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## **Guide to the Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento records**

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento records

**Dates:** 1918-1998

**Collection number:** MS0039

**Creator:** Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento

**Collection Size:** 5.5 linear feet(6 boxes + 1 oversized box)

**Repository:** Center for Sacramento History

Sacramento, California 95811-0229

**Abstract:** The Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento records are 5.5 linear feet of materials that span from 1918 to 1998. The materials are broken into three series; printed materials, newspapers, and photographs and artifacts. The majority of printed materials are a collection of Church bulletins and other News published by the Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento itself. Other printed materials include executive board minutes and other executive documents, community flyers, community group information, and other event postings. The newspapers are a collection of weekly Church columns, other Church related articles, and an assortment of Christianity related articles. Included in the newspaper series is an oversized scrapbook kept by the Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento. Some small artifacts included are a door plaque and printing plate. Lastly is a collection of photographs of Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento members, including Bishop Francis Quinn.

**Physical location:** 29D2

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

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### Preferred Citation

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### Acquisition Information

Materials donated by the Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento to the Center for Sacramento in 2002 (Accession #2002/081 and 2002/014).

### Processing Information

Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento records series processed by Jeremy Adams, 2009. Finding Aid prepared by Jeremy Adams, 2009. Finding aid and EAD was updated by Sean Heyliger in 2019 changing the name from the Interfaith Service Bureau Collection to the Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento records and to incorporate material from accession

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### **Biography / Administrative History**

The Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento began officially as the Sacramento Federation of Churches in 1911. Originally, it was a conglomeration of many Christian Churches in the Sacramento religious community. It focused on building relationships and connections with the Christian community and providing Christians with a common voice. The Federation of Churches, as the Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento is now, was a mix of Catholic, orthodox, denominational and nondenominational Christian Churches. The Federation of Churches also held good relationships with both Buddhist and Jewish religious groups. In 1978, the organization changed its name to the Interfaith Service Bureau (ISB). Its purpose was to foster to the greater Sacramento area and recognize that the "entire religious faith community needs to work together in fostering greater understanding and respect among different faiths and in addressing human needs in the community." The Interfaith Service Bureau shares worship experiences, educates the community on different faiths, and focuses on addressing human needs in Sacramento. Prominent members and leaders of the organization over time include Bishop Francis Quinn and Charles Goethe. Over the Interfaith Service Bureau's long history, they have published many printed materials including magazines, articles, and newspaper columns. The Interfaith Service Bureau has published multiple monthly bulletins and readers including the following not inclusive materials; Council of Churches news notes from 1933 to 1963, News Bulletins from 1972 to 1980, the Interfaith Voice from 1981 to 1995 and currently (2009) the ISB News. They have been a leader in community outreach programs and clubs. They have sponsored organization such as; the 1930's Apalachi club, a Church wives organization and the 1980's Gray Panthers, a Christian youth group. The Interfaith Service Bureau changed its name to the Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento in 2011.

### **Scope and Content of Collection**

The Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento records are arranged in three series: Printed Materials, Newspapers, and Photographs. Printed Materials makes up 1.5 Cubic feet of the collection. Newspapers, Photographs and Artifacts combined make up the remaining .5 Cubic feet of the collection.

The Printed Materials series is divided into 3 subseries. These subseries are: Publications, Executive records, and Community Involvement.

Publications include 4 folders as follows: Interfaith Voice, Church Council News Notes, Event Notes, and News Bulletins. The Interfaith Voice folder ranges from January 1981 to Fall 1995 non-inclusive. It is a compilation of Church news and information that the Church published. The Council of Churches News Notes are a prior form of Church news published from 1933 to April 1963 non-inclusive. Event Notes are a combination of Interfaith Voice, Council of Churches, and other special bulletins signaling particular church events not corresponding to any particular publication or date range. The News Bulletins range from September 1972 to November 1980 and are another form of church news publications.

The Executive Documents subseries include 8 folders as follows: Annual Reports, Articles of Incorporation, Executive Roster, Constitution and Bylaws, Sacramento Metropolitan Industry Education Council Report, Board Meeting Minutes, Patricia Hutchins, and Charles Goethe. The Annual Reports folder contains the Sacramento Area Council of Churches annual report to the General Assembly from 1966 to November 1977. The Articles of Incorporation contains the Interfaith Service Bureau's Articles of Incorporation from March 1943. The Executive Roster folder contains a list of Interfaith Service Bureau church members and volunteers as well as their addresses. The Constitution and Bylaws folder has the Interfaith Service Bureau January 15th, 1963 proposed Constitution and Bylaws. The 1982 Sacramento Metropolitan Industry Education Council Report is in the Sacramento Metropolitan Industry Education Council folder. Interfaith Service Bureau Board Meeting Minutes range from February 1929 to April 1991 non-inclusive and are broken up into two folders. Folder 1 ranges from February 1929 to December 1987; folder 2 ranges from March 1988 to April 1991. The final two folders contain information and memorabilia for Church member Patricia Hutchins and leader Charles Goethe.

Community Involvement subseries of the Printed Materials series contains 8 folders as follows: Gray Panthers, Volunteering, Magazines and Booklets, American Indian Material, Bicentennial, Klu Klux Klan, Apalachi Club, and Community Outreach. The Gray Panthers folder is a youth publication and has articles ranging from March 1984 to March 1987. The Volunteering folder includes a manual and other printed documents describing how church members can volunteer for the organization or in the community. Magazines and Booklets include books and other small publications made by the Church. The American Indian Material was originally compiled by the Interfaith Service Bureau and was included as is in the folder. The KKK folder contains the Interfaith Service Bureau and Church's stance on the Klu Klux Klan and it's ideals. The Apalachi club was a women's organization created to get the wives of pastors and church officials involved; their diary of meetings and notes are included in this folder. The Community Outreach Folder contains program information, flyers, and pamphlets printed to get the Church members involved in the community.

Newspaper Series contains three subseries as follows: Newspaper Clippings, Articles of Faith, and Scrapbook.

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The Photographs and Artifacts series contains two folders as follows: Photographs and Artifacts. The photographs folder contains 1 photograph of Bishop Francis Quinn, 8 other photographs of church members and officials, and 1 photograph of a plaque donated by the Sacramento Council of Churches. The artifacts folder contains 1 wall mountable label entitled "Church Service Bureau" and 1 metal printing stamp of a church member. The Sacramento Ministerial Association meeting minute ledger series includes one meeting minute ledger of the Sacramento Ministerial Association from 1927-1951. The ledger includes meeting minutes of Association meetings and correspondence, reports and financial statements enclosed within the ledger documenting the Association's activities. An inscription on the front cover of the ledger, "The records of the Ministerial Association of Sacramento, California from 1891-1927 have been turned over to the Sacramento Church Federation for safe keeping by action taken Sept. 27, 1927."

**Arrangement**

Series 1. Printed materials Subseries 1.1 Publications Subseries 1.2 Executive records Subseries 1.3 Community involvement Series 2. Newspapers Subseries 2.1 Newspaper clippings Subseries 2.2 Articles of Faith Subseries 2.3 Scrapbook Series 3. Photographs Series 4. Sacramento Ministerial Association meeting minute ledger

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.  
Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento  
Interdenominational cooperation  
Sacramento (Calif.)--History

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### **Series 1. Printed materials**

**Physical Description:** 3 boxes

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#### **Subseries 1.1 Publications**

Box 1	<b>Interfaith Voice 1981 - 1995</b>
Box 1	<b>Council of Churches News Notes 1933 - 1963</b>
Box 1	<b>Event Notes undated</b>
Box 1	<b>News Bulletins 1972 - 1980</b>
Box 4:6	<b>News Bulletins 1973</b>
Box 4:7	<b>News Bulletins 1975</b>
Box 4:8	<b>News Bulletins 1978</b>
Box 4:9	<b>News Bulletins 1979</b>
Box 4:10	<b>News Bulletins 1980</b>

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#### **Subseries 1.2 Executive records**

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Box 5	<b>Journal of executive secretary S.J. Holsinger, Sacramento Church Federation 1918-1919</b>
Box 4:5	<b>Mission statement 1933-2002</b>
Box 2	<b>Meeting minutes of the Minister 1918-1919</b>
Box 2	<b>Annual reports 1966-1977</b>
Box 2	<b>Articles of incorporation undated</b>
Box 2	<b>Executive rosters undated</b>
Box 2	<b>Constitution and bylaws undated</b>
Box 2	<b>SMIEC report undated</b>
Box 2	<b>Board Meeting minutes 1929 - 1987</b>
Box 2	<b>Board Meeting minutes 1988 - 1991</b>
Box 2	<b>Patricia Hutchinson undated</b>
Box 2	<b>Charles Goethe undated</b>

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### Subseries 1.3 Community involvement

Box 3	<b>Gray Panthers 1984-1987</b>
Box 3	<b>Volunteering undated</b>
Box 3	<b>Magazines and booklets undated</b>
Box 3	<b>American Indian materials undated</b>
Box 3	<b>Bicentennial undated</b>
Box 3	<b>KKK material undated</b>
Box 3	<b>Apalachi Club undated</b>
Box 3	<b>Community outreach undated</b>

### Series 2. Newspapers

**Physical Description:** 1 box + 2 folders

#### Series Scope and Content Summary

The Newspaper Clippings subseries contains newspaper clippings from January to December 1976 non-inclusive. This subseries was originally compiled by the Interfaith Service Bureau organization and was included as maintained by them. The Articles of Faith subseries are a compilation of columns written by Church members ranging from November 1975 to May 1980. The Scrapbook was also originally developed by the Church and includes a multitude of newspaper clippings and articles relating to Christian activities, comics, events, and discussions.

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Box 4:1, 4:11	<b>Subseries 2.1 Newspaper clippings 176, 1982</b>
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Box 4	<b>Subseries 2.2 Articles of Faith undated</b>
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Box 5	<b>Subseries 2.3 Scrapbook undated</b>
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Box 4	<b>Series 3. Photographs undated</b>
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**Physical Description:** 2 folders

#### Series Scope and Content Summary

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Box 7

**Series 4. Sacramento Ministerial Association meeting minute ledger 1927-1951**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

Series includes one meeting minute ledger of the Sacramento Ministerial Association from 1927-1951. The ledger includes meeting minutes of Association meetings and correspondence, reports and financial statements enclosed within the ledger documenting the Association's activities. An inscription on the front cover of the ledger, "The records of the Ministerial Association of Sacramento, California from 1891-1927 have been turned over to the Sacramento Church Federation for safe keeping by action taken Sept. 27, 1927."