Descriptive Summary
Title: Harald Bredesen Collection, 1962-2007
Collection Number: CFT00049
Creator/Collector: Bredesen, Harald (1918-2006)
Extent: 4 Boxes, 2 linear feet
Repository: Fuller Theological Seminary-David Allan Hubbard Library Archives
Pasadena, California 91182
Abstract: The Harald Bredesen Collection, 1962-2007 includes books, articles, tapes, news items, Prince of Peace Prize documents, awards, and audio and video recordings. Added materials include photos, collected publications, and correspondence.
Language of Material: English
Access
Supervised use only. Scholarly use with parameters of copyright law.
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Acquisition Information
Donated by Mrs. Genevive Bredesen in 2008. Personal correspondence and documents were added in 2010.
Biography/Administrative History
Biography: Harald Bredesen (1918-2006) was a leader in the Charismatic Renewal of the 1960s. As a Lutheran pastor, he was baptized in the Spirit at a Pentecostal summer camp in 1946. Though Bredesen offered his resignation to the Lutheran pastorate, the authorities did not accept it. He took this to be God's call to stay in his church. Bredesen was encouraged in this challenging position by David du Plessis and the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. In 1957, Bredesen accepted a call to the Mount Vernon Dutch Reformed Church in New York City where he began a charismatic prayer meeting. Pat Boone, John Sherrill, Bob Slosser and Pat Robertson all speak of Harald Bredesen's role in their Spirit baptism. When Jean Stone formed the Blessed Trinity Society in 1960, Bredesen became Chairman of the Board. He was a regular speaker at the Society's "Christian Advance" events. In 1963, Jean Stone and he coined the phrase "charismatic renewal," a term they both preferred to "Neo-Pentecostalism." In 1971, he became the pastor of Trinity Christian Center in Victoria, B.C. In 1980, Bredesen retired to Escondido, California where he continued his distinctive charismatic ministry through "Charisma Ministries," and founded the Prince of Peace Foundation.
Scope and Content of Collection
Box 1: Biographical Accounts, writings, manuscripts, and awards; Box 2: Audiovisual; Box 3: Letters, photographs, and emails; Box 4: Miscellaneous
Indexing Terms
Lutheran church - Clergy
Pentecostalism
Boone, Pat
Hayford, Jack W.
Robertson, Pat
Finding Aid for Harald Bredesen Collection