

McLean County Museum of History

Church Women United Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1958-2010
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Scrapbooks ranging from 1945-2008.

Historical Sketch

(Adapted from document in folder 1)

“From 1941 to today women of the Church Women United Movement have held a vision of Christian unity and prayerful action. The Movement was founded in 1941 as a racially, culturally, and theologically inclusive Christian women’s movement to celebrate unity in diversity and work for peace in the world.

At its founding, the movement was named United Council of Church Women (UCCW). Women of faith from three interdenominational women’s groups representing 70 denominations, convened in Atlantic City in December 1941 while bombs were being dropped and the world was at war. The United Council of Church Women’s first action was to circulate a petition signed by 84,000 churchwomen ‘urging the United States at the signing of the United Nations Charter, to join and take its full responsibility in a world organization.’

The action received wide publicity in the media, and Eleanor Roosevelt later involved the UCCW in a conference at the White House on ‘How Women May Share in Post War Policy Making.’ Such action remains typical for CWU today as its quest for informed prayer for prayerful action continues. Women of the Movement affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. For more history read M. Shannon’s *Just Because*, and CWU’s *60th Anniversary Memory Book*.”

Scope Note

This collection contains meeting minutes, newsletters, brochures, photographs, programs, and yearbooks, and spans the years 1958-2010.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: By-laws and attendance

- 1.1 Brief history of CWU
- 1.2 By-laws for CWU Bloomington-Normal
- 1.3 2007-2010 attendance sheets for CWU meetings and events

Folder 2: 2007 Photos

- 2.1 Thank-you from McLean County Museum of History for donation of scrapbooks and attendance record book.
- 2.2 Photograph of Bill Kemp, CWU member, and donated scrapbook
- 2.3 Photographs of CWU meeting, members photographed include but are not limited to: Louise Pearson, Karon Hunt, Bessie Pearson, Carol Snodgrass, Rosemarie Scarberry, Janice Lewis, Della Staley, Lucy Palles, Dottie Medcalf, Geraldine Day, Helen Stark, Grace Bonds, Laurina Wieland.

Folder 3: Programs 1958-1972

- 3.1 15 annual programs

Folder 4: Yearbooks 1973-1987

- 4.1 15 annual yearbooks

Folder 5: Yearbooks 1988-1997

- 5.1 6 annual yearbooks

Folder 6: Meeting Minutes and Events 2009-2010

- 6.1 Treasurers reports, meeting minutes, attendance records, FOCUS newsletters, Order of Worship World Day of Prayer booklets, World Community Day booklets, Human Rights Celebration booklets, organized chronologically

Folder 7: Meeting Minutes and Events 2006-2008

- 7.1 Treasurers reports, meeting minutes, attendance records, FOCUS newsletters, Order of Worship World Day of Prayer booklets, World Community Day booklets, Human Rights Celebration booklets, organized chronologically

Folder 8: Meeting Minutes and Events 1988-2005

- 8.1 Treasurers reports, meeting minutes, attendance records, FOCUS newsletters, Order of Worship World Day of Prayer booklets, World Community Day booklets, Human Rights Celebration booklets, organized chronologically

Folder 9: Meeting Minutes and Events 1972-1987

- 9.1 Treasurers reports, meeting minutes, attendance records, FOCUS newsletters, Order of Worship World Day of Prayer booklets, World Community Day booklets, Human Rights Celebration booklets, organized chronologically

Folder 10: Meeting Minutes and Events 1966-1972

- 10.1 Treasurers reports, meeting minutes, attendance records, FOCUS newsletters, Order of Worship World Day of Prayer booklets, World Community Day booklets, Human Rights Celebration booklets, organized chronologically

Folder 11: Meeting Minutes 1958-1966

- 11.1 Meeting Minutes from 1958-1966