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Descriptive Summary

Title: Sanctuary Oral History Project records
Dates: 1971-2007
Bulk Dates: (predominant 1997-1998)
Collection number: GTU 2009-3-02
Creator: Purcell, Eileen
Collection Size: 5.8 linear feet (6 boxes, 2 folders in map drawer) 12 transcripts, 20 images
Repository: The Graduate Theological Union Library.
Berkeley, CA 94709
Physical location: 1/H/3, posters in map drawer 4
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English Spanish

Access
Collection is open for research. Portion of Bernie Maazel interview on tape is restricted.

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Acquisition Information

Biography / Administrative History
Eileen Purcell planned a comprehensive oral history of the Sanctuary movement that would include refugees as well as religious and lay leaders in the Bay Area, the US, and Central America. The project was sponsored by the SHARE Foundation and the National Sanctuary Defense Fund / the Monsenor Romero Foundation. After the initial interviews, the project was put on hold when Purcell was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, from which she later recovered.
The sanctuary movement began during the Vietnam War when churches offered "the availability of shelter and sustenance to military personnel who are conscientiously unable to continue their participation in the armed forces or in combat duties."
Later, a much larger movement began in the early 1980's in response to refugees from Central America. Faced with civil war, military aggression and terror, citizens began to travel north to Mexico and then to the United States. US policy did not...
recognize Central Americans, or El Salvadorans, as qualifying for refugee status. Those who were caught were deported and returned to their countries. Becoming aware of the situation, churches responded to the needs of the refugees by offering sanctuary.

On March 24, 1982, five congregations in Berkeley and one in Phoenix, Arizona, publicly committed to "protect, defend and advocate for" men, women and children fleeing from Guatemala and El Salvador. Churches throughout the country joined in this movement. After protection was no longer necessary for Central American refugees, the movement continued, focusing on issues with immigrants from throughout the world.

Before the illness, Purcell interviewed 12 leaders during 1997 and 1998. These included:

- Rev. Gus Schultz, Lutheran minister and one of the founders of the original Sanctuary movement during the Vietnam War and co-founder of the Public Sanctuary Movement in the 1980's.
- Norm Berryessa, a management and financial consultant, involved in sanctuary during Vietnam War.
- Marilyn Chilcote, Presbyterian minister, who became director of the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant.
- Bob Fitch, United Church of Christ minister and photojournalist.
- Maureen Hally, RSM.
- Kathleen Healy, PUBM, who facilitated the process for Presentation sisters and church to declare public sanctuary.
- Bernie Mazel, instrumental in raising millions of dollars for National Sanctuary Defense Fund (NDSF) through direct mail.
- Fr. Bill O'Donnell, Catholic pastor and co-founder of the Public Sanctuary Movement.
- Rev. Peter Sammon, pastor at St. Teresa's, the first public sanctuary in San Francisco.
- Arleen Schaupp, a leader in the Sanctuary movement in the South Bay.
- Sr. Bernadette Wombacher OP, Dominican sister, who facilitated the process for her congregation to declare public sanctuary.

Interviews of several refugees were conducted but the recordings were lost during Purcell's illness.

Purcell grew up in San Francisco. She received a BA in History from Stanford University (1976), completed a year in both the Social Work and African American Studies MA programs at Boston University, and earned an MSW from San Jose State (1979). She attended the Summer Institute, Columbia University Oral History Research Office, in 1998.

In the 1980's, she became a United Farm Worker volunteer and shortly after, one of the original organizers of the National Sanctuary Movement. She traveled extensively in El Salvador and to refugee camps in Honduras and conducted fact finding trips with religious and congressional leaders. She served as a fulltime organizer for the Archdiocese of San Francisco and later became the executive director of the SHARE Foundation in Washington, DC. As of 2009, she is the Senior International Representative for Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection documents the Sanctuary Movement. The collection contains recorded interviews in audio cassette and transcript form of 12 religious and lay leaders mostly from the Bay Area with associated documents. Also included are posters that commemorate religious martyrs of Central America. Additionally, the collection contains documents of various organizations that took part in assisting the Sanctuary Movement and the repatriation process of the late 1980s, delegations led by Church leaders and SHARE, as well as documented accounts of the attacks on individuals and the Church in El Salvador.

Arrangement
The collection is organized in the original order: transcripts and documents to support the interviews, audio cassettes, posters and associated records. Series 1, Oral History; Series 2, Interviews; Series 3, Posters; and Series 4, Associated Records, which contains the following: Subseries A, Purcell's Documents; Subseries B, Organizations; Subseries C, Attacks and Offensives; Subseries D, Delegations; Subseries E, Repatriation; Subseries F, Literature; Subseries G, Washington; Subseries H, Guatemala.

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

Subjects
Sanctuary movement.
Church work with refugees--United States.
Refugees, Political--Central America.
Christianity and justice--United States.
Mazel, Bernard (1917- )
Berryessa, Norman
Chilcote, Marilyn (1944- )
Fitch, Robert (1939- )
Hally, Maureen (1938- )
Healy, Kathleen (1926-)
McKenzie, Robert (1930- )
Sammon, Peter (1923- )
O'Donnell, Bill
Purcell, Eileen
Schaupp, Arleen (1934- )
Wombacher, Bernadette (1925- )
Schultz, Gustav H., (1935-2007)

Other Finding Aids
Gustav Schultz Sanctuary Collection, GTU 90-5-01; National Sanctuary Defense Fund Collection, GTU 98-9-04; East Bay Sanctuary Covenant Collection, GTU 89-11-01.

Series 1 Supporting documents and transcripts 1997-2005
Physical Description: 1 linear feet

- box-folder 1 : 1 The Public Sanctuary Movement 2005 June 29
- box-folder 1 : 2 Bernie Mazel, Release, Index and Transcript 1998 June 30
- box-folder 1 : 3 Norm Berryessa, Release, Index and Transcript 1998 March 3
- box-folder 1 : 4 Marilyn Chilcote, Release, Index and Transcript 1998 January 29
- box-folder 1 : 5 Bob Fitch, Release, Index and Transcript 1998 March 25
- box-folder 1 : 6 Maureen Hally, RSM, Release, Index and Transcript 1998 November 6
- box-folder 1 : 7 Kathleen Healy PVBM, Release, Index and Transcript 1998 May 7
- box-folder 1 : 10 Rev. Peter Sammon, Release, Index and Transcript 1998 February 5
- box-folder 1 : 11 Arleen Schaupp, Release, Index and Transcript 1999 May 3
- box-folder 1 : 12 Sr. Bernadette Wombacher OP, Release, Index and Transcript 1999 April 6
- box-folder 1 : 14 Bob Fitch, Release, Edited Copy, Correspondence, Research, Sample Questions 1998
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El Salvador and Vietnam Parallels 1981
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USCC and CEDES on Central America 1981-1985
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Refugee Cities 1985
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CSS and CARO (Central American Refugee Organization) 1983-1985
Box 3:14
SHARE 1985
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SHARE Bylaws and Reports 1988-1991
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NSDF (National Sanctuary Defense Fund) 1991
Box 3:17
NSDF Continued 1991
Box 3:18
NSDF Transition 1991
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University of California Workshop 1991
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Central America Research (NSDF) 1991-1992
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Basta 1989-1991
Box 3:22
The Immigration Debate Heats Up 1992
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St. Peter's Health Ministries 1993
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