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Administrative Information

Title:
Southern California Church and Christian Non-Profit Organizations Material

Collection Identifier:
CFT00163

Creators:
Southern California Churches and Christian Non-Profit Organizations

Size:
18 Boxes

Repository:
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Provenance:
Material collected by Glen Dawson and Nancy Gower

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English

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**Historical Background**

This is a collection of bulletins from local churches and retreat centers, articles on religion, the California missions and religious ephemera from Southern California. Its seed idea came from Wilbur Smith who collected pamphlets of many religious groups in California in preparation for a book he proposed on, *The Christian traveler in California*. The book was never published but his collection of pamphlets, and an outline of proposed chapters, is part of the Wilbur Smith Collection. Most of this material was collected from 2005-2012, however there are some materials from a workshop which took place in 1965.

On Lake Avenue Church:
Charles and Grace Fuller were the friends of Lake Ave. pastor Henry Hutchins. The Fullers attended the church when possible and Dr. Hutchins was on the FEA Board. When zoning problems kept classes from meeting at Highgate, Dr. Hutchins offered the Education Building at Lake Ave. as a classroom for Fuller’s entering class in 1947. Until 1953 when Payton Hall was completed, Lake Avenue’s Education Building was Fuller’s home. All of Fuller’s early faculty taught adult Sunday School classes there on Sundays, were frequently in the pulpit, and taught Bible Studies during the week. Many of them also attended Lake Ave. as their home church. The Lindsell, Carnell and Johnson families raised their children in Lake Avenue’s Sunday School, from cradle to graduation from High School. Wilbur Smith was a favorite Bible teacher, as was Charles Woodbridge. But none was the peer of outstanding thinker and teacher Edward John Carnell, a member of the Mariners adult Sunday School class. Everett Harrison, Gleason Archer, and Carl Henry were also popular with the congregation. Fuller’s struggle to define its position on the infallibility of Scripture was felt at Lake Ave. shortly after Black Friday, Ed Johnson withdrew from Fuller’s Board of Trustees, in protest against a position with which he disagreed, as did faculty members Wilbur Smith and Gleason Archer. Fuller student body president in 1962, Dick Anderson, lead the High School department and was much loved by Lindsell, Carnell and Johnson daughters, as well as all members of the department, including Nancy Sanders who later became Archivist at Fuller after earning her Masters and Ph.D. there. This small collection of Lake Avenue directories and documents was given by Glen Dawson, whose son attended Fuller, and by Nancy Sanders Gower.

**Scope and Content**

This is a collection of Ephemera and other materials from churches and a few non-profit organizations in Southern California.
Arrangement

This collection is organized into 18 boxes consisting of 6 series as follows:

**Series 1:** Pasadena and Los Angeles Area (Lake Avenue Church, First Nazarene Church of Pasadena, All Saints Episcopal Church, etc.). (Box 1-10)

**Series 2:** Mission Organizations and Non-Profit Organizations (Union Rescue Mission, Union Station of Pasadena, Door of Hope of Pasadena, World Impact, etc.). Box (11-12)

**Series 3:** Catholic Centers. (Box 13)

**Series 4:** Valyermo Workshop, Winona Lake 1965, etc. (Box 14)

**Series 5:** Miscellaneous (St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church of Los Angeles, Min Avenue Christian Church of Bakersfield, Church of the Angels, etc.). (Box 15)

**Series 6:** Missions of La Canada Presbyterian Church. (Boxes 16-18)

Box Inventory

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