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John Bennett (husband); April 1989

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Access Points

Women in the Ministry

Inclusive Language

Feminist Theology

Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-75 -- Protest Movements

Women and Peace

Peace -- Religious Aspects

John Bennett

Jeanette Rankin

Biographical/Historical Description

Anne McGrew (1903-1986) was born November 24, 1903 in Lincoln County, Nebraska of Scotch-Irish homesteaders. Raised in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the church was always a central part of Anne's life. After high school, Anne taught in a country school then entered college. She received a B.S. degree in elementary education from the University of Nebraska in 1928. She entered Auburn Seminary in upstate New York. There she met and married John C. Bennett, professor of theology and ethics, in 1931. The M.A. in Religious Education was received in 1932.

The next several years were devoted to homemaking and childrearing (three children, Elizabeth, John and William). The Bennetts were at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA, 1938-43; Union Theological Seminary, NY, 1943-70; Pacific School of Religion again 1970-75; Pilgrim Place, a community for retired church workers, Claremont, CA, 1975 until her death October 19, 1986.

After the children were grown, Anne returned to active participation in church and community life as a lay church person. In the late 30's, the Bennetts had become Congregationalists, that church later becoming the United Church of Christ. She worked actively on and in various committees and organizations, and spoke and wrote on various issues having to do with peace, justice and women's rights in the church and society.

In 1983, Anne received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, CA; and in 1986, she and John were each awarded the Union Medal, Union Theological Seminary's highest honor.

Anne McGrew Bennett and women like her "were role models. They paved the way not simply by their own work, but by encouraging and empowering other women to enter the theological fray. ... We are indebted to Anne McGrew Bennett who fostered feminist critical reflection within the Christian tradition, especially in the churches." (Mary E. Hunt, ed., From *Woman-pain to Woman-vision: Anne McGrew Bennett*)

Scope and Content

This collection includes Ms. Bennett's papers which have to do with her interest in peace issues and the movements to end the war in Vietnam; and, following the end of the war, the issues of women's ordination -- the place of women in the church -- and inclusive language. The papers are both generated by her (speeches, etc.), and collected by her (articles and papers of other persons having to do with Bennett's subjects of interest and research). The papers were received in the Archives with the provenance entirely destroyed. The collection has therefore been given an artificial arrangement.

Separation Note

Women in a Strange Land: Search for a New Image, eds., Clare B. Fischer, Betsy Brenneman, Anne McGrew Bennett, 1975. Rare Book: HQ1394 W64.

Speeches, 1959-1975

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 Folder ff 38 **The Not-so-visible History, and the Importance of Perspective 11/29/78**
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Folder ff 40 **Ordination for Mitzi Eilts 11/21/79**
 Folder ff 41 **Recognizing Our Potential, Our Gifts, Our Contributions 3/2-5/80**

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Folder ff 46 **What Place Does Ethics Have in Foreign Policy -- from the Feminist Perspective 7/3/82**
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Box Box 3 **Jeanette Rankin Brigade, 1967-1968: 8 ff**

Trips to Vietnam, 1969, 1970

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Box Box 5 **Women in the Ministry/Inclusive Language, 1971-82, 15 ff**

Subject Files

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Folder ff 12 **Shalom Fall Theological Conference, Sept. 1977**
Folder ff 13-23 **Reprints or Mss. of published articles, 1970-82**

Audio Cassette Tapes

Box Box 7 **"God Language", 2 tapes, n.d.**
 "Oral History; Women and the Church", 9 tapes, October 23, 1975

VHS Videotape:

"The Church and the Struggle for Liberation", Rochester Theological Center commencement address by John C. and Anne McGrew Bennett, Spring 1974 (VHS copy tape and original Sony V-30H tape). Located on the videotape shelf, east wall of the southeast corner of the storage room.