
Inventory of the Berkeley-Albany Church Women United

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Berkeley-Albany Church Women United

Dates: 1933-2001

Collection number: GTU 91-8-03

Creator: Berkeley-Albany Church Women United

Collector: Lew, Evelyn C.

Collection Size: 2 linear feet (2 archives boxes and 2 folios)

Repository: The Graduate Theological Union. Library.

Berkeley, CA 94709

Abstract: This collection contains organization records of the Berkeley-Albany Church Women United: scrapbooks and folders with newspaper clippings, minutes, bulletins, reports, fliers and other indications of activities.

Physical location: 1/D/2

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

Evelyn C. Lew, historian of Berkeley-Albany Church Women United, donated materials in 1991 and 2001.

Biography / Administrative History

Berkeley-Albany Church Women United served as an ecumenical community of Christian women to help resolve social and ethnic issues in Berkeley, Albany and the Bay Area. The organization facilitated local observance of three annual international worship services: World Day of Prayer, May Fellowship Day, and World Community Day.

The Berkeley-Albany organization traces its roots to local mission activities by women in the early 1900s. The first formal name is recorded in 1911 as Council of Women for Home Missions. In 1929, the group became the Berkeley Council of Church Women, part of a national organization. In 1941, this group merged with several other national interdenominational organizations, becoming United Council of Church Women (UCCW). From 1950 to 1966, the organization became United Church Women (UCW), part of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

In 1966, the national organization became Church Women United (CWU). The CWU became self-governing and unrelated to any denomination or movement. This enabled CWU to expand its membership to include participation from Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and other Christian women. While the national organization is still active, there is no record of local organization activity after 2005.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection consists of scrapbooks and folders with newspaper clippings, minutes, bulletins, reports, flyers and other indications of activities. One folio is a scrapbook with newspaper clippings from 1967-1977. The other folio is a scrapbook with newspaper clipping and related materials from 1968-1969. The scrapbooks contain records in multiple formats in chronological order, per the recommendation of the national organization to local group historians.

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Church Women United (Berkeley-Albany, California).

Women in church work--Berkeley.

Women in church work--Albany.

Berkeley (Calif.)--Church history.

Albany (Calif.)--Church history.

Berkeley (Calif.)--Social conditions.

Albany (Calif.)--Social conditions.

San Francisco Bay Area (Calif.)--Ethnic relations.

Bibliography

Shannon, Margaret. *Just because : the story of the national movement of Church Women United in the U.S.A., 1941 through 1975* (Corte Madera, Calif. : Omega Books, 1977).

Other Finding Aids

The archives of the national and some local organizations of CWU are managed by the Archives of the United Methodist Church, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. Their catalog does not list any materials from California.

Separated Material

Four duplicate issues of The Church Women from 1982 and 1983 were discarded.

Box 1 - 2 **Administration and Organizational Records 1933-2001**

Physical Description: 38 folders

- box 1, folder 1 **Bylaws 1948-1994**
- box 1, folder 2-3 **Secretary's book 1933-1961**
- box 1, folder 4-7 **Scrapbook 1946-1957**
- box 1, folder 8 **Reports on Public School Curriculum and other issues 1957-1962**
- box 1, folder 9-10 **Scrapbook 1961-1963**
- box 1, folder 11 **Activities 1962-1963**
- box 1, folder 12-14 **Scrapbook 1964-1965**
- box 1, folder 15-16 **Scrapbook 1966-1967**
- box 1, folder 17 **Activities, flyers 1976-1979**
- box 1, folder 18-19 **Urban Causeway 1979**
- box 1, folder 20 **Citizen Action Notes and flyers 1979-2000**
- box 1, folder 21 **Press Releases 1979-1983**
- box 2, folder 1 **Activities and reports 1980-1984**
- box 2, folder 2 **Workbooks and histories 1980-1984**
- box 2, folder 3 **Memorials for members 1980-2000**
- box 2, folder 4 **Scrapbook for 40th anniversary 1981**
- box 2, folder 5 **Minutes 1991-2001**
- box 2, folder 6 **Responses to Letters regarding Rodney King, 1992 1992**
- box 2, folder 7 **Photos of members 1996-1999**
- box 2, folder 8 **First annual retreat 6-Oct-00**
- box 2, folder 9 **Directories 1960-1968**
- box 2, folder 10 **Directories 1974-1985**
- box 2, folder 11 **Directories 1986-2001**
- box 2, folder 12 **Booklet of Meditations 1970-1971**
- box 2, folder 13 **Newsletters 1983-1993**
- box 2, folder 14 **Newsletters 1993-2001**
- box 2, folder 15 **Celebrations 1977-1991**
- box 2, folder 16 **Celebrations 1992-1996**
- box 2, folder 17 **Celebrations 1997-2001**

Folio 1 - 2 **Bound Scrapbooks 1933-2001**

Physical Description: 2 folios

Folio 1 **Scrapbook of newspaper clippings 1968-1977**

Folio 2 **Scrapbook 1968-1969**