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# Guide to the Edward James Vorba Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 97

**CREATOR:** Vorba, Edward James, 1923-1985

**TITLE:** Edward James Vorba Papers

**DATES:** 1946-1985

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 9 linear feet (9 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Looseleaf notebooks of sermons, prayers, and programs document Vorba's work as a Congregational minister. Edward James Vorba, a 1947 graduate of the Yale Divinity School, was a pastor at churches in Iowa, Vermont, Florida, Connecticut, New York, and Pennsylvania from 1947 to 1985.

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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.097>.

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

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Edward James Vorba Papers (RG 97), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1923	○ Born in Iowa

Date	Event
1944	○ B.A., State University of Iowa
1944-1945	○ Attended Chicago Theological Seminary
1947	○ B.D., Yale Divinity School
1947	○ Ordained, Mason City, IA
1947-1948	○ Attended Lancashire Independent College and University of Manchester, England
1948-1952	○ Pastor, Congregational Church, Bradford, VT
1952-1958	○ Pastor, Congregational Church, Orange, CT
1958-1966	○ Pastor, Union Congregational Church, W. Palm Beach, FL
1966-1970	○ Pastor, Edgewood Congregational Church
1970-1974	○ Pastor, Fairmount Community Church, Syracuse, NY
1974-1985	○ Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ, Allentown, PA
1985	○ Died

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## Scope and Contents

This collection provides an overview of the work of a Yale Divinity School graduate who served Congregational churches from 1948 to 1985. Sermons, prayers, and programs are arranged chronologically in looseleaf notebooks.

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## Arrangement

- I. Notebooks of sermons, prayers, programs

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Notebooks of sermons, prayers, programs, 1946-1985

b. 1	Notebooks	1946 Summer- 1952 Advent
b. 2	Notebooks	1952 Advent- 1957 Lent
b. 3	Notebooks	1957 Lent-1961 Lent
b. 4	Notebooks	1961 Lent- 1965 Lent
b. 5	Notebooks	1965 Lent- 1969 Lent
b. 6	Notebooks	1969 Spring, Summer - 1973 Lent
b. 7	Notebooks	1973 Spring, Summer - 1978 Lent
b. 8	Notebooks	1978 Spring, Summer - 1983 Lent
b. 9	Notebooks	1983 Spring, Summer - 1985 Lent

## **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  
Congregational churches -- United States  
Congregationalism  
Sermons, American

### **Names**

Vorba, Edward James, 1923-1985

### **Corporate Body**

United Church of Christ