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Descriptive Summary
Title: Aubrey Richard Weatherly collection
Collection number: GTU 91-12-02
Collector: Birchard, Roy
Creator: Weatherly, Aubrey Richard (Rick)
Collection Size: 4 boxes1.50 feet
Repository: The Graduate Theological Union. Library.
Berkeley, CA 94709
Abstract: Aubrey Richard (Rick)Weatherly, 1952-91, was a pastor in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches and served in Oakland, California. The collection contains personal and professional files, photographs, slides, negatives, and buttons relating to his personal and professional life.
Physical location: 4/B/1, 4/B/5
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
The collection was received in 1991 from Roy Birchard, Executor of the Weatherly estate.
Biography / Administrative History
Aubrey Richard Weatherly, 1952-1991, always went by the name Rick. Born in Hawaii, Rick was baptized and raised Roman Catholic. Around the age of 14, he realized he was Gay. Living through a difficult adolescence of self-doubt and emotional turmoil, he was attending a Unitarian Church when he heard that Troy Perry was to visit Washington, D.C. Having heard about Perry and the Metropolitan Community Church, Rick attended the D.C. church. Here, in 1971 at age 18, he began his journey to self-appreciation, a renewed faith, and a healthy and happy acceptance of his life in the Gay community. Rick met William Scott Johnson (1943-89) about 1972. They were joined in holy union in May 1973.
Rick worked as church secretary at the DC-MCC, and was licensed as an Exhorter (lay preacher), 1973-74. Feeling a call to full-time ministry, he first finished his undergraduate work, receiving his B.A. in Religion from George Washington University in Washington D.C., 1978. Rick renewed his Exhorter's license in 1979, serving as Worship Coordinator for the Tidewater
MCC in Norfolk, VA before beginning his seminary work. He attended the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA, receiving his Master of Divinity, 1982.

While at PSR, Rick served as staff clergy at the San Francisco MCC, 1979-81. In August 1982, he was called to pastor the New Life MCC in Oakland, California. He was then ordained as a minister of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in September 1983. He was a strong advocate for the Gay community, speaking, writing, and serving on committees concerning various issues. His partner Scott died of AIDS in 1989. Rick died of AIDS in 1991. Their ashes were scattered off a beach in Hawaii.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

The collection containing personal and professional files, photographs, slides, negatives, and buttons was received in 1991 from Roy Birchard, Executor of the Weatherly estate. The files contain both personal and professional material. The photos and slides likewise contain shots of people and events that are either personal or pertaining to Weatherly's professional ministry.

**Indexing Terms**

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

**Subjects**

Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches--Clergy.
Gays--Religious life.
Gay Clergy.
Homosexuality--Religious aspects--History--Sources.
Same-sex marriage--United States.
Gay couples--United States.
AIDS (Disease)--Religious aspects--History--Sources.

**Books transferred to the Graduate Theological Union Library Rare Books:**


**Book transferred to the Graduate Theological Union Library circulating books:**


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**Series 1. Personal Papers 1972-1991**

Physical Description: 22 folders, 1 videotape

| box-folder 1 : 1 | Exhorters License, MCC 1976-1979 |
| box-folder 1 : 2 | Photograph: Governing Board and Executive Council 1981-1982 |
| box-folder 1 : 3 | Re-license 1981-1983 |
| box-folder 1 : 4 | Ordination, Installation 1983 1982 |
| box-folder 1 : 5 | Correspondence, MCC 1975-1986 |
| box-folder 1 : 6 | Certificates, ARW 1972-1983 |
| box-folder 1 : 7 | Correspondence 1975-1986 |
| box-folder 1 : 8 | Events in the Relationship between Scott Johnson and Rick Weatherly 1972-1983 1989 |
| box-folder 1 : 9 | Holy Unions 1972-1984 |
| box-folder 1 : 10 | Metropolitan Community Church 1973-1991 |
| box-folder 1 : 11-12 | ARW Academic Papers 1977-1981 |
| box-folder 1 : 13-15 | Worship resources, services, etc. 1975-1987 |
| box-folder 1 : 16 | ARW Unpublished articles 1975-1982 |
| box-folder 1 : 17 | ARW Published articles 1979-1985 |
Published articles about ARW 1982-1984
Articles collected by ARW 1975-1991
Name plate: Richard Weatherly undated
Rick Weatherlys sermons: MCC, San Francisco, and MCC of the Redwoods 1985 June
1985 Fall 1987 January 31 1991 January 13
Memorial Service for Scott Johnson 1989
Location: S.E. Corner of the Storage Room.

Series 2. Photographs ca. 1971-1987
Physical Description: 69 folders
Scope and Content Note
This series contains print photographs taken by ARW, arranged chronologically. When
identified, names and dates are given. The majority are unidentified. If the print photos have
corresponding negatives and/or slides, it will be noted. NB stands for Negatives Box, located
at shelf 1/A/3. Slide Boxes are also located at shelf 1/A/3. Since there are many unidentified
print photos, slides, and negatives, it is very possible that some may correspond.

Personal 1971 1973 1975
Florida, Christmas 1976
Scope and Content Note
Contact sheet. NB3, 33-34.

Vacation, San Francisco, Denver, Los Angeles 1977
Scope and Content Note
Contact sheet. NB3, 33-34.

UFMCC General Conference, Denver 1977
Scope and Content Note
Contact sheet. NB3, 32.

Camp Mud 1978
Scope and Content Note
Contact sheet. NB3, 35.

Scott Johnson and ARW in Williamsburg, VA ca. 1978-1979?
Scope and Content Note
Contact Sheet. NB5, 22.

Personal photos 1978-1979
Frank Muir, Larry Uhrig, Rick Weatherly (ARW) 1979 February
Thanksgiving at MCC and Garson and Dons House 1981
Scope and Content Note
Contact Sheet. NB 3, 43.

Fremont Men: Mission Peak Hike and Angel Island ca. 1981-1982?
Scope and Content Note
Contact Sheet. NB4, 32; NB5, 35.

Gay Olympic Games, San Francisco, Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Physique
finals. 1982
Scope and Content Note
Contact Sheet. NB4, 1-7, 30.
Included is the San Francisco Metropolitan Community Church Retreat, 1982.
box-folder 1 : 43  
**Castro Street Fair, San Francisco 1982**  
Scope and Content Note  
Contact Sheet. NB4, 17.

box-folder 1 : 44-45  
**ARW Graduation from Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif. 1982 June 9**  
Scope and Content Note  
Contact Sheet. NB3, 36.

box-folder 1 : 46  
**MCC San Francisco picnic, ARW Graduation party, ARW birthday 1982**  
Scope and Content Note  
Contact Sheet. NB3, 38.

box-folder 1 : 46a-47  
**SF Gay Pride Parade 1982**  
Scope and Content Note  
Contact Sheet. NB3, 37-38.

box-folder 1 : 48-52  
**Fremont Men: 2nd Annual Mission Peak Climb, ARW Ordination 1982 1983**  
Scope and Content Note  
Contact Sheet. NB5, 34 (13 negatives Restricted in Box 4, ff 9). NB3, 53-60

box-folder 1 : 61-62  
**Russian River and Skunk Train trip 1983**  
Scope and Content Note  
Contact Sheet. NB4, 8-10.

box-folder 1 : 63-65  
**Fremont New Years Eve party 1983**  
Scope and Content Note  
Contact Sheet. NB5, 25.

box-folder 2 : 1-9  
**MCC Northwest District Conference, Salem, Oregon 1983 May**  
Scope and Content Note  
Some negatives are in NB 4, 23.

box-folder 2 : 10-17  
**San Francisco Gay Pride Parade 1983**  
Scope and Content Note  
Contact Sheet. NB3, 39. Slides: 2157 2191, Box 2/E.

box-folder 2 : 18-22  
**MCC New Life, Barry Weckman 1984**  
Scope and Content Note  
Contact Sheet. NB5, 23-24

box-folder 2 : 23-24  
**Russian River Lodge, Calif. ca. 1986?**

box-folder 2 : 25-26  
**Bermuda Star cruise photos 1987**

box-folder 2 : 27  
**W. Scott Johnson undated**

box-folder 2 : 28  
**Personal unidentified photos undated**  
Scope and Content Note  
Contact Sheet. NB4, 11-22.

box-folder 2 : 29-43  
**Personal unidentified photos undated**
Series 3. **Buttons 1976-1983**

*Physical Description:* 62 items

*Scope and Content Note*

This series contains 62 buttons, pins, name tags, and patches, ca. 1976 1983. The subjects of the buttons include political statements, issues statements, souvenirs of places and events, and bar tokens. The pins include among others, crosses, pink triangles (to represent gay pride and identification), 1976 American Bi-centennial flags, etc. The name tags and patches are from various Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches conferences. One name tag identifies ARW as Church Secretary, another as Worship Coordinator.

Series 4. **Slides 1976-1983**

*Location:* GTU Slide Boxes 2/E - 3/A: 1/A/3

*Physical Description:* 464 slides

*Scope and Content Note*

Slides which have corresponding negatives and/or print photos are noted. NB is Negative Box, located also at 1/A/3. Since there are many unidentified print photos, slides, and negatives, it is very possible that some may correspond.

- box-slide 2/E : 2016-2086
  - Jenner, California 1984

- box-slide 2/E : 2087-2121
  - San Francisco MCC Retreat 1983

- box-slide 2/E : 2122-2156
  - New Life MCC, Oakland, CA, first services 1983 October

- box-slide 2/E : 2157-2191
  - San Francisco Gay Pride Parade 1983
    - Scope and Content Note
    - Contact Sheet. NB 3, 39. Print photos, Box 2, ff 10-17.

- box-slide 2/F : 2192-2254
  - San Francisco MCC Anniversary Dinner 1983

- box-slide 2/F : 2255-2283
  - Tom Pineta's Birthday Party 1982
    - Scope and Content Note
    - Contact Sheet. NB3, 41.

- box-slide 2/F : 2284-2314
  - ARW Installation undated
    - Scope and Content Note
    - Contact Sheet. NB3, 40.

- box-slide 2/F : 2315-2341
  - East Bay (New Life) MCC, old building undated
    - Scope and Content Note
    - May correspond with Unidentified building in NB5, 32?

- box-slide 2/F : 2342-2354a
  - Fremont Men: Mission Peak Climb undated
    - Scope and Content Note
    - 2349 – 2354 are Restricted. Located in Box 4, ff 4-5.

- box-slide 2/F : 2355-2390
  - Unidentified undated

- box-slide 3/A : 2391-2480
  - Unidentified undated
    - Scope and Content Note
    - 2479-2480 have negatives in NB5, 19.

Location: GTU Negatives Boxes 3-5: 1/A/3.

Physical Description: 45 folders

Scope and Content Note

Slides which have corresponding negatives and/or print photos are noted. NB is Negative Box, located also at 1/A/3. Since there are many unidentified print photos, slides, and negatives, it is very possible that some may correspond.

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box-folder 3 : 42    Unidentified undated

Scope and Content Note

3 negatives Restricted in Box 4, ff 2.

box-folder 3 : 44    Unidentified undated

Scope and Content Note

11 negatives Restricted in Box 4, ff 1.

box-folder 4 : 24-29    Unidentified personal photos ca. 1982?

box-folder 4 : 31    England installation, MCC San Francisco 1982 February

box-folder 4 : 33    Summer 1980

box-folder 4 : 34    Washington D.C. house “after” 1979 October

box-folder 4 : 35    Snow 1979 February 19

box-folder 4 : 35a-b    Unidentified undated

box-folder 5 : 1-12    Unidentified undated

box-folder 5 : 13    Unidentified 1983

box-folder 5 : 14    Atlanta trip 1973

box-folder 5 : 15    Bob and Bill’s Wedding undated

box-folder 5 : 16    ARW Graduation Weekend 1979

box-folder 5 : 17    Kohler 1973

box-folder 5 : 18    Uhlig and Isabell? 1973

box-folder 5 : 20    Jaim’s Ordination 1971 October 25

box-folder 5 : 21    Unidentified undated

box-folder 5 : 26-26b    Marin Headlands, San Francisco Bay, Fort Point, Golden Gate Bridge undated

box-folder 5 : 27-29    Unidentified individuals and events undated

Scope and Content Note

It may be Scott Johnson and Rick Weatherly in 287

box-folder 5 : 30    MCC event with Troy Perry undated

box-folder 5 : 31    MCC San Francisco 13th Anniversary event 1983

Scope and Content Note

5 negatives Restricted in Box 4, ff 2.

box-folder 5 : 32    Unidentified building, interior and exterior undated

Scope and Content Note

May correspond with Slides 2315-2341, Box 2/F?

box-folder 5 : 33    Unidentified individuals undated