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Descriptive Summary
Title: William Moremen collection
Dates: 1927-2010
Bulk Dates: 1950-1990
Collection number: GTU 2014-5-01
Creator: Moremen, William M. (1927- )
Collection Size: 2 record boxes (1.8 linear feet)
Repository: The Graduate Theological Union. Library.
Berkeley, CA 94709

Abstract: The collection contains sermons, journals and teachings by William M. Moremen (1927-), a United Church of Christ minister. He was active in civil rights and spirituality.

Physical location: 8/K/6
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
Collection is open for research. Personal journals are restricted for 10 years (until May 2014).

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Acquisition Information
Donated by William Moremen in April-May 2014.

Biography / Administrative History
William M. Moremen (1927- ) was raised in the Los Angeles area. He holds degrees from Pomona College and The Divinity School of the University of Chicago. A United Church of Christ minister, he has served five churches in diverse locations including Tehachapi, California; Los Angeles; Washington D.C.; Hayward; and Tiburon. His congregation in Los Angeles was one of the few integrated churches in the nation. In Washington, D.C., his church was involved in a controversy over leasing its facilities to the Metropolitan Community Church, which later became a model of cooperation.

Moremen is among a number of UCC ministers called the "Young Turks," who were active in social justice and other causes. He is a founding member of Shalem, Institute for Spiritual Formation in Washington D.C., and The Pacific Center for Spiritual Formation in the San Francisco Bay area. He has served on the staff of Mercy Center, Burlingame, California, in its program, "The Art of Spiritual Direction." His books include Developing Spiritually and Professionally and Watch and Pray. He retired in the 1990s but has remained active at Pilgrim Place.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains sermons and personal journals, photos and clippings of significant events, and courses on spirituality in the Reformed tradition.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
United Church of Christ.
Clergy--Religious life.
Clergy--Office.
Civil rights movements--United States--History--20th century.
Clergy--Political activity.

Other Finding Aids
Inventory of the Albert G. Cohen Campus Ministry, Social Justice and Environment Collection, GTU 2003-10-02.

Series 1 Ministry 1965-2010
Physical Description: 14 folders

Box 1: 1 My Life's Story 2010?
Box 1: 2 Photo Album- Western Knoll Church, Los Angeles 1965-1972
Box 1: 3 Western Knoll Church, Los Angeles (civil right issues) 1964-1973
Box 1: 4 First Congregational Church, Washington, DC 1973-1974
Box 1: 5 First Congregational Church, Washington, DC 1982-1983
Box 1: 6 First Congregational Church, Washington, DC, Meditation Journal 1973
Box 1: 7 First Congregational Church, Washington, DC, Study Day 1973
Box 1: 8 First Congregational Church, Washington, DC (Metropolitan Church issue) 1974-1983
Box 1: 9 Sermons-First Congregational Church-Tehachapi, San Bernardino 1957-1964
Box 1: 10 Sermons-Western Knoll Church, Los Angeles 1964-1973
Box 1: 11 Sermons-First Congregational Church, Washington, DC-Part 1 1972-1983
Box 1: 12 Sermons-First Congregational Church, Washington, DC-Part 2 1972-1983
Box 1: 13 Sermons-Eden United Church of Christ, Hayward 1983-1993
Box 1: 14 Sermons-Tiburon 1994, 1997

Series 2 Courses in Spirituality 1976-1996
Physical Description: 12 folders

Box 1: 15 Spiritual Journeys 1981
Box 1: 16 Spiritual Formation 1982 June 6-11
Box 1: 17 Spiritual Development, McCormick 1981 July
Box 1: 18 Shalem Items 1976
Box 1: 19 Spirituality in the Reformed Tradition 1986
Box 1: 20 Richard Baxter's Method in Meditation Undated
Box 1: 21 Spiritual Journeys 1979
Box 1: 22 Julian of Norwich Undated
Box 1: 23 Advent Group 1993
Box 1: 24 Chakra Designations 1993
Box 1: 25 Advent Exploration-Living with Time, Space and Energy 1996 December
Box 1: 26 Notes for a book on the Contemplative Model of Ministry, Sabbatical Study 1977

Series 3 Personal Journals 1949-1995
Physical Description: 12 folders

Scope and Content Note
Restricted until May 2014