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## Inventory of the Gustav Schultz Sanctuary Collection, 1971-72, 1981-90

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### Descriptive Summary

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**Creator:** Schultz, Gustav H., 1935-

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3 1/2 ft.

**Type of material:** Correspondence; working, events, and task files; published material

**Repository:** The Graduate Theological Union

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### **Subjects**

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Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975 --Moral and ethical aspects  
Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975 --Religious aspects  
Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975 --Desertions --United States

### **Names as Subjects**

Schultz, Gustav H., 1935-

### **Biographical Description**

Gustav H. Schultz was born 1935 in Foley, Alabama, receiving his education at Concordia Theological Seminary and Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He served pastorates in Georgia and Illinois before becoming pastor of the University Lutheran Chapel, Berkeley, California in 1969. This period saw a growing movement against participation in the Vietnam Conflict as an immoral, illegal, and undeclared war, and the increasing identity of the church with the moral and ethical issues of choice within the individual conscience. Responding to this, the University Lutheran Chapel, under Schultz's leadership, with the support of other churches in the area and the city of Berkeley, declared a formal resolution of sanctuary. Sanctuary 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." (Resolution, Nov. 7, 1971: See, Box 1 ff 9)

A similar movement for sanctuary emerged a decade later due to the civil and economic instability in Central America, particularly El Salvador, exacerbated in part by historic and current U.S. policies in the area. In the early 1980's there was a large displacement of peoples from civil war, military aggression and terror, and subsequent personal and economic hardship. Refugees began to travel north to camps, and further through Mexico to the United States. The U.S., due to its policies in Central America and concerning asylum, did not recognize Central Americans, or El Salvadorans, as qualifying for refugee status. Those caught were deported and returned to their countries. Becoming aware of the complexities of the situation, churches began to respond to the needs of the refugees. Again, the idea and use of the concept of sanctuary became the impetus for a movement among churches in the United States.

While work was being done and the movement taking form in the Tucson area, Gus Schultz had helped form the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant from among the Sather Gate Churches in Berkeley. March 24, 1982 was the second anniversary of the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero, a key figure in El Salvador murdered by the military as he was saying mass. That day, reminded "of our obligation to our religious heritage, to each other, and to you", formal sanctuary was declared by the University Lutheran Chapel giving "support, protection and advocacy for undocumented Central American refugees who were fleeing for their lives." (Reaffirmation, March 24, 1988: See, Box 1 ff 9)

Schultz worked in many capacities within the Sanctuary Movement, making trips to Central America, assisting with sanctuary for refugees in the Bay Area, and helping to found, or being a member of, several sanctuary-related organizations including the National Sanctuary Defense Fund, SHARE, Salvadoran Humanitarian Aid, Research and Education, and others.

The Sanctuary Movement included those who sought to offer humanitarian aid seeing this as a part of one's religious sensibilities. The Movement also included those who perceived this as a political opportunity to expose and work against U.S. policies in Central America, a position also informed by religious sensibilities. No matter the emphases of the Movement, the U.S. government saw it as subversive and illegal. The government carried out surveillance of involved persons, churches, and organizations resulting in indictments, trials, and convictions in 1985-86.

### **Scope and Content**

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The material was collected from the donor's office. Material was received in 3-ring binders, file folders, and loose. See container listing for arrangement notations. The majority of the collection concerns the sanctuary movement for Central American refugees. Sanctuary for military personnel is a small, though significant, part of the collection.

- *God and Caesar at the Rio Grande: Sanctuary and the Politics of Religion*, Hilary Cunningham (Univ. of Minnesota Press: Minneapolis, 1995). BV4466.C86 1995
- *Sanctuary: A Story of American Conscience and the Law in Collision*, Ann Crittenden (Weidenfeld & Nicolson: NY, 1988). HV645.C75 1988
- *Women in the Sanctuary Movement*, Robin Lorentzen (Temple Univ. Press: Philadelphia, 1991). BV4466.L67 1991

**Military Personnel, 1971-72, 1988, 1990**

Location: 2/G/3

Box Box 1 , Folder ff **Material from 3-ring binders (arranged as taken from binders) on issues for soldiers and sailors seeking sanctuary to avoid active duty during the Vietnam War. Includes: correspondence, information papers, newspaper clippings, flyers. The 1988 material pertains to troops sent to Central America. The 1990 material pertains to the Gulf War.**

**El Salvador, 1981-82**

**Location:** 2/G/3

Box Box 1 , Folder ff **Material from 3-ring binders (arranged as taken from binders) on sanctuary issues involving refugees from El Salvador and Central America. Includes correspondence, information papers, flyers, reports, press releases, news clippings, conferences, lawsuits, tape transcripts, grant proposals, meeting notes, worship services.**  
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**Central America, 1983-88**

**Location:** 2/G/3

Box Box 1 , Folder ff **General**  
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**Honduras, 1983-84, 1987**

**Location:** 2/G/3

Box Box 1 , Folder ff **Materials on refugee camps.**  
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**Nicaragua, 1984**

**Location:** 2/G/3

Box Box 1 , Folder ff **General**  
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**Sanctuary Movement**

**Location:** 2/G/3-2/G/4

**Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by file folder title. Materials taken from file folders and loose papers, arranged here by processor under this subject heading.

Box Box 1 , Folder ff **Break-ins to sanctuary offices, 1986-87**  
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Folder ff 42 **Campus Ministry, 1984**

Folder ff 43 **Cities, Sanctuary Resolutions, 1984-85**

Folder ff 44 **Cities of Refuge, 1985-86**

Box Box 2 , Folder ff **Jim Corbett, "The Covenant as Sanctuary", 1985**

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Folder ff 2-6 **Correspondence, 1983-88**

Folder ff 7 **Criminal Investigation Report, 10/2/84**

Folder ff 8-9 **General Information and Correspondence, 1983-88**

Folder ff 10 **Grants proposals, 1983**

Folder ff 11 **Grant: Lutheran Council, Dept. Immigration and Refugee Services to EBSC, 1983-84**

Folder ff 12 **Information packets, 1982**

Folder ff 13 **Lawsuit comments, 1984**

Folder ff 14 **Letelier-Moffitt Memorial Human Rights Award, 9/84**

Folder ff 15 **Letters from churches, 1984-85**

Folder ff 16 **Lutheran response, 1984-85**

Folder ff 17 **Mailing addresses, 1985**

Folder ff 18-20 **Media coverage, 1985-86**

Folder ff 21-23 **Newsclippings compiled by Data Center, 1984-85**

Folder ff 24 **National Sanctuary Communications Council, 1985**

Folder ff 25 **No. Calif. Sanctuary Churches, 1983-85**

Folder ff 26 **Reaction from the Right, 1985**

Folder ff 27 **Statements/Press Releases, 1983-85**

Folder ff 28 **Schultz statements, 1984**

Folder ff 29 **Tucson meeting, June 1985**

Folder ff 30 **Washington trip, 1984**

Folder ff 31 **Phil Wheaton, "Emphases within the Sanctuary Movement", ca. 1985**

**Court Cases**

Location: 2/G/4

Box Box 2 , Folder ff **Tucson trials, 1985**

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Folder ff 33      **U.S.A. vs. Maria Aguilar, July 1986**

Folder ff 34      **1984, 1989**

Folder ff 35      **AELC, Pacific Synod: Preparation to merge to Evangelical Lutheran Churches of America, 1985-86**

**Groups**

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Box Box 2 , Folder ff **ACLU, 1983, 1985**

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- Folder ff 37           **Center for Constitutional Rights, 1984-85**
- Folder ff 38           **Center for Immigrants Rights, "The Legal Rights of the Undocumented Immigrant," n.d.**
- Folder ff 39           **Chicago Religious Task Force on Central America, 1984**
- Folder ff 40           **Christian Urgent Action Network for El Salvador, 1985**
- Folder ff 41-46       **East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, 1983-85**
- Folder ff 47           **Faculty for Human Rights in Central America, 1984**
- Folder ff 48           **Federation of American Immigration Reform, Roger Conner, n.d.**
- Folder ff 49           **Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, n.d.**
- Folder ff 50           **Jewish Sanctuary Covenant, n.d.**
- Folder ff 51-52       **National Sanctuary Defense Fund, 1984-85**
- Box Box 3 , Folder ff **National Sanctuary Defense Fund (con't.), 1981-87**
- 1-8
- Folder ff 9            **Rio Grand Defense Committee, 1985-86**
- Folder ff 10-11       **Salvadoran Humanitarian Aid, Research and Education, 1983-87**
- Folder ff 12           **Tucson Ecumenical Council Task Force for Central America, 1984-85**

**Newsletters**

**Location:** 2/G/4

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.

Box Box 3 , Folder ff **One or two issues of various newsletters on sanctuary issues.**

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**Monographs**

**Location:** 2/G/4

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.

Box Box 3 , Folder ff **Central American Refugee Defense Network, Report, Feb. 1983**

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- Folder ff 18 **Report on Central American Information Week, Indiana, Nov.-Dec. 1983**
- Folder ff 19 **Seeking Safe Haven: Congregational Guide to Helping Central American Refugees in the United States, ca. 1983**
- Folder ff 20 **La Guerra en Centro America Guía a la Escalada Militar de los Estados Unidos, March 1983**
- Folder ff 21 **Basta: Sanctuary Organizer's Nuts and Bolts Supplement, ca. 1983**
- Folder ff 22 **Central America: Report to Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, June 1984**
- Folder ff 23 **Witness to Political Violence in El Salvador: Testimonies of Refugees, June 1984**
- Folder ff 24 **Peacemaking II: U.S. Religious Statements on Central America, July 1984**
- Folder ff 25 **ACLU: The Fates of Salvadorans Expelled from the U.S., Sept. 1984**
- Folder ff 26 **Indian Guatemala: Path to Liberation, 1984**
- Folder ff 27 **Testimony: The Massacres of Cabanas and Chalatenango, El Salvador, 1984-85**
- Folder ff 28 **U.S. Aid to El Salvador: An Evaluation of the Past, Proposal for the Future, Feb. 1985**
- Folder ff 29 **Campus Sanctuary, UC Riverside, April 1985**
- Folder ff 30 **Central America, Report II to the Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Sept. 1985**
- Folder ff 31 **Art Auction for the Arizona Sanctuary Defense Fund, Oct. 1985**
- Folder ff 32 **Informe: Sobre la Situacion de los Derechos Humanos en Nicaragua, 1986**
- Folder ff 33 **Despite a Generous Spirit: Denying Asylum in the U.S., Dec. 1986**
- Folder ff 34 **Sanctuary: A Question for the Church, 1986**
- Folder ff 35 **Untitled, 1987; re: Mesa Grande Camp**
- Folder ff 36 **In the Shadow of Liberty: Central American Refugees in the U.S., Sept. 1988**
- Folder ff 37 **El Salvador Chronology, August 1989**
- Folder ff 38 **1989 Working Documents and Report, 1st National Conf., Committee for U.S. Action on Asylum Concerns**
- Folder ff 39 **3 undated, in Spanish**

**Newsclippings and Articles**

**Location:** 2/G/4

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.

Box Box 3 , Folder ff **1982-90**  
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**Newspapers**

**Location:** 2/G/4

**Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.

Folio Folio 1

**One or two issues of various oversize newspapers 2/G/4 on sanctuary issues; 1983-85.**