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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 133

CREATOR: Morton, Helen, 1898-1991

TITLE: Helen Morton Papers

DATES: 1932-1991

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5 linear feet (11 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: These papers document the later part of Helen Morton's career, particularly her work with the University Christian Movement in New England. Born to a privileged New England family in 1898, Helen Morton spent her long life engaged in ecumenical religious and social work with a variety of U.S. and international organizations.

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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.133>.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

Helen Morton Papers (RG 133), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Biographical / Historical

Helen Morton was born June 5, 1898, and grew up in Newton, Massachusetts, spending summers at the family home on Yarmouth Island, Maine. After graduating from Vassar College she received a Master of Science degree from the Simmons College School of Social Work in 1923 and was involved in settlement work in Boston and internationally. From 1933 to 1940 Morton was executive secretary of the National Student Council of the YWCA, a position in which she traveled widely and was involved in interracial activities. In 1935 she took on the added assignment of co-executive of the new National Intercollegiate Christian Council and was elected a member of the World Student Christian Federation Executive Committee. Following a trip to Asia in connection with the WSCF in 1940, Morton became general secretary of the Cambridge (MA) YWCA, but with the coming of the Second World War, she returned to work with the World Student Christian Federation. For six months during 1946 Morton was a staff member of CIMADE (Comité Intermouvement Aide aux Evacués) in France and then, until 1948, served the World YWCA in Geneva. In 1949 she returned to Boston to become the Associate Headworker of South End House. She remained in Boston until 1980 except for two years overseas with the World Council of Churches; she served as parish assistant and "lay reader" of St. Stephen's Church and was involved in urban renewal work in Boston. Morton served on the Board of the University Christian Movement of New England and these papers were received in connection with the UCM archives, YDSL Record Group No. 88.

Scope and Contents

The papers in this record group were received with the archives of the University Christian Movement in New England and primarily relate to Helen Morton's involvement with student Christian work during the late 1960s through the early 1980s. They complement various other collections at the Yale Divinity Library that document student Christian work in the U.S. and abroad.

Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1969-1984
- II. Notes, 1969-1990
- III. Collected Material, 1967-1991
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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

College students -- Religious life
Ecumenical movement

Names

Morton, Helen, 1898-1991

Corporate Bodies

University Christian Movement in New England
World Student Christian Federation