

Guide to the Episcopal Churchpeople for a Free Southern Africa Records

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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: The records in this collection primarily document the ECFSA's work in relation to Namibia. The ECFSA has served as a link between Anglicans in Southern Africa and people in the United States by publishing a newsletter, issuing news releases, sponsoring public meetings, preparing and publishing special reports, sponsoring speaking and study tours for Southern Africans, raising funds to support education and provide relief in Southern Africa, and providing aid and counsel to visiting Southern Africans. The organization has encouraged its supporters to contact U.S. political leaders regarding crucial issues.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the ECFSA.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1956	○ Episcopal Churchmen for South Africa, an organization of Episcopal laypeople, was founded, with headquarters in New York City "to support the work and witness of the Anglican Church of the Province of South Africa, particularly as it faces the doctrine and practice of apartheid."
1966	○ The international territory of Namibia, formerly known as South West Africa, was a mandate of the United Nations. In 1966 the U.N. stripped the Republic of South Africa of legal authority in the territory, but South Africa maintained de facto control over Namibia and continued to work toward annexation of the territory.
1968 Jan 25	○ Bishop Robert Mize was advised by South African Department of the Interior that his residence permit would expire in July 1968
1968 Sep 1	○ The African community of the Old Location at Windhoek, capital of Namibia, was forced to evacuate by the South African government.
1971 Jun 21	○ World Court affirmed South Africa's presence in Namibia to be illegal and asked that the United Nations not recognize So. Africa's presence and administration
1971 Jun 30	○ Evangelical Lutheran Ovambo-kavango Church (ELOC) and Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELC) Bishops wrote an open letter to the Prime Minister asking South Africa to withdraw from Namibia on the basis of Human Rights violations
1971 Jul 25	○ Anglican Bishop Colin O'Brien Winter wrote statement in Support of ELC/ELOC letter
1971 Dec 13	○ General strike of African workers begun by contract laborers spread throughout country
1972 Feb	○ Bishop Winter and two white assistants, Father S.F. Hayes and David de Beer, received deportation orders to leave Namibia by March 4 at noon
1972 Mar 6	○ UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim visited So. Africa to talk to government about Namibia
1972 Apr 2	○ UN Security Council passed two resolutions reaffirming the occupation of Namibia as illegal and calling for conditions to enable the independence of Namibia
1975 Jun 16	○ Richard Wood (elected Suffragan Bishop in Damaraland after expulsion of Bishop Winter in 1972) received deportation order to leave Namibia by June 23
1975 Jun 22	○ Bishop-in-Exile Winter ordained Roger Key and Edward Morrow and admitted James Kauluma as a deacon in England

Date	Event
1975 Sep	○ Kauluma began studies at Union Theological Seminary, NY
1977	○ ECSA filed requests under the Freedom of Information Act with eight U.S. government agencies for disclosure of their relations with the South African Bureau for State Security.
1977 May	○ Anglican, Lutheran, and Roman Catholic Churches made a joint statement on torture in Namibia
1977 Oct 12	○ Kauluma ordained as Priest in NY and elected as Bishop Suffragan following resignation of Bishop Richard Wood
1978 Jan 17	○ Consecration of Kauluma as Bishop Suffragan Elect, the first black Bishop in Namibia
1978 Jul	Rev. Edward Morrow, Anglican vicar general, his wife Laureen, and Rev. Heinz Hunke, provincial superior of Roman Catholic order of Mary Immaculate, received orders to leave Namibia within seven days
1978	○ Council of Churches in Namibia (CCN) formed
1979 May 16	○ Eight So. African Security Police raided and searched CCN offices looking for "banned literature"
1980	○ Reports of a death squad and death list organized by So. African government to kill prominent citizens
1980 Nov 19	○ Bombing of printing press of ELOC at Oniipa, Namibia, (had been previously sabotaged on May 11, 1973)
1981 Jun 18	○ Bombing of Anglican Mission Seminary Buildings at Odibo, Namibia
1983 Feb 16	○ The Executive Committee of the CCN sent two open letters: one to Members of the Western Contact Group and one to the Prime Minister of the Republic of South Africa
1984	○ Episcopal Churchmen for South Africa changed its name to Episcopal Churchpeople for a Free Southern Africa
1984 Mar	○ Anglican, ELOC, and Roman Catholic leaders helped direct a court application for the release of 37 detainees abducted by So. African Defence Forces in a raid on Angola 6 years previously
1986 Jan 23	○ Arson fire destroyed CCN offices
1986 Apr 29-30	○ CCN meeting of major political and community groups that support UN resolution 435, resulted in the Ai-gams declaration
1987 Aug	○ German Evangelical Lutheran Church withdrew from CCN
1989	○ CCN continued to work towards independence in conjunction with UN forces and others
1990 Jan 29-30	○ Namibian Core-group met in Switzerland, including representatives from WCC and CCN to celebrate successful implementation of UN Resolution 435, completion of repatriation of Namibian exiles, peaceful elections, and the development of a draft for a Namibian Constitution and to discuss future needs and problems
1990 Mar 21	○ Namibia officially declared independent from South Africa

Scope and Contents

While the ECFSA publications in Series V document its work throughout Southern Africa, the materials in the first four series relate primarily to the Namibian situation. The majority of the files in these series date from 1970 to 1990.

This record group provides valuable documentation of the political and religious situation in Southern Africa during the past three decades. The ECFSA newsletters and special reports, in particular, provide extensive factual information and analysis of the situation. ECFSA efforts to influence U.S. government policy toward South Africa are also documented. The extensive files relating to the Council of Churches and other church groups and organizations in Namibia provide detailed, grassroots documentation of events and situations. Since the offices of the Council of Churches in Namibia suffered an arson fire in 1986, some of the documents in these files may not be accessible elsewhere. Individual files for several African church leaders document their activities and influence.

Arrangement

- I. Namibia Files - Council of Churches in Namibia, 1971-1990
- II. Namibia Files - Church Groups and Organizations, 1965-1990, n.d
- III. Namibia Files - Individual files. 1961-1990
- IV. Topical files, 1974-1990, n.d.
- V. Publications of ECSA/ECFSA, 1963-1998, n.d.

Collection Contents

Series I: Namibia Files - Council of Churches in Namibia, 1971-1990

Material relating to the formation of the Council of Churches in Namibia is followed by chronologically arranged files documenting its activities.

b. 1, f. 1-3	Churches in Namibia (process of forming CCN)	1971, 1972, 1974–1985, n.d.
b. 1, f. 4-6	Council of Churches in Namibia (CCN)	1977-1982, n.d.
b. 1, f. 7	CCN: support of foreign churches	1980-1982
b. 1, f. 8-9	CCN	1983-1984
b. 2, f. 10	CCN: application, prisoners	1984
b. 2, f. 11-12	CCN	1985-1986 n.d.
b. 2, f. 13	CCN Meeting, April 29-30, 1986: AI-GAMS Declaration	1986-1988
b. 2, f. 14-18	CCN	1987-1990

Series II: Namibia Files: Churches and Organizations, 1965-1990, n.d.

The documentation in this series is arranged alphabetically by organization.

b. 3, f. 19	A.M.E. Church	1979-1987
b. 3, f. 20	Amnesty International	1989
b. 3, f. 21	Anglican Church: Conference center	1981-1985, n.d.
b. 3, f. 22-24	Anglican Church: Diocese of Damaraland	1971-1990, n.d.
b. 3, f. 25	Anglican Church: History inquiry	1982
b. 3, f. 26	Anglican Church: Multiracial School, Windhoek	1975-1984
b. 3, f. 27	Anglican Church: St. Mary's Church, Onekwaya	1984
b. 3, f. 28	Anglican Church: Support for	1979
b. 3, f. 29	Chaplaincy	1976-1983, n.d.
b. 3, f. 30	Christian Center in Namibia	1976-1978, n.d.
b. 3, f. 31	Churches Union	1987
b. 3, f. 32	International Freedom Council	1989
b. 3, f. 33	Lutheran Church: Evangelical Fellowship of Namibia in SWA/Namibia (EFSWAN)	
b. 4, f. 34	Lutheran Church: Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELC)	1978-1989, n.d.
b. 4, f. 35	Lutheran Church: Evangelical Lutheran Ovambo-kavango Church (ELOC)	1983, 1986
b. 4, f. 36-37	Lutheran Church in Namibia	1965-1983, n.d.
b. 4, f. 38	Lutheran Church statements	1978-1985, n.d.
b. 4, f. 39	Lutheran Church: Martin Luther High School	1983
b. 4, f. 40	Namibia Women's Voice	1987
b. 4, f. 41	"Namibia Report: Report of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Delegation to the Diocese of Namibia"	n.d.
b. 4, f. 42	Roman Catholic Church	1983-1989, n.d.
b. 4, f. 43	South African Christian Alliance	1990, n.d.
b. 4, f. 44	United Christian Action	1987-1988
b. 4, f. 45	World Council of Churches	1980
b. 4, f. 46	Young South Africans for a Christian Civilization	1984-1989
b. 4, f. 47	Youth for Christ	n.d.

Series III: Namibia Files: Individual Files, 1961-1990

The documentaiton in this series is arranged alphabetically by individual.

b. 4, f. 48	Dumeni, Kleopas (Bishop)	1980-1989
b. 5, f. 49	Frederick, Hendrik (Bishop)	1985-1986
b. 5, f. 50	Kameeta, Zephaniah (Pastor)	1975-1990, n.d.
b. 5, f. 51-53	Kauluma, James (Bishop)	1961-1990, n.d.
b. 5, f. 54	Keruaera, B. G. (Rev.)	1972-1987
b. 5, f. 55	Muafangejo, John	1985-1987
b. 5, f. 56	Roberts, Alun	1989
b. 5, f. 57	Shejavali, Abisai (Rev.)	1977-1988
b. 5, f. 58	Shilongo, Philip	1973-1990
b. 5, f. 59	Witbooi, Hendrik (Pastor)	1984

Series IV: Topical Files, 1974-1990,n.d.

The Topical Files are arranged alphabetically by topic.

b. 5, f. 60	Attack on churches	1974-1990
b. 6, f. 61	Bombing at Oniipa of ELOC press	1980-1984, n.d.
b. 6, f. 62	Bombing at St. Mary's Seminary building, Odibo, Ovamboland	1974-1986
b. 6, f. 63	Churches -- Proximity Talks	March 1979
b. 6, f. 64	Church hospitals	1988
b. 6, f. 65	Clippings: including articles by Tom Wicker and Sally Quinn	1978-1979
b. 6, f. 66	Clippings: Anglican Church and Namibia	1983-1984
b. 6, f. 67	Death threats	1980, 1989, n.d.
b. 6, f. 68	"German Namibian History," by Hermann Sinram	1988
b. 6, f. 69	Pro Pretoria Churches	1979-1981
b. 6, f. 70	Religious Right during implementation	1987-1990, n.d.
b. 6, f. 71	RSA - SADF investigation of churches	1983-1984

Series V: Publications of the ECSA/ECFSA, 1963-1998

The publications are arranged chronologically.

b. 7, f. 72	Newsletters, Financial Appeal for Ovamboland, and Financial Appeal for the Church in Basutoland	1963-1973, n.d.
b. 7, f. 73	Newsletters	1974-1978
b. 7, f. 74	Newsletters and "Testament of a Namibian Woman: Rauna Nambinga"	1979-1981
b. 7, f. 75	Newsletters, "One Step -- in the Wrong Direction: the Sullivan Principles as a Strategy for Opposing Apartheid" by Elizabeth Schmidt, and "Security Police Abuses of Political Detainees" by the Detainees' Parents Support Committee	1982-1986
b. 7, f. 76	Newsletters	1987-1988
b. 7, f. 77	Newsletters and "Security Council Resolution 435" by the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Washington, DC	1989
b. 7, f. 78-80	Newsletters	1990-1992
b. 8, f. 81	Newsletters	1993
b. 8, f. 82	Newsletters and Prayer Cards	1994-1998, n.d.

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.

Geographic Names

South Africa -- Foreign relations -- United States
United States -- Foreign relations -- South Africa

Corporate Bodies

Episcopal Church -- Missions -- Africa, Southern
Episcopal Churchpeople for a Free Southern Africa