Overview of the Collection

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Biographical Information:

Martha Sconiers Featherston, founder and president of Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship, was born in Bellwood, Alabama on July 18th, 1932 along with her twin sister, Mamie Sconiers Leonard, as the third child to Ruben and Avie Sconiers. She grew up in Panama City, Florida where her father founded Antioch C.O.G.I.C. and where she began her church activities. In her early 20s she lived briefly in Newark, New Jersey. By 1955 she had moved to Long Beach, California. In 1958 she married Kenneth Featherston and moved to San Diego.

Featherston has a practical nursing certificate, an associate's in arts in Merchandising Management from San Diego City College, and in 1980 received a Real Estate Brokers License from the State of California. She has served in many positions in both the church and government. She is affiliated with ITC Club, the Project Restore of the Black Federation, Women's Ministerial Fellowship, and is a member of the NAACP.

After a pilgrimage to Israel, Featherston was inspired to found Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship, a multi-denominational Christian group focused on the power of prayer to strengthen and heal people, in San Diego in 1983. The group is primarily led by women. The Shut-in Prayer Ministry, an organization focusing on praying for shut-ins was founded in the same year in Los Angeles by Mamie Leonard. The Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship and Shut-In Prayer Ministry are collectively referred to as the Twin Ministries.

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Related Materials:
Reverend George Walker Smith Papers
Harold K. Brown Papers, 1956-2000

Arrangement of Materials:
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II. Kenneth Featherston Files, 1988-2013
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Scope and Contents

The Martha Featherston Files (1957-2013) include many of her personal papers, notes, and journals as well as speeches and church-related engagements. These folders are arranged alphabetically by topic and within each folder the documents are arranged chronologically in descending order.

The Kenneth Featherston Files (1988-2013) is a small series. These folders document some of Kenneth Featherston’s church activity, particularly related to branches of the Twin Ministries. His church activities are not fully documented, though his name can be found in some other materials as part of another organization or events pertaining to Martha Featherston or Mamie Leonard. These files are arranged chronologically within each folder when dates are available.

The Mamie Leonard Files (1997-2001) is a small series. These folders include Leonard’s church activity over the course of four years. It is not a full documentation of her activity though more can be found in other series, specifically those to do with the Twin Ministries and Shut-In Ministry. These files are arranged chronologically within each folder when dates are available.
The Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/IPF) Files (1983-2017) is a large series containing service programs, anniversary event documents, government documents, financial records, calendars, rosters, and board meeting minutes. Martha Featherston, Kenneth Featherston, and Mamie Leonard are all mentioned in several of these folders, though the documents pertain directly to the Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship and not just to the individual. These files are arranged chronologically within each folder when dates are available.

The Newspaper Clippings (1977-2008) range in scope. They cover several decades of Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship events, as well as matters on the Twin Ministries, Charles H. Mason of the Church of God in Christ, and related religious topics around San Diego. These files are arranged chronologically within each folder when dates are available.

The Twin Ministries Files (1983-2012) is a small series. These folders document the joined fellowship efforts of Martha Featherston and Mamie Leonard. Their shared birthday and ministry anniversary are documented in this series. The Twin Ministries’ activities are not fully documented. These files are arranged chronologically within each folder when dates are available.

The Shut-In Ministries Files (1996-2006) is a small series. These files contain documents on the activities of Mamie Leonard’s ministry, including event calendars and conference materials. The Shut-In Ministry’s activities are not fully documented. These files are arranged chronologically within each folder when dates are available.

The Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.) Files (1975-2012) document the events, services, conferences, and leadership of the C.O.G.I.C. organization. Founded by Bishop Charles H. Mason, C.O.G.I.C. was part of Martha Featherston’s introduction to Christian ministry as her father was a part of the organization in her youth. As the date range suggests, Featherston stayed connected to C.O.G.I.C. as she continued in her ministerial work. These files are arranged chronologically within each folder when dates are available.

The Related Religious Organization Files (1965-2007) contain pamphlets and other materials pertaining to other religious organizations with whom the Twin Ministries interacted. This is a small series and is arranged chronologically within each folder when dates are available.

The Related Religious Event Files (1985-2009) is a small series containing various event flyers and programs. These materials detail events which Martha Featherston attended or in some way participated. These files are arranged chronologically within each folder when dates are available.

The Related Religious Writing Files (1970-1999) contains scriptures and printings selected by Martha Featherston. These include notes on uses for these writings. Most do not indicate authors or dates. Most of these materials are of a religious nature. These folders are arranged by topic or theme.

The Photo Files (1981-2012) are arranged by album in which they were acquired. They are predominantly of religious events and celebrations. There are some early photos of Martha Featherston’s family and church activities.

The Audio and Video Recording Files (1984-2004) is a small series. These are mostly VHS but includes camcorder tapes that fit into a VHS adaptor included in the series. There are two audio cassettes from the late 1980s. All of these materials are of Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship events and celebrations. Some edited versions of the same event. Due to lack of funding, we are currently unable to digitize some audiovisual formats. As a result, this footage is unavailable for research at this time.

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Martha Featherston Files 1957-2013

- Box 1, Folder 1: Martha Featherston Attestation of Pilgrimage
- Box 1, Folder 2: Martha Featherston Awards and Certificates 1963-2013
- Box 1, Folder 3: Martha Featherston Biographical Write-Ups 1983-1985
- Box 1, Folder 4: Martha Featherston Birthday Cards 1966, 1992, 2004
- Box 1, Folder 5: Martha Featherston Closing Speech Fragments
- Box 1, Folder 6: Martha Featherston College Documents 1960-1977, 1984-1985
- Box 1, Folder 7: Martha Featherston Correspondence with Christian (Men and) Women in Action, Incorporated 1987-1998, 1995
- Box 1, Folder 8: Martha Featherston Evangelist Licenses 1988-1989
- Box 1, Folder 9: Martha Featherston Farewell to Pastor and Sister Moore Speech
- Box 1, Folder 10: Martha Featherston Fellowship with China
- Box 1, Folder 11: Martha Featherston Funeral and Bereavement Speeches 2011
- Box 1, Folder 13: Martha Featherston Incoming Correspondence 1984-1985

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Martha Featherston Files 1957-2013

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Box 1, Folder 21  Martha Featherston Speaking Engagement Correspondence 1988-1991
Box 1, Folder 22  Martha Featherston Speaking Engagement Diary 1990
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Box 1, Folder 24  Martha Featherston Speech Contest 1990
Box 1, Folder 25  Martha Featherston Speech Fragments
Box 1, Folder 26  Martha Featherston 'Thank You' Correspondence 1979-2007
Box 1, Folder 27  Martha Featherston Visions 1983-1990
Box 1, Folder 28  Martha Featherston Words on Bishop Charles Mason
Box 1, Folder 29  Martha Featherston Words on Children's Choir
Box 1, Folder 30  Martha Featherston Words on Healing, Fasting, and Tongues
Box 1, Folder 31  Martha Featherston Words on Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship
Box 1, Folder 32  Martha Featherston Words on International Training in Communication
Box 1, Folder 33  Martha Featherston Words on Vice 1984-1985, 1993

Kenneth Featherston Files 1988-2013

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Box 1, Folder 37  Kenneth Featherston Correspondence 2006
Box 1, Folder 38  Kenneth Featherston Speaking Engagements 1988

Mamie Leonard Files 1997-2001

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Box 1, Folder 40  Mamie Leonard Speaking Engagements and Honoree 1997, 2001

Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Files 1983-2017

Box 2, Folder 1  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Booklets 1993, 1998
Box 2, Folder 2  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Annual Event Calendars 1984-2017
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Box 2, Folder 4  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Annual Prayer Luncheon 1997-1998
Box 2, Folder 5  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Board Meeting Minutes and Agendas 1983-1999
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Box 2, Folder 8  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Financial Documents 1987-2010
Box 2, Folder 9  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Government Documents 2000
Box 2, Folder 10  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Installation Documents 1985
Box 2, Folder 11  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Logo Clippings
Box 2, Folder 12  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Organizational Documents 1997-2007
Box 2, Folder 13  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Praise Reports 2004
Box 2, Folder 14  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Resolutions (Funerals) 1996-2013
Box 2, Folder 15  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Service Programs 1983-1989
Box 2, Folder 16  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Service Programs 1990-1999
Box 2, Folder 17  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Service Programs 2000-2005
Box 2, Folder 18  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Service Programs 2006-2009
Box 2, Folder 19  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Service Programs 2010-2017
Box 2, Folder 20  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Special Events 1989-2013
Box 2, Folder 21  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/ IPF) Templates and Stationery (Blank) 1985

Newspaper Clippings 1977-2008

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Box 3, Folder 2  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/IPF) Newspaper Clippings 1986-2009
Box 3, Folder 3  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship (IFPF/IPF) Unity March Newspaper Clippings
Box 3, Folder 4  Kenneth Featherston Newspaper Clippings
Box 3, Folder 5  Kenneth and Martha Featherston Newspaper Clippings 2006-2009
Box 3, Folder 6  Mamie Leonard Newspaper Clippings 1984-1997
Box 3, Folder 7  Martha Featherston Newspaper Clippings 1977-2006
Box 3, Folder 8  Newspaper Clippings 1968-2006
Box 3, Folder 9  Twin Ministries Newspaper Clippings 2000-2003

Scope and Contents
Includes undated clippings from the twins' youth fellowship days.

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Box 3, Folder 11  Twin Ministries Conferences 2003, 2008
Box 3, Folder 12  Twin Ministries Events 2002-2013
Box 3, Folder 13  Twin Ministries Fundraising Correspondence 2008

Shut-In Ministry Files 1996-2006
Box 3, Folder 14  Shut-In Ministry Conference Booklets 1990, 2003
Box 3, Folder 15  Shut-In Ministry Documents 1996-2006

Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.) Files 1975-2012
Box 3, Folder 16  Bishop Charles Harrison Mason Biographical Documents 1979-1986
Box 3, Folder 17  Bishop Charles Harrison Mason Foundation Booklet
Box 3, Folder 18  Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.) Doctrines
Box 3, Folder 19  Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.) Holiday Events 1975
Box 3, Folder 21  Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.) Service Programs 1984, 2012
Box 3, Folder 22  Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.) State Youth Congress SoCal Jurisdiction Booklet 1984
Box 3, Folder 24  Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.) Youth Department Programs 1967-1968
Box 3, Folder 25  The Pentecostal Interpreter 1982

Related Religious Organization Files 1965-2007
Box 3, Folder 26  Christians In Action 2003
Box 3, Folder 27  San Diego Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance 1999
Box 3, Folder 28  Women, Incorporated Annual Civic Luncheon 2006-2007
Box 3, Folder 29  Young Women's Christian Council of Jackson 1979-1985

Related Religious Event Files 1985-2009
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Box 3, Folder 31  Mission San Diego with Billy Graham May 8-11, 2003
Box 3, Folder 32  Mother's Day Events 1985-1987
Box 3, Folder 33  Prayer Mountain Korea Fellowship
Box 3, Folder 34  Related Event Programs 1982-2003

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Box 3, Folder 36  Baptism
Box 3, Folder 37  Church Etiquette
Box 3, Folder 38  Fasting and Prayer 1990
Box 3, Folder 40  "How is your prayer life" Questionnaire
Box 3, Folder 41  Hymns
Box 3, Folder 42  Meditation, Salvation, Deception, and Prayer Packet 1981
Box 3, Folder 43  Pentecostal Publications
Box 3, Folder 44  Select Anecdotes and Related Readings 1975-1989
Box 3, Folder 45  Select Salvation Scriptures and Speeches
Box 3, Folder 46  Select Scriptures and Related Readings 1979-1984
Box 3, Folder 47  Seven Words from the Cross Readings

Photo Files 1981-2004

Box 4, Folder 1  25th Anniversary Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship and Shut-In Ministry/ 50th Wedding Anniversary Photo Album 2008
Box 4, Folder 2  Early Martha Featherston Photos
Box 4, Folder 3  Event Photos 1985-2012
Box 4, Folder 4  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship Early Event Photo Album
Box 4, Folder 5  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship Service and Member Photo Album
Box 4, Folder 6  Inter-Faith Pilgrimage to Jerusalem Photo
Box 4, Folder 7  Mother's Day Tea Photos 1985
Box 4, Folder 8  Worship Photos 2002-2009
Box 4, Folder 9  Young Women's Christian Council 1981

Audio and Video Recording Files 1984-2004

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Box 5, Item 1  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship Luncheon - Pastor O. Prather (VHS-C) 1998 April
Box 5, Item 2  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 17th Anniversary Part 1 (VHS-C)
Box 5, Item 3  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 18th Year Anniversary Service - First Half (VHS-C) 2001 July
Box 5, Item 4  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 18th Year Anniversary Service - Second Half (VHS-C) 2001 July
Box 5, Item 5  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 19th Anniversary Service - First Half (VHS-C) 2002 July
Box 5, Item 6  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 19th Anniversary Service - Second Half (VHS-C) 2002 July
Box 5, Item 7  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 21st Anniversary Service - First Half (VHS-C) 2004 July
Box 5, Item 8  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 21st Anniversary Service - Second Half (VHS-C) 2004 July
Box 5, Item 10  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship Installation Service at Jackson Memorial (Audio Tape) 1984
Box 5, Item 11  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship Anniversary Service (VHS) 1989 July
Box 5, Item 12  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 10th Anniversary Service (VHS) 1993 July
Box 5, Item 13  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 11th Anniversary Service (VHS) 1994 July
Box 5, Item 14  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 12th Anniversary Service - Edited (VHS)
Box 5, Item 15  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 12th Anniversary Service - Master (VHS)
Box 5, Item 16  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 12th Anniversary Service (VHS)
Box 5, Item 17  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 13th Anniversary Service - Master (VHS) 1996 July
Box 5, Item 18  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 15th Anniversary Service (VHS) 1998 July
Box 5, Item 19  Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 8th Anniversary Service (VHS) 1991 July

Scope and Contents
"A Six Hours Tape by Samual Hillard - Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship at Good Samaritan Church of God in Christ Sister Martha Featherston "President" on Their Eight Years and Birthday with Many Others Denomination of Churches."
Box 5, Item 20
**Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 8th Anniversary Service (VHS) 1991 July**
Scope and Contents
"A Six Hours Copy by Brother Samuel Hillard - Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship at Good Samaritan Church of God in Christ Sister Martha Featherston "President" and "Expression on Their Eight Years" and Birthday."

Box 5, Item 21
**Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 9th Anniversary Service (VHS) 1992 July**
Scope and Contents
"Ninth Anniversary Service of the Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship" Missionary Sister Martha Featherston President Elder H. Mitchell Guest Speaker. "This is the Property of M/M Brother Kenneth C. and Missionary Sister Martha Featherston."

Box 5, Item 22
**Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship "Golden Age" Service - Master Copy (VHS) 1994 September**

Box 5, Item 23
**Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship Service - Elder Jerry Macklin Message (VHS) 1994 October**

Box 5, Item 24
**Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship 5/27 Christifer and 6/24 Sis Arnold (VHS)**

Box 5, Item 25
**Intrafaith Women's Christian Fellowship TV Hour - "Women in Ministry" Parts I & II (VHS)**

Box 5, Item 26
**Shut-In Faith Temple and Jerico March 2 of 2 (VHS) 1990 April**
Scope and Contents
Martha Featherston Bishop Moody - Pastor Faith Temple, Evanston, Ill.

Box 5, Item 27
**Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship Prayer Breakfast (VHS) 1994 March**
Scope and Contents
Sis Beverly Willis

Box 5, Item 28
**Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship Prayer Breakfast (VHS) 1994 April**

Box 5, Item 29
**Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship Prayer Breakfast (VHS) 1995 April**
Scope and Contents
"Ken Award"

Box 5, Item 30
**Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship Prayer Breakfast (VHS) 1996 April**

Box 5, Item 31
**Inter-Faith Prayer Fellowship Prayer Luncheon - Master Copy (VHS) 1997 April**

Box 5, Item 32
**VHS-C to VHS Adapter**