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.
Corporate Records Subseries 1.1 1969-1994

Physical Description: 2.5 Linear Feet

Subseries Scope and Content Summary

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
Board of Elders 1975-1991

Physical Description: 4 folders.

box-folder 1:3 Papers 1975-1991

General note
File created by: MCC in the Valley

Meetings 1978-1979

Physical Description: 3 folders.

box-folder 1:4 1978-1979

General note
File created by: Fred Bradford/Chuck David

box-folder 1:5 1981-1982

General note
File created by: MCC in the Valley

box-folder 5:1 (Oversize) 1983-1985

General note
File created by: MCC in the Valley

box-folder 1:6 General Council 1994

Boards / Committees / Departments / Ministries / Task Forces Subseries 1.2 1974-1997

Physical Description: 3 Linear Feet

Subseries Scope and Content Summary

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
box-folder 1:8 Campus Ministry 1977
box-folder 1:9 Chemical Dependency Task Force 1977
box-folder 5:2 Church Services circa 1983

(Oversize)
Clergy Credentials & Concerns 1983-1984
Evangelism & World Missions 1975
Fellowship, Faith & Order 1975
Hispanic American Ministry 1979-1986
Inclusive Language, Elders’ Task Force on 1981
National Association of Deacons circa 1977
Pensions 1983
Institutional/Prison Ministry 1974-1977
Publications 1974-1997
Religious Institutes 1976-1977

General note
File created by: Chuck David

Samaritan Educational Ministries 1976-1984
Physical Description: 3 folders.

Samaritan Theological Institute/College 1976-1984
Excel Movement 1980-1984
Samaritan Extended Studies 1983-1984
Special Ministries 1984
Washington, DC, Office 1976-1980
World Church Extension circa 1978-1987

General Files Subseries 1.3. 1969-2003
Physical Description: 0.75 Linear Feet
Subseries Scope and Content Summary
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.

Alcoholics Together n.d.
Bible study n.d.
Brochures 1969-1994
Physical Description: 2 folders.

General 1972-1994
box-folder 5 : 9  
(Oversize)

Homosexuality: What the Bible does and does not say 1969-1990

Chronological Files 1970-2003
Physical Description: 23 folders.

- box-folder 1 : 24  1970
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- box-folder 1 : 42  1994
- box-folder 1 : 43  1995
- box-folder 1 : 44  1997
- box-folder 1 : 45  2003

Coors Truck 1979-1983
General note
File created by: MCC in the Valley

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Cuban Refugee Relief Project 1980
Directories 1974-1983
Physical Description: 6 folders.

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- box-folder 1 : 48  1980
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- box-folder 1 : 52  Southern California 1980
- box-folder 1 : 53  Forms & Stationery n.d.
- box-folder 1 : 54  Holy Unions 1970-1987
- box-folder 1 : 55  Internal Revenue Service 1976
- box-folder 1 : 56  Liturgical Materials n.d.
- box-folder 5 : 12  Ministers 1974-1981
(Oversize)
- box-folder 1 : 56a  Music circa 1991
(Oversize)
Physical Description: 2 folders.
Other Denominations 1969-1994

- Pamphlets 1976-1985
- Perry, Troy 1970-1988
- Silent Harvest Ministries 1986

**Districts Subseries 1.4. 1973-1988**

Physical Description: 2 Linear Feet

Subseries Scope and Content Summary

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.

- Australasia 1975
- Great Lakes n.d.
- Mid-Atlantic 1988
- Northeast 1973-1978

  General note
  
  File created by: Chuck David

- Northwest 1981
- South-Central 1974
- Southeast 1974, 1980

Southwest 1974-1985

Physical Description: 10 folders.

- 1974
- 1975
- 1976
- 1979
- 1980
- 1981
- 1983
- 1985
- n.d.

**District Conference May 1984**

General Conferences Series 2. 1970-1997

Physical Description: 0.75 Linear Feet

Series Scope and Content Summary

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.

- September 25-27, 1970
General Conferences Series 2.1970-1997

General Conference 2. Los Angeles September 3-5, 1971
General Conference 3. Los Angeles September 1-3, 1972
General Conference 4. Atlanta 1973
General Conference 6. Dallas July 29-August 3, 1975
General note
File created by: Jim Kepner

General Conference 8. Denver, Colorado August 1-7, 1977

Physical Description: 3 folders.

General note
File created by: Fred Bradford


Physical Description: 2 folders.

General Conference 11. Toronto, Canada July 11-17, 1983

General Conference 12. Sacramento, California June 30-July 7, 1985


Physical Description: 6.5 Linear Feet

Series Scope and Content Summary
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).


Physical Description: 11.5 Linear Feet

Subseries Scope and Content Summary
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

box-folder 2 : 8

box-folder 2 : 9
Albuquerque, New Mexico n.d.

box-folder 5 : 22
All Saints MCC / First MCC of West Hollywood / MCC Silverlake, California 1977-circa 1995

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Unidentified Congregations n.d.

Beach Cities (formerly West Bay; Santa Monica, California) Subseries 3.2. 1971-1983

Physical Description: 23.5 Linear Feet

Subseries Scope and Content Summary

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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(Over-size)
1974-1983
Physical Description: 6 folders.

box-folder 11 : 1-7
1975-1981
Physical Description: 7 folders.

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Taxes 1977-1982
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Alcoholism Resources 1971-1981
Chronological Files 1974-1983
Physical Description: 3 folders.

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[West Bay MCC] 1974-1980
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1981-1982
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(Over-size)
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Church Clerk n.d.

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[West Bay MCC] Orders of Worship 1975
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Pastoral Letters 1974-1981
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Physical Description: 9 folders.

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[West Bay MCC] Barbone, John (Pastor) 1978
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Brend, Carol 1981
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Dearth, Bill (Pastor) 1982-1983
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Malloy, William 1981
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May, David 1981
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box-folder 3 : 8
Montague, Ann 1981
box-folder 3 : 9
Pennington, Sylvia 1981
box-folder 3 : 10
Petition to form MCC Mission in Venice 1972
Pulpit Committee 1977-1983
Physical Description: 2 folders.

box-folder 3 : 11
Papers 1977-1983
box-folder 3 : 12
Questionnaires n.d.
box-folder 6 : 15
Social Action Committee 1979-1981
(Over-size)
box-folder 3 : 13
South Bay Parish 1971-1973
Southwest District Conference 1981, 1983
Physical Description: 2 folders.

Physical Description: 10.5 Linear Feet

Subseries Scope and Content Summary

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

Board of Directors 1975-1982

Christian Women’s Association n.d.

Chronological Files 1969-1994

Physical Description: 29 folders.

1969
1970
1971
1972
1973
1974
1975
1976
1977
1978
1979
1980
1981
1982
1983
1984
1985
box-folder 3 : 24  1974-1987
box-folder 3 : 25  1974-1975
box-folder 6 : 20  1974
(Oversize)
box-folder 3 : 26  1975-1977
box-folder 6 : 21  1975
(Oversize)
box-folder 6 : 22  1976
(Oversize)
box-folder 3 : 27  1977-1978
box-folder 3 : 28  1977
box-folder 3 : 29  1978-1985
box-folder 3 : 30  1978
box-folder 3 : 31  1979
box-folder 3 : 32  1980
box-folder 3 : 33  1981
box-folder 3 : 34  1982
box-folder 3 : 35  1983
box-folder 3 : 36  1984
box-folder 3 : 37  1985
box-folder 3 : 38  1986-1989
box-folder 6 : 23  n.d.
(Oversize)
(Oversize)
box-folder 3 : 40  Crisis Intervention Center n.d.
(Overflow)
box-folder 3 : 43  Growing American Youth circa 1975
         History 1971-1989
         Physical Description: 2 folders.
box-folder 3 : 44  1971-1987
box-folder 9 : 1  1989
(Oversize)
box-folder 3 : 45  Holy Unions 1975-1979
box-folder 3 : 47  Lenten Series 1976
box-folder 3 : 48  Letterhead & Envelopes n.d.
         Orders of Worship 1969-1987
         Physical Description: 18 folders.
box-folder 3 : 49  1969
box-folder 3 : 50  1970
box-folder 3 : 51  1971
box-folder 3 : 52  1972
box-folder 3 : 53  1973
box-folder 3 : 54  1974
box-folder 3 : 55  January-June, 1975
box-folder 3 : 56  July-December, 1975
box-folder 3 : 57  January-June, 1976
box-folder 3 : 58  July-December, 1976
box-folder 3 : 59  1977
box-folder 4 : 1  1978
box-folder 4 : 2  1979

**Physical Description:** 14 Linear Feet  

**Subseries Scope and Content Summary**

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

### Board of Directors 1975-1978

**Physical Description:** 4 folders.

#### box-folder 4 : 9  

**August-December 1975**  

General note  

File created by: Chuck David / Fred Bradford

#### box-folder 6 : 28  

**1976**  

General note  

File created by: Chuck David

#### box-folder 4 : 10  

**1977**  

General note  

File created by: Chuck David

#### box-folder 6 : 29  

**1978**  

General note  

File created by: Chuck David

### Chronological Files 1973-1979, 1984-1988, 2004

**Physical Description:** 13 folders.

#### box-folder 6 : 30  

**Chronological File circa 1973-1978**
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<th>Year(s)</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>1973</td>
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<td>6:32</td>
<td>1974</td>
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<td>6:33-34</td>
<td>1975</td>
<td>Physical Description: 2 folders.</td>
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<td>7:3</td>
<td>1977</td>
<td>Chronological File (2 folders) 1977&lt;br&gt;General note&lt;br&gt;File created by: Chuck David</td>
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<td>4:11</td>
<td>1978</td>
<td>General note&lt;br&gt;File created by: Chuck David</td>
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<td>4:12</td>
<td>1979</td>
<td>Orders of Service (from 1976, Worship) 1974-1979&lt;br&gt;Physical Description: 6 folders.</td>
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Physical Description: 7.5 Linear Feet

Subseries Scope and Content Summary

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

Adult Christian Training 1988-1990

Chronological Files 1970-1994

Physical Description: 14 folders.

Faith, Fellowship & Order / Toward a Theology of Human Sexuality n.d.
Freedom Center 1987
Gayfaire 1978
Graphics (decals) n.d.
Kuell, Charles 1977
Leadership Rap Material 1981
Membership 1976-1980
Newspaper Clippings 1998-1999
Orders of Worship 1973
Social Action n.d.

Physical Description: 6 folders.

Women 1974-1984

Women's Issues circa 1977-1982

Photographs Series 4. circa 1956-1990

Physical Description: 5 folders.

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series contains photographs found within the collection.

Box 8, Folder 1
General circa 1956-1990

Physical Description: 25 Photographic Prints

Scope and Contents
The folder contains photographs of clergy, including Troy Perry, Wally Lanchester, Bill Quesinberry, Robert Sirico, and Willie Smith, and a worship service held at Christ Church MCC, Miami, by Don Hoffman (Fort Lauderdale), Edler John Gill (Atlanta), Keith Davis (Miami), Frank Crouch (Nashville) and Edith Allen Perry and her husband (Troy's parents.)

Box 8, Folder 2
Long Beach, California. Church circa 1972

Physical Description: 6 Photographic Prints

Scope and Contents
The 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).

Box 8, Folder 3
Los Angeles 1969-1975

Physical Description: 13 Photographic Prints

Scope and Contents
The 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 which was destroyed by fire in January 1973, and a police van outside the church at 1050 South Hill St. in 1975.

Box 9, Folder 2
Oceanside, California. [oversize] September 23, 1979

Scope and Contents
The folder contains photographs of the installation of the Reverend Flo Fleischman as pastor of the congregation.
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<th>Box 8, Folder 4</th>
<th><strong>San Francisco 1970-1973</strong></th>
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<td>The San Francisco folder contains photographs of a &quot;spiritual renewal&quot; in September 1970, and of the aftermath of the fire that destroyed the San Francisco church in July 1973.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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 &quot;Jesus is an equal opportunity savior&quot;.</td>
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<td><strong>Physical Description:</strong> 2 frisbees : diameter 9 inches ; white with red lettering.</td>
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