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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 167

CREATOR: National Association of College and University Chaplains

TITLE: National Association of College and University Chaplains and Directors of Religious Life Records

DATES: 1947–2016

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.5 linear feet (7 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Administrative records, publications, and conference records document the work of the National Association of College and University Chaplains. The National Association of College and University Chaplains and Directors of Religious Life (NACUC) is the interfaith professional community of chaplains, rabbis, deans of chapel, and other personnel appointed by academic institutions to be responsible for the religious program of the academic community. It was founded in a national conference convened by Clarence Shedd which met at Yale University in 1948. Since then, NACUC has met annually throughout the country.

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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.167>.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of NACUC.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

National Association of College and University Chaplains and Directors of Religious Life Records (RG 167), Special Collections, Yale Divinity Library.

Biographical / Historical

NACUC was founded in 1948 at a conference convened by Clarence Shedd at Yale University. Since that time, the NACUC expanded to include a membership of 121 chaplains by 1996. It holds annual conferences throughout the country. The organization went through a variety of affiliations with other professional organizations of chaplains/religious leaders. The NACUC is directed by a president (a revolving position) and an executive committee. A high mark of the NACUC was the 50th anniversary conference, "Holy Wilderness" held at Yale University June 27-July 2, 1998.

Throughout its history the NACUC published a regular newsletter. Beginning in 1998 it also published a news journal called *Ailanthus* at irregular intervals.

The NACUC Information Service was started in 1959 with the intention of helping clergy find places at colleges and universities. Bradford S. Abernethy, University Chaplain at Rutgers University, ran this service, gathering personal data forms from interested clergy members and sending them to colleges and universities that were seeking to employ a chaplain or other religious leader. The service was discontinued in 1961 because Abernethy found it difficult to learn of openings at colleges.

Scope and Contents

The bulk of the material is in Series I, Administrative Records, which contains minutes, correspondence, financial and legal records, and other materials related to the history and operations of NACUC. Series II contains newsletters and the *Ailanthus* news journal. Series III documents conferences of NACUC, with the largest amount of material related to the 1998 conference that was held at Yale.

Series IV contains forms submitted to NACUC's Information Service program by clergy who were seeking college and university chaplain positions. These forms were transferred from the Records of the University Chaplain (Bradford S. Abernethy) collection at Rutgers in 2006.

Series V is an addendum containing documentation up through 2014.

Arrangement

- I. Administrative Records, 1947-2004
- II. Newsletters, 1948-2003
- III. Annual Conferences, 1962-2005
- IV. Information Service Program, 1959-1961
- V: Addendum, 1990-2018
- VI: Addendum, 2021

Collection Contents

Series I: Administrative Records, 1947-2004

b. 1, f. 1	Founding correspondence between Sidney Lovett and Clarence Shedd; press release re. Chaplain Gordon Shea's death	1947-1951, 1995
b. 1, f. 2	"Fifty Years of Chaplaincy: NACUC 1948-1998" by Donovan Hull; "Bits of History: 1948-1975"; Religion in Higher Education note on Chaplaincy	1948-1998, 1955
b. 1, f. 3-5	Registration/Membership Lists	1964-2001
b. 1, f. 6	Booklets on Gathering, Programs, Leadership, Members, Lifetime Members	1948-1996
b. 1, f. 7	Constitution; Reports/resolutions from conferences and consultations	1969-1972
b. 4, f. 42	By-Laws	2002
b. 4, f. 43	Certificate of Incorporation	2001-2004
b. 4, f. 44	Tax Exempt Status	2002
b. 1, f. 11-12	Executive Committee / Business meetings, incl. financial reports	1967-2001
b. 4, f. 40	Executive Committee / Business meetings	2002
b. 4, f. 41	Executive Committee / Business meeting	2003
b. 1, f. 8	Professional Relations Committee: Questionnaire re. Relationship of the chaplain to the college; Reports	1969-1971
b. 1, f. 9	Standards and Guidelines; Evaluation of chaplains; Evaluations and job descriptions	1972-1980
b. 1, f. 10	Coordinating Council of the Professional Religious Associations in Higher Education (CCPRAHE)	1970, 1976-1979
b. 2, f. 14	Regional Affairs Meetings	1966-1990
b. 2, f. 16	NACUC-Related papers, articles and resolutions	1961-1967
b. 2, f. 17	NACUC-Related papers, articles and resolutions, incl. undated material	1968-1994
b. 2, f. 18	Various brochures	
b. 2, f. 19	Miscellaneous: re.the National Campus Ministry Association; Campus Ministry Resources	

Series II: Publications, 1948-2003

b. 2, f. 20	Newsletters	1948-1972
b. 2, f. 21	Newsletters	1973-1983
b. 2, f. 22	Newsletters	1984-1986
b. 3, f. 23	Newsletters	1987-2002
b. 4, f. 35	Newsletters	1998-2003
b. 3, f. 24	<i>Ailanthus</i> News Journal	1988-1989
b. 3, f. 25	<i>Ailanthus</i> News Journal	1990, 1995, 1997, 2001, 2002
b. 4, f. 36	<i>Ailanthus</i> News Journal	2003

Series III: Conferences, 1962-2005

b. 2, f. 13	Miscellaneous annual meetings: minutes and brochures	1962-2002
b. 4, f. 37	19th Annual Conference, Northwestern University, 1966	1966 Apr 11-14
b. 3, f. 26	"Holy Wilderness" conference, at Yale: Participants	1998, June 27- July 2
b. 3, f. 27	"Holy Wilderness": Publicity	1998
b. 3, f. 28	"Holy Wilderness": Misc pre-conference resources: First Things article on homosexuality; correspondence with David Maitland	1995, 1998
b. 3, f. 29	"Holy Wilderness": Keynote addresses: "Holy Wilderness: Professional and Religious work on Campuses" by Diana Chapman Walsh; "After Egypt: Sign Posts of Faith in Postmodern Wilderness" by Dr. Nancy Ammerman; "Rise of Conservatism in its Various Forms" by Dr. Riffat Hassan	1998 - June 29, July 1
b. 3, f. 30	"Holy Wilderness": Welcome Speech, Text Study, 50 Years of Chaplaincy	1998
b. 3, f. 31	"Holy Wilderness": Multifaith Worship	1998
b. 3, f. 32	"Holy Wilderness": Budget and Finances, including Knutson grant	1997-1999
b. 3, f. 33	"Holy Wilderness": Follow-up: Evaluation forms; Thank you notes; Continuing Ed Equivalency forms; resulting publicity	1998
b. 3, f. 34	"Holy Wilderness": Photos	1998
b. 4, f. 38	"Mosaic of Faith" conference, Atlanta	2004
b. 4, f. 39	"The Spirituality of Identity: Gender and Sexuality" conference, San Antonio	2005

Series IV: Information Service Program, 1959-1961

b. 4, f. 45	Register of personal data forms; letters from Bradford Abernethy explaining demise of the program	1959-1961
b. 4, f. 46-48	Personal data forms # 1- 83, with cards attached showing institutions to which they were sent	1959-1961

Series V: Addendum, 1990–2018

b. 5, f. 1	By-Laws and Constitution revisions	2000-2011
b. 5, f. 2	NACUC history	1990-2003
b. 5, f. 3	Executive Committee and Annual Meeting minutes	1999-2003
b. 5, f. 4	Executive Committee and Annual Meeting minutes	2004-2005
b. 5, f. 5	Executive Committee and Annual Meeting minutes	2006-2007
b. 5, f. 6	Executive Committee and Annual Meeting minutes	2008-2009
b. 5, f. 7	Executive Committee and Annual Meeting minutes	2010-2011
b. 5, f. 8	Executive Committee and Annual Meeting minutes	2012-2014
b. 5, f. 9	Conference materials	1997-2003
b. 5, f. 10	Conference materials	2004-2011
b. 5, f. 11	NACUC Newsletter	1998-2003
b. 5, f. 12	Membership lists	2005–2016
b. 5, f. 13	Budgets	1998-2016
b. 5, f. 14	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN conference: schedule, list of attendees; February Business Meeting and Executive Board Meeting notes; Summer Executive Board Meeting notes	2015
b. 5, f. 15	Furman University, Greenville, SC conference: schedule, list of attendees; Title IX session presentation; February Business meeting notes; Journal proposal; February Executive Board meeting notes; Summer Executive Board meeting notes	2016
b. 5, f. 16	NACUC Business meeting and Executive Committee meetings	2017
b. 5, f. 17	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL conference: schedule, list of attendees	2017
b. 5, f. 17	Howard University, Washington DC conference: program, list of attendees, other documents	2018 February 19-21

Series VI: Addendum-2021

Administrative Records

b. 6, f. 1	Executive Committee meeting minutes	1995–2010
b. 6, f. 2	By-laws and constitutions	2000–2009
b. 6, f. 3	Executive Committee officer role descriptions	2003–2009
b. 6, f. 4	Lists of presidents and officers	1990–2009
b. 6, f. 4	Officer role descriptions, with edits	no date
b. 6, f. 5	Financial documents	1984–2007
b. 6, f. 6	General administrative documents	1971–2011
b. 6, f. 6	Correspondence about archives	2009

Publications

b. 6, f. 7	Brochures	2006–2010
b. 6, f. 8	Newsletters, Ailanthus journal	1999–2003, 2017
b. 6, f. 9	"50 Years of Chaplaincy" b Donovan Hull (1998) with updates by Cynthia Terry (2005) and Jim Davis, NACUC Historian (2010)	1998, 2005, 2010
b. 6, f. 10	Member directories	1948–1996

Conference programs and documentation

b. 6, f. 11	Resources for conference attendees (articles, bibliographies, etc.)	1975–2007
b. 6, f. 12	Conference (New Haven, CT)	1948
b. 6, f. 12	Conference (Pittsburgh, PA)	1950
b. 6, f. 12	Conference (Hampton, VA)	1951
b. 6, f. 12	Conference (New Haven, CT)	1958
b. 6, f. 12	Conference (Pittsburgh, PA)	1959
b. 6, f. 12	Conference (Amherst, MA)	1960
b. 6, f. 12	Conference (Dallas, TX)	1961
b. 6, f. 13	"Higher Education and Ministry in the '80s" (Boston, MA)	1981
b. 6, f. 14	Conference (no location indicated)	1984
b. 6, f. 15	Conference (no location indicated)	1986
b. 6, f. 16	Conference (San Francisco, CA)	1987
b. 6, f. 17	Conference (Nashville, TN)	1992
b. 6, f. 18	Conference (San Antonio, TX)	1996

Conference programs and documentation (continued)

b. 6, f. 19	"Holy Wilderness: Professional Religious Work on Campus" (New Haven, CT)	1998
b. 6, f. 20	"The Beggar at the Gate: Wounds and Blessings in the Presence of God" (Albuquerque, NM)	1999
b. 6, f. 21	"Being Guides, Being Guided" (Stony Point, NY)	2000
b. 6, f. 22	Conference (no location indicated)	2001
b. 6, f. 23	"Reclaiming the Dream: The Role of College Chaplaincy in Civil Rights & Race Relations" (Olive Branch, MS)	2002
b. 6, f. 24	Conference (Seattle, WA)	2003
b. 7, f. 25	"The Spirituality of Identity: Gender and Sexuality" (San Antonio, TX)	2005
b. 7, f. 26	"Seeking Religious Dialogue: Conversations, Collaborations, and Communities" (Evanston, IL)	2006
b. 7, f. 27	"Privilege, Prejudice, & Power: Race, Class, and Religion on Campus" (Hampton, VA)	2007
b. 7, f. 28	"Sustainable Chaplaincies: Earth Ethics and Campus Community" (Portland, OR)	2008
b. 7, f. 29	"Transformations: The Changing Nature of Students and Student Life in Higher Education" (Austin, TX)	2009
b. 7, f. 30	"Religious Pluralism: Engaging Other Religions While Valuing One's Own" (Durham, NC)	2010
b. 7, f. 31	Conference (no location indicated)	2011
Miscellaneous		
Documents		
b. 7, f. 32	Member names and address	no date
b. 7, f. 32	United Religious Initiative brochure	1998
b. 7, f. 32	"Reflecting Light" conference pamphlet	2008
b. 7, f. 32	Handwritten notes	no date
Photographs		
b. 7, f. 33	Samuel E. Karff (with resumé)	1983
b. 7, f. 33	Unlabeled photos	no date

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

Clergy
Universities and colleges -- Religion

Corporate Body

National Association of College and University
Chaplains