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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 226

CREATOR: Council of Higher Education Ministries

TITLE: Council of Higher Education Ministries records

DATES: 1988-2007

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.0 linear feet (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The archives include minutes and financial information for the Council for Higher Education Ministries' work groups: the Council for Ecumenical Student Christian Ministry, Higher Education Ministries Arena, and United Ministries in Higher Education.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.226>

Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.226>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Council for Higher Education Ministries, 2007

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

Council for Higher Education Ministries Records (RG 226), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Biographical / Historical

The Council for Higher Education Ministries (CHEM) was established in the mid 1990s as an umbrella agency with three work groups: the Council for Ecumenical Student Christian Ministry (CESCM), Higher Education Ministries Arena (HEMA), and United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE). CHEM dissolved as a 501 c 3 not-for-profit corporation in 2007 and its activities merged into the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA.

The three CHEM work groups were all involved with ecumenical work with students and had overlapping goals and participants. The Council for Ecumenical Student Christian Ministry was founded in 1987, shortly after the collapse of the earlier National Ecumenical Student Christian Council. CESCM was established "in order to create new opportunities for involving students and campus ministries in the work to rebuild an ecumenical student Christian ministry in the United States." In 1995 the CESCM was affiliated with the World Student Christian Federation as a member movement.

In the late 1980s, negotiators from United Ministries in Education and the Education in the Society Unit of the National Council of churches began exploring the possibility of creating a new national higher educationon ministries entity to be lodged within the reorganized NCC. The result was the creation of the Higher Education Ministries Arena (HEMA), first as a part of Ecumenical Ministries in Education (a program ministry of the Education, Communications, and Discipleship Unit of the NCC) and later separately incorporated. According to a 1992 memo, the Higher Education Ministries Team of United Ministries in Education (previously and later known as United Ministries in Higher Education) continued to exist after the formation of HEMA because "certain partnerships to be maintained and services to be rendered....could not be adequately sustained through the Higher Education Ministries Arena."

United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE) was comprised of the higher education staff of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Presbyterian Church USA, United Church of Christ, Church of the Brethren, and Moravian Church. It characterized itself as "a national staff collective to provide vision and oversight for developing progressive, ecumenical student Christian leadership." The last records from UMHE date from 2005.

Higher Education Ministries Arena evolved into The Ecumenical Campus Ministries Team (ECMT), which is part of the Education and Leadership Ministries Commission of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. ECMT provides a structure through which seven denominations work ecumenically to achieve common goals in higher education ministries: American Baptist Churches, USA, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ, and United Methodist Church.

Scope and Contents

The archives include minutes and financial information for the Council for Higher Education Ministries' work groups: the Council for Ecumenical Student Christian Ministry, Higher Education Ministries Arena, and United Ministries in Higher Education. The final series provides documentation of the Celebrate national ecumenical christian student gatherings held 1997 - 2005. These materials documenting ecumenical student Christian work complement other various collections at the Yale Divinity School Library, including the archives of the Council for Ecumenical Student Christian Ministry in Record Group No. 107 and United Ministries in Higher Education archives in Record Group No. 104.

Arrangement

- I. Council for Ecumenical Student Christian Ministry, 1988-2007
- II. Higher Education Ministries Arena, 1991-2007
- III. United Ministries in Higher Education, 1988-2005
- IV. Celebrate Ecumenical Student Conferences, 1997-2007

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b. 1, f. 4-6	CESCM Spring and Fall meeting minutes	2000-2006
b. 1, f. 7	Steering Committee minutes	1988-1991
b. 1, f. 8	Administrative Committee minutes	1992
b. 1, f. 9	Financial reports	1993-2007

Series II: Higher Education Ministries Arena, 1991-2007

b. 1, f. 8-12	Minutes	1991-2006
b. 1, f. 13	Financial reports	1993-2007

Series III: United Ministries in Higher Education, 1988-2005

In 1979 UMHE changed its name to United Ministries in Education, joining with Ministries in Public Education. In 1988 this partnership was ended and the UMHE was reorganized as The Higher Education Ministries Team of United Ministries in Higher Education (though still incorporated as United Ministries in Education).

b. 2, f. 13a	United Ministries in Education (UME) Annual and Corporate meeting minutes; staff meeting minutes; "Basic Policies" document	1988-1989
b. 2, f. 14	Higher Education Ministries Team, United Ministries in Higher Education (HEMT/UMHE) meeting minutes; report of Administrative Coordinator	1989-1992
b. 2, f. 15	HEMT/UMHE Policy Committee meeting minutes; Report: "Evaluation, 1989-1992 and Recommendations, 1993-1995"	1993
b. 2, f. 16	UMHE Staff meeting minutes; Board of Directors and Policy Committee meeting minutes; list of resources created by UMHE	1993
b. 2, f. 17	UMHE Staff meeting minutes; "Plan of Ministry 1995", Board of Directors and Policy Committee meeting minutes;	1994-1995
b. 2, f. 18	UMHE "Proposals for the Future"; Policy Committee meeting minutes, incl. re. working under Council for Higher Education Ministries; Staff meeting minutes	1996-1997
b. 2, f. 19	UMHE meeting minutes, incl. re. scheduled disbanding of UMHE by end of 1999, rationale for continuing its existence	1998-2002
b. 2, f. 20	CHEM-UMHE meeting minutes	2002-2005
b. 2, f. 22	Financial reports	1995-2005

Series IV: Celebrate Ecumenical Student Conferences, 1997-2007

b. 2, f. 23	Celebrate III (Ridgecrest Conference Center, Asheville, NC 1998 Dec 30-1999 Jan 3), Planning Team meeting minutes	1997-1998
b. 2, f. 24	Celebrate III , flyer, brochure	1998
b. 2, f. 25	Celebrate III, financial reports	1997-1999
b. 2, f. 26	Celebrate IV (Albuquerque Convention 2002 Dec- 2003 Jan), financial reports	2000-2003
b. 2, f. 27	Celebrate V (New Orleans, 2006 Dec.28-2007 Jan 1), Design Team meeting minutes	2005
b. 2, f. 28	Celebrate V, financial report	2007

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Church work with students
College students -- Religious life
Universities and colleges -- Religion

Corporate Bodies

Council for Ecumenical Student Christian
Ministry
Council of Higher Education Ministries
Higher Education Ministries Arena
United Ministries in Higher Education