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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: This addendum to the main collection of the University Christian Movement in New England Records (see [Record Group 88](#)) contains all the remaining material belonging to the organization that was not submitted to Yale University in 1998. This collection, composed of historical documents, correspondence, reports, minutes of meetings, printed material, financial invoices, photographs, slides, an audio tape, as well as other artifacts, spans the entire history of the organization. It provides insight into college campus ministry in New England at the turn of the 20th century, and in the years between the two World Wars. This small added collection also fills in many of the details of the former collection that dealt with the turbulent 1960s and 1970s, and expands its coverage of the UCMNE through the more placid 1980s and 1990s until the organization's dissolution. The University Christian Movement in New England was a non-denominational inclusive campus ministry organization headquartered for the most part in Cambridge, MA. Officially formed anew with a name change in 1967, it was a continuation of the Student Christian Movement in New England, which had been formed by the YWCA, YMCA, and various other groups as an umbrella organization to promote religious co-operation on the campuses of the six states of New England.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the University Christian Movement in New England.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

University Christian Movement in New England Records - Addendum A (RG 88A), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Related Materials

This collection is an addendum to [Record Group 88](#).

These records complement various other collections held by the Yale Divinity Library, including the archives of the UCMNE's predecessor, the Student Christian Movement in New England ([RG 57](#)), the YMCA Student Division ([RG 58](#)), United Ministries in Higher Education ([RG 104](#)), and personal papers of Helen Morton ([RG 133](#)) and Margaret Flory ([RG 86](#)).

Biographical / Historical

The bulk of this addendum to Record Group 88 documents the University Christian Movement in New England from 1975 to 1996. The Reverend Christine Blackburn was hired as director of the UCMNE in 1978 and under her leadership the organization flourished, sponsoring Winter, Spring and Fall Conferences annually, as well as Summer workshops, on specific, relevant "hot topics" of the time. In the last quarter of the 20th century alone, UCMNE organized more than fifty major conferences, attracting students and others from around the country.

Certainly the peak of the UCMNE's "Golden Age" of activity was its 50th anniversary celebration held at First Church in Cambridge, MA, on the morning of Sunday, October 21, 1984. Planning for the event had consumed the energies of the organization for more than a year, and when the day itself arrived, hundreds of honored guests, alumni, friends, and current student members assembled to celebrate. The glow of that event seemed to energize the organization for the following decade, but by 1990s there were signs of trouble.

In April of 1996, the director, Lee Ann Hopkins, and her staff submitted a letter to the Board of Directors recommending that UCMNE be dissolved for a number of reasons: lack of student interest and involvement, the decline of liberal campus ministries, a lack of funding, and the problem of gaining access to college campuses. The Board directed that there should be a "needs assessment" taken and authorized the hiring of qualified people to do the task. Interest in the organization, however, continued to wane in spite of the efforts of Lee Ann Hopkins, who had succeeded Blackburn as director in 1993. Hopkins resigned in July 1996, and was followed by Paige Blair, who resigned only a year later. In May 1997, Nancy Richards became the last director and valiantly attempted to re-energize the organization. For a while it seemed those efforts would succeed, but it was not to be. After sixty-six years of service to the Church, the University Christian Movement in New England came to an end, merging into the Boston-Cambridge Ministry in Higher Education. The latest documents in this collection date from 2000.

Scope and Contents

Series I, Organization and Policy Records, includes historical material spanning sixty-three years, dating back to the founding of the Student Christian Movement in 1934, as well as important internal documents contained in the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors from 1966 to 2000. An unpublished history of the Student Christian Movement up until 1948 by Wilmer Kitchen provides valuable historical background. The "Correspondence" subseries contains letters from such notables as President Clinton, Senators Kerry and Kennedy, Newt Gingrich, and "Tip" O'Neill.

Series II, Conferences and Events, is the largest series of the collection. In the "Conferences, Sessions, Planning Meetings" subseries, detailed information from more than fifty major conferences, held from 1942 to 1999, stands as an enduring tribute to the lasting influence of UCMNE. There is extensive documentation related to the 50th anniversary celebration of the UCMNE.

Series III, Related Organizations, contains documentation related to denominational and other organizations with which the UCMNE was involved, including the Student Christian Movement of Canada, the World Student Christian Federation, and the National Ecumenical Student Conference.

Series IV, Financial Matters, contains financial and tax records, primarily from the last quarter of the 20th century, with very slight overlap with the UCMNE archives in Record Group No. 88.

Series V, Publications, contains a small amount of material related to two UCMNE newsletters dating from 1976 to 1999.

The Photographs and Slides of Series VI are a significant addition to the earlier UCMNE archives, with photographs dating back as far as 1886. Many of the photos and slides are undated, but care has been taken to keep them together as they were handed over by the donor, so there is substantial probability that the undated photos come from the same decade as those dated ones with which they were placed.

Series VII, Artifacts, contains items that would have been used at UCMNE conferences and events.

Arrangement

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- III. Related Organizations, 1920 - 1999
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- V. Publications, 1976 - 1995
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b. 1, f. 4	1944-1947	1944-1947
b. 1, f. 5	1948-1959	1948-1959
b. 1, f. 6	1963-1964	1963-1964
b. 1, f. 7	1963-1966	1963-1966
b. 1, f. 8	1964-1967	1964-1967
	UCMNE history	
b. 1, f. 9	1968-1971	1968-1971
b. 1, f. 10	1978-1984	1978-1984
b. 1, f. 11	1989	1989
b. 1, f. 12	1993-1996	1993-1996
b. 1, f. 13	"Change of Name" official documents	1963, 1968
b. 13, f. 103	Dissertation on SCM in NE by Wilmer Kitchen: Part I	1948
b. 13, f. 104	Dissertation on SCM in NE by Wilmer Kitchen: Part II	1948
b. 13, f. 101	UCM's Official Display Album at conferences	1985-2000
b. 13, f. 102	Rev. Christine Blackburn's notebook	undated
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b. 2, f. 15	Board of Directors' meetings	1966-1982
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Evaluations and Reports		
b. 3, f. 30	Evaluations and reports	1979-1981
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Series II: Conferences and Events, 1942-1999

	50th Anniversary Celebration	1984 October
b. 4, f. 32	Mailing lists	1979-1983
b. 4, f. 33	Invitations and publicity	1984
b. 4, f. 34	Responses from invited guests (A - L)	1984
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b. 4, f. 36	The Anniversary Day (audio tape included)	1984 October
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	Chaplain Ministry	
b. 4, f. 38	Chaplain affairs	1993-1999
b. 4, f. 39	Chaplain survey	1997
b. 4, f. 40	Chaplain conference	1999 October
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b. 5, f. 41	National Assembly of Student Christian Associations	1942 December
b. 5, f. 41	Program and strategy meeting at MIT	1967 November
b. 5, f. 41	UCM General Committee Meeting in Washington, DC	1969 February
b. 5, f. 41	UCM Annual Assembly at Michigan State University	1969 June
b. 5, f. 42	"Women's Projects" - Cambridge, MA	1971 October
b. 5, f. 42	SCM Seminar - Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC	1975 September
b. 5, f. 42	"The Challenge of Justice" - Cambridge, MA	1976 February
b. 5, f. 42	NE Regional Student Conference - Cambridge, MA	1976 October
b. 5, f. 42	NE Regional Student Conference - Providence, RI	1977 November
b. 5, f. 42	"Liberating the Bible" - East Brookfield, MA	1978 March
b. 5, f. 42	"Liberating the Bible" - Boston, MA	1978 November
b. 5, f. 43	Summer work project - Providence, RI	1979
b. 5, f. 43	"Faith and Commitment to Social Action" - Cambridge, MA	1979 October
b. 5, f. 44	"Student Responsibility and US World Power" - Cambridge, MA	1980 April
b. 5, f. 44	"Militarism and Christian Responsibility" - Framingham, MA	1980 October
b. 5, f. 44	"Waging Peace" - Cambridge, MA	1981 May
b. 5, f. 44	Summer work project - Boston, MA	1981

Conferences, Sessions, Planning Meetings (continued)

b. 5, f. 45	Student spring retreat - Cambridge, MA	1982 April
b. 5, f. 45	Student planning meeting - Cambridge, MA	1982 June
b. 5, f. 45	Fall conference - Yale University - New Haven, CT	1982 November
b. 5, f. 46	"Christian Community" - Amherst, MA	1983 April
b. 5, f. 46	Summer work project - Philadelphia, PA	1983
b. 5, f. 46	Conference on the Philippines - Newton Centre, MA	1984 April
b. 5, f. 46	"Faith, Values and Vocation" - Groton, MA	1984 October
b. 5, f. 46	Fall Conference with Robert McAfee Brown - Hanover, NH	1985 September
b. 5, f. 47	Student tour of the Philippines	1986 January
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b. 6, f. 48	Student retreat	1987 April
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b. 6, f. 49	"Creation in Crisis" - Calgary, Alberta, Canada	1989 May
b. 6, f. 49	"Choices: Making Ethical Decisions" - Williamsburg, MA	1989 November
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b. 6, f. 50	"Spirituality and Activism" - Mid-Winter Conference	1991 February
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b. 6, f. 51	Student planning meeting - Durham, NH	1992 January
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b. 6, f. 54	Lecture by Sharon Welch - University of VT	1995 April
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b. 7, f. 59	WSCF affairs and events	1981-1983
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b. 12, f. 98	Easter	1987
b. 12, f. 98	SPPC Meeting	1987

b. 12, f. 98	Assorted photos	1987
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b. 12, f. 99	UCM Spring conference	1988
b. 12, f. 99	Unnamed conference	1999
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Series VII: Artifacts, 1990s

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UCM Banner, T-Shirt, Coffee Mug and Campaign button

1990s

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

College students -- Religious life
Universities and colleges -- Religion

Corporate Body

University Christian Movement in New England