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Council Collection

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Collection Information

Abstract : Collection includes; board and committee meeting minutes, publicity scrapbooks, Council Record newsletter, photographs, constitution and by-laws and other miscellaneous materials relating to the council.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

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MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings

Historical/Biographical Notes

On June 9, 1937 a group of Worcester leaders, both lay and clergy met at Hotel Bancroft to discuss the formation of a council of churches. It was their vision to establish an agency of churches from all denominations to work together for the betterment of the Worcester area. An organizational meeting was held in October 1937 at the Worcester Y.M.C.A., there were 58 delegates from 20 Protestant churches. In all, 30 churches joined the Worcester Council of Churches that year. The organization was incorporated in 1952 as the Greater Worcester Area Council of Churches. In 1971, the constitution was revised making it possible for Roman Catholic churches to join. Thus on January 29, 1973, a further name-change resulted: The Worcester County Ecumenical Council. The council officially closed on June 30, 2007 due to waning support and changes in ecumenical endeavors.

Scope and Content

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Series Descriptions

Series 1: Board and Committee Minutes

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Series 5: Miscellaneous

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Series 1, Board and Committee Minutes

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1		2009.35.1.1	Board and Committee Minutes (1938-1940)
1		2009.35.1.2	Board and Committee Minutes (1941-1943)
1		2009.35.1.3	Board and Committee Minutes (1944-1945)
1		2009.35.1.4	Board and Committee Minutes (1946)
1		2009.35.1.5	Board and Committee Minutes (1947)
1		2009.35.1.6	Board and Committee Minutes (1948)
1		2009.35.1.7	Board and Committee Minutes-v.1 (1949)
1		2009.35.1.8	Board and Committee Minutes-v.2 (1949)
1		2009.35.1.9	Board and Committee Minutes-v.1 (1950)
1		2009.35.1.10	Board and Committee Minutes-v.2 (1950)
1		2009.35.1.11	Board and Committee Minutes-v.1 (1951)
2		2009.35.1.12	Board and Committee Minutes (1951-1953)
2		2009.35.1.13	Board and Committee Minutes (1954-1956)
2		2009.35.1.14	Board and Committee Minutes (1957-1959)
2		2009.35.1.15	Board and Committee Minutes (1960-1962)
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2		2009.35.1.17	Board and Committee Minutes (1966-1968)
3		2009.35.1.18	Board and Committee Minutes (1969-1971)
3		2009.35.1.19	Board and Committee Minutes (1972-1974)
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3		2009.35.1.22	Board and Committee Minutes (1981-1982)
3		2009.35.1.23	Board and Committee Minutes (1983)
3		2009.35.1.24	Board and Committee Minutes (1984)
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4		2009.35.1.34	Board and Committee Minutes (1995)
4		2009.35.1.35	Board and Committee Minutes (1996)
4	1	2009.35.1.36-.41	Misc files and documents on discs.

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4	3	2009.35.2.2	Publicity (1950 - 1951)
4	4	2009.35.2.3	Publicity (1952 – 1953)
4	5	2009.35.2.4	Publicity (1954)
4	6	2009.35.2.5	Publicity (1955)
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4	8	2009.35.2.7	Publicity (1957)
4	9	2009.35.2.8	Publicity (1958)
4	10	2009.35.2.9	Publicity (1959)
4	11	2009.35.2.10	Publicity (1960)
4	12	2009.35.2.11	Publicity (1961)
4	13	2009.35.2.12	Publicity (1962)
4	14	2009.35.2.13	Publicity (1963)
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4	19	2009.35.2.18	Publicity (1968)
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4	21	2009.35.2.20	Publicity (1971-1972)

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4	24	2009.35.2.23	Publicity (1981-1985)
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Series 3, Newsletters

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4	28	2009.35.3.3	Council Reporter (1956-1961)
4	29	2009.35.3.4	Council Reporter (1962-1965)
4	30	2009.35.3.5	Council Reporter (1966 – May 1968)
4	31	2009.35.3.6	Council Reporter (October 1968 -1973)
4	32	2009.35.3.7	Council Reporter (1974 – 1980)
4	33	2009.35.3.8	Council Reporter (1981-1988)
4	34	2009.35.3.9	Ecumenical Update (1987 - 1988)
4	35	2009.35.3.10	Ecumenical Update (1989 – 1990)
4	36	2009.35.3.11	Ecumenical Update (1991 – 1992)
4	37	2009.35.3.12	Ecumenical Update (1993 – 1995)
4	38	2009.35.3.13	Ecumenical Update (1996 – 1998)
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5	41	2009.35.4.7	UCYM Cavalcade of Faith (1965)
5	41	2009.35.4.8	Annual Assembly – Rev John Smith and Dr. Samuel Miller (1965)
5	41	2009.35.4.9-.10	Drama Workshop (1965)
5	41	2009.35.4.11	Unidentified - 1967
5	41	2009.35.4.12	Gambling Seminar (1965)
5	41	2009.35.4.13-.14	Living Room Dialogs (1967)
5	41	2009.35.4.15	Council of Churches Ann Assembly (1964)
5	41	2009.35.4.16	New England Gathering (1964)
5	42	2009.35.4.17-.32	Communication Conference (1964)
5	43	2009.35.4.33-.36	Communication Conference (1964)
5	43	2009.35.4.37	Interpretive Dance (1964)
5	43	2009.35.4.38	United Christian Youth (1964)
5	43	2009.35.4.39-.40	Men's Communion Breakfast (1964)
5	43	2009.35.4.41-.48	25 th Anniversary (October 1962)
5	43	2009.35.4.49-.50	Christian Reaching Mission (1962)
5	44	2009.35.4.51	Dedication of Smith Rooms (1956)
5	44	2009.35.4.52	Campus Ministry (1961)
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5	44	2009.35.4.55	Youth Survey Report (1960)

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5	44	2009.35.4.59-.63	Men's Communion Breakfast (1949)
5	44	2009.35.4.64	Rev. Donald Freeman – City Hospital Chaplain (1956)
5	44	2009.35.4.65	Council Home (1959)
5	44	2009.35.4.66	Administrative Committee (1959)
5	44	2009.35.4.67-.80	Council Events
5	45	2009.35.4.81-.85	Council Events
5	45	2009.35.4.86	1955 Youth Week Committee
5	45	2009.35.4.87	1954 Youth Week Committee
5	45	2009.35.4.88	Council Home Dedication (1952)
5	45	2009.35.4.89	Men's Communion (1946)
5	45	2009.35.4.90-.93	Council Events
5	45	2009.35.4.94-.101	Men's Communion Breakfast (1952)
5	46	2009.35.4.102	United Church Canvas (1954)
5	46	2009.35.4.103	Unidentified (1959)
5	46	2009.35.4.104	Signing contract for Great Brook Valley (January 25, 1951)
5	46	2009.35.4.105	Day of Prayer for Boys and Girls (1951)
5	46	2009.35.4.106-.113	First Annual Men's Communion (1946)
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5	46	2009.35.4.123	Men's Communion (1966)
5	46	2009.35.4.124	Finance Campaign (1966)
5	46	2009.35.4.125	Memorial Hospital Chaplain (1966)
5	46	2009.35.4.126	11 th Divine Liturgy Council (1966)
5	46	2009.35.4.127	Marillac Manor (1966)
5	46	2009.35.4.128	Massachusetts Council of Churches (1966)
5	46	2009.35.4.129-130	Council Events
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5	47	2009.35.4.137	Committee for Fall Music Seminar (1968)
5	47	2009.35.4.138	At Worcester Art Museum (1967)
5	47	2009.35.4.139	Ecumenical Institute of Religious Studies at Assumption College (1967)
5	47	2009.35.4.140	World Community Day (1968)
5	47	2009.35.4.141	Class for special needs children (1968)
5	47	2009.35.4.142	Ecumenical Youth Week (Nov. 1968)
5	47	2009.35.4.143-146	United Christian Youth Movement (1971)
5	47	2009.35.4.147-.148	Council Events
5	47	2009.35.4.149-.150	Ecumenical Service of Faith and Reconciliation (1967)

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5	48	2009.35.4.154	Juvenile Court (1967)
5	48	2009.35.4.155	Christmas Service Project (1967)
5	48	2009.35.4.156	Mr. and Mrs. Holland
5	48	2009.35.4.157	Officers – UCYM (1967)
5	48	2009.35.4.158	Church School Class for Special Needs (1967)
5	48	2009.35.4.159	Palm Sunday Pilgrimage (1968)
5	48	2009.35.4.160	Breakfast – United Church Men (1968)
5	48	2009.35.4.161	Committee on Improved Housing (1967)
5	48	2009.35.4.162	Sewing Project
5	48	2009.35.4.163	Prayer Group (1967)
5	48	2009.35.4.165	Spanish Mother's Club
5	48	2009.35.4.166	Ministers Visit Council Home (May 1967)
5	48	2009.35.4.167	Finance Campaign (1967)
5	48	2009.35.4.168	Annual Assembly (1967)
5	48	2009.35.4.169	Fairlawn Chaplain – Robert F. Fenby (1966)
5	49	2009.35.4.170-.193	Ecumenical Council Events
5	50	2009.35.4.194-.199	Men's Annual Communion
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5	50	2009.35.4.208-.220	Ecumenical Council Events

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5	51	2009.35.5.1-.6	miscellaneous publications
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5	52	2009.35.5.11-.17	Materials relating to 59 th Anniversary and closing.
5		2009.35.5.18	VHS tape of 50 th Anniversary celebration at Christ The King Church (June 7, 1987)