
Berlin Fellowship Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Berlin Fellowship Collection

Dates: 1952-2015

Collection Number: CFT00180

Creator/Collector: Berlin Fellowship

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Acquisition Information

Gift, c. May 15, 2015, from Mrs. Ursula Unterumsberger from Berlin, Germany. Frau Bärbel Eccardt, from whom these files originated, was a church worker at the Zinzendorf Parish, the West Berlin home of Berlin Fellowship. Hard drive of digital files. Transfer, 2014, from the Presbyterian Historical Society (originally deposited by Bradley Baur and Reverend Jane Holslag). Papers including the California-based Berlin Fellowship meeting minutes and team reports from the 1970s-1996.

Biography/Administrative History

The "Berlin Fellowship" program ran from as early as 1961 until 1996 within the German Democratic Republic (GDR). The program had its roots in an American Christian ministry of reconciliation in the years immediately after the Second World War (World Deputation, 1st Presbyterian Church of Hollywood). The ministry initially focused on work in German youth and reconstruction camps. During the early years of the Cold War and in the 50's, during the so-called "Kirchenkampf" (church-state struggle in the GDR), contact between American and German Christians continued. Reciprocal visits ensued and retreats for church workers, including those from the GDR, were held in West Berlin.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

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