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### Collection Information

Abstract : William Koelsch Collection consists of materials and courses relating to gays, AIDS, and supporting documentation.

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

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Donated by William A. Koelsch, 3310 First Avenue #3C, San Diego, CA 92103

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

### Historical/Biographical Notes

William Koelsch was a former Professor at Clark University from 1967 to 1998. William Koelsch taught courses on the Gay Liberation Movement and Perspectives on Sexual Variance. Mr. Koelsch also served as the Chairman of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts AIDS Commission in 1988. He was very active in the Worcester County AIDS pastoral care and missionary programs as well as the "Living Faith Series" during the 1980's and 1990's.

### Scope and Content

The William Koelsch collection consists of programs of healing services at many local Worcester County churches as well as sermons by Rev. Gina T. Colorio from the Aids Ministry of Pakachoag Church, Auburn, MA. This collection also contains correspondence between Mr. Koelsch and others relating to the AIDS Ministry programs, advertisements, announcements and newsletters for these events covering 1988-1991. There is a copy of the VHS tape called "Aids and Church Parts I and II". This was used in the Living Faith Series of 1987. A thesis written by Joshua Benjamin Borkin called A Tale of Two Churches, a student of William Koelsch. The book

Amiable Dwellings: the Episcopal Churches of Western Massachusetts written by the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, 1976 is included as are buttons signifying events for AIDS Project Worcester. Dr. Koelsch has also included a few newspaper clippings, one regarding the Dec.1909 "Italian Catastrophe" evidenced by Worcester natives, Charles A. Williams and Walter Scott Kennedy. The other clipping is titled, "Group Offers Straight Talk on AIDS" by Rev. Gina Colorio, May 1986 Worcester Telegram and Gazette. There are other lecture and meeting notes included as well.

## Series Description

Series 1: Pastoral Care network of Worcester County. Programs, agendas, planning and meeting minutes, announcements and personal letters of correspondence between William Koelsch and others from the Ecumenical Council. 1980's to 1990's.

Series 2: Missionary Program, description of the Worcester Area Missionary Society: Transitional Aids Housing Program, late 1980's to early 1990's.

Series 3: Statistical Data and Lecture notes, late 1980's-1990's..

Series 4: Worcester County Ecumenical Society, correspondence, lectures and notes, 1980's-1990's.

Series 5: Thesis: Joshua Benjamin Borkin. A Tale of Two Churches Clark University 1998.

Series 6: VHS tape( Aids & Church, 1987), Informational Buttons and Book: Amiable Dwellings, 1976 .

Series 7: Other: course syllabi (1975), lecture notes (1975) and article on the “Italian Catastrophe”(1988).

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Series 1, Pastoral Care

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1	1	2002.15.1.1-13o	Pastoral Care programs, sermons, summary reports, meeting minutes, correspondence, agenda, advertisements and publicity notices.
1	2	2002.15.1.7a-7ai	Pastoral Care: AIDS network: minutes of meetings.
1	3	2002.15.1.8a-12c	Pastoral Care: sermon, summary reports and letters of correspondence.
1	4	2002.15.1.13a-o	Pastoral Care: advertisements, publicity, newsletter announcements for AIDS healing services.

Series 2, Missionary Program

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1	5	2002.15.2.1a-2d	Missionary Program: program description of the Transitional Aids Housing Program, 1980's-1990's.

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Series 3, Statistical Data, lectures, notes

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	6	2002.15.3.1-7	Aids planning statements, lecture notes by William Koelsch on "Learning About Aids", 1990. Aids summary, statistics for Massachusetts, Aids testing sites in Worcester MA. Newspaper clipping titled, "Group Offers Straight Talk on Aids by Rev. Gina Colorio, Pakachoag Church, Auburn MA. 1986.

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Series 4, Worcester Ecumenical Council

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1	7	2002.15.4.1-8	Worcester County Ecumenical Council,

lecture notes, correspondence: Personal and Living Faith series.

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Series 5, Thesis, Joshua B. Borkin

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	8	2002.15.5.1-81	Thesis by Joshua Benjamin Borkin, "A Tale of Two Churches", Clark University, 1998. William Koelsch is the record reader.

William Koelsch Collection  
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Series 6, VHS tape, buttons and book

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	9	2002.15.6.1	VHS format tape, "Aids & Church: Pts.I & II" used for the Living Faith Series, 1987.
1	10	2002.15.6.3a-b	Buttons, Informational Artifacts, Aids Project Worcester.

1	11	2002.15.6.4	Book, <u>Amiable Dwellings</u> by the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, 1976.
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Series 7, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	12	2002.15.7.1a-4	Syllabi on the Gay Liberation Movement Fall 1975, Syllabus supplement to GLM, syllabi on Perspectives on Sexual Variance, 1988. Newspaper article on the "Italian Catastrophe", 1909.