

Guide to the World Student Christian Federation Board of Trustees in the U.S. Records

RG 46B



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 46B

CREATOR: World's Student Christian Federation

TITLE: World Student Christian Federation Board of Trustees in the U.S. records

DATES: 1949–1997

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 8.5 linear feet (10 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The material in this collection consists of administrative and financial records of the WSCF U.S. Board of Trustees. The World Student Christian Federation was created in 1895 as an international student Christian movement which could encourage and coordinate the work of national student Christian movements. The WSCF has headquarters in Geneva, but maintained a U.S. Board of Trustees to guide policy and financial operations in North America.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.046b>

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.046b>.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Newton Thurber

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

World Student Christian Federation Board of Trustees in the U.S. Records (RG 46B), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Related Materials

The World Student Christian Federation records ([RG 46](#)) contain the records of the WSCF from its founding until approximately 1925, and consist mainly of materials from John R. Mott's personal collection. [RG 46C](#) is an addendum to these materials. The remaining records of the WSCF, roughly 1925-present, are in [RG 46F](#). These materials were held at the WSCF offices in Geneva until 2017.

Records from other regional WSCF offices can be found in [RG 46A](#) (North America), [RG 46D](#) (Africa) and [RG 46E](#) (Europe).

These records are also complemented by the personal papers of Ruth Harris ([RG 171](#)) and Margaret Flory ([RG 86](#)).

Biographical / Historical

The World's Student Christian Federation was created in 1895 to fulfill its founders' vision of an international student Christian movement which could encourage and coordinate the work of existing national student Christian movements, as well as stimulate the formation of unified student movements in countries where they did not exist. The U. S. Board of Trustees was entrusted with financial jurisdiction over the U.S. operations of the WSCF.

Scope and Contents

The first series of this collection contains correspondence and minutes of the Board of Trustees of the World Student Christian Federation, which for many years had its headquarters at 475 Riverside Drive, New York. Margaret Flory was chairperson of the Board of Trustees during the period covered by these records. Other correspondents are William S. Ellis, John E. Jordan, Ruth Harris. Much of the work of the Board of Trustees related to financial oversight and appeals, but the correspondence also contains material related to student Christian movement activities in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and efforts to resuscitate the North American student Christian movement in the 1980s.

Arrangement

- I. Administrative Files
- II. Financial Records
- III. Tax Reports

Collection Contents

Series I: Administrative files, 1964–1989

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b. 6, f. 138	Correspondence; minutes of special meeting of the Board of Trustees (1975 May)	1975
b. 6, f. 139	Correspondence; minutes of Board of Trustees meeting (1976 Mar)	1976
b. 6, f. 140-141	Correspondence, memos, collected material re: SCM movements; minutes of Board of Trustees meeting (1977 Mar), by-laws	1977
b. 6, f. 142	Correspondence, memos; minutes of Board of Trustees meeting (1978 Jun)	1978
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b. 6, f. 144-145	Correspondence, memos; minutes of WSCF-US Church Relations Committee, and of Board of Trustees meeting (1980 Dec)	1980
b. 6, f. 146-147	Correspondence, collected material including regarding National Ecumenical Student Conference at University of California Berkeley August 1981; minutes of Board of Trustees meeting (1981 Jun)	1981
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b. 7, f. 152-153	Correspondence, grant and financial reports	1984
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b. 7, f. 155-156	Correspondence; minutes of Board of Trustees meeting (1985 Apr)	1985
b. 7, f. 157	Collected material re: WSCF	1985
b. 7, f. 158	Correspondence, financial documents; minutes of Board of Trustees meeting (1986 Oct)	1986
b. 7, f. 159-160	Correspondence, documentation regarding new directions for Ecumenical Student Christian Ministry in the U.S., financial appeals and responses; minutes of Board of Trustees meeting (1987 Mar, May, Sep, Nov)	1987
b. 7, f. 161-162	Correspondence, financial appeals; minutes of Board of Trustees meeting (1988 May)	1988
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Series II: Financial records, 1949-1988

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b. 1, f. 21-22	Philippe Maury Fund / new WSCF headquarters	1969-1970
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b. 2, f. 48-52	Income received	1972
b. 3, f. 72	Emergency medical expenses of WSCF Honorary Treasurer M.E. Prabhaker	1978
	Financial transactions	1966-1988
b. 1, f. 5-6	1966-1967	1966-1967
b. 1, f. 7-18	1969 Jan-Dec	1969 Jan-Dec
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b. 3, f. 59-60	1975	1975
b. 3, f. 61-66	1976	1976
b. 3, f. 67-71	1977	1977
b. 3, f. 73-76	1978	1978
b. 3, f. 77-80	1979	1979
b. 3, f. 81-84	1980	1980
b. 4, f. 85-89	1981	1981
b. 4, f. 90-93	1982	1982
b. 4, f. 94-98	1983	1983
b. 4, f. 99-101	1984	1984
b. 4, f. 102-104	1985	1985
b. 5, f. 105-108	1986	1986

Financial transactions (continued)

b. 5, f. 109-112	1987	1987
b. 5, f. 113-116	1988	1988

Series III: Tax reports, 1958–1988

b. 5, f. 117	Tax reports and correspondence	1958-1969
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Series IV: Addendum: Newton Thurber files, 1965–1997

b. 8, f. 164a	Trustees correspondence	1969–1997
b. 8, f. 165	Trustee meeting minutes	1965–1990
b. 8, f. 166	Trustee meeting minutes	1990–1993
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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

Ecumenical movement
Universities and colleges -- Religion

Corporate Bodies

World's Student Christian Federation
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Contributors

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