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Administrative Information

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

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18 Boxes

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Administrative Note

The Southern California Church and Christian Non-Profit Organizations Material contains bulletins from local churches and retreat centers, articles on religion, and religious ephemera from Southern California. Former Fuller Seminary archivist Nancy Sanders Gower and contributor Glen Dawson created the collection between 2005-2012, taking the idea from former Fuller faculty member Dr. Wilbur Smith. Dr. Smith 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.

Historical Note

On the Lake Avenue Congregational Church – Fuller Seminary relationship:

Fuller Seminary founders Charles and Grace Fuller were the friends of Lake Avenue Congregational Church pastor Henry Hutchins during the 1940s-1960s. The Fullers attended the church when possible, and Dr. Hutchins was on the board of Dr. Fuller’s organization, Fuller Evangelistic Association (FEA). When zoning problems kept Fuller Seminary’s 1947 inaugural classes from meeting at a converted Pasadena estate, Dr. Hutchins offered the Education Building at Lake Avenue Congregational Church as a classroom. The Education Building served as Fuller Seminary’s classroom setting until 1953 when the school transitioned to 135 North Oakland Avenue and its newly constructed Administration Building (later renamed Payton Hall).

All of Fuller Seminary’s early faculty taught adult Sunday School classes, preached sermons, and taught Bible studies at the church. Professors Lindsell, Carnell and Johnson attended the church regularly with their families. Dr. Edward J. Carnell attended the Mariners Adult Sunday School class, and was a favorite teacher. Other popular Bible instructors included Wilbur Smith, Charles Woodbridge, Everett Harrison, Gleason Archer, and Carl Henry. Another active participant was Fuller Seminary’s 1962 Student Body President Dick Anderson, who led the Lake Avenue high school department.
**Scope and Content**

The Southern California Church and Christian Non-Profit Organizations Material consists of bulletins from local churches and retreat centers, articles on religion, and religious ephemera from Southern California. Included organizations range in denomination and theological affiliation, including Lake Avenue Congregational Church, All Saints Episcopal Church, Union Rescue Mission, and Church of the Angels. Most of material was collected from 2005-2012. Some workshop materials date as early as 1965.

**Subjects:**
- Ephemera
- Missions—California—Los Angeles
- Nonprofit organizations
- Lake Avenue Congregational Church
- First Church of the Nazarene Pasadena
- All Saints Episcopal Church
- Union Rescue Mission
- Union Station of Pasadena
- Door of Hope, Pasadena
- World Impact
- St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church of Los Angeles
- Min Avenue Christian Church of Bakersfield
- Church of the Angeles
- La Canada Presbyterian Church
- Los Angeles (Calif.)
- Pasadena (Calif.)
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

*Box 1-10: Pasadena and Los Angeles Area (Series 1)*

*Box 11-12: Mission Organizations and Non-Profit Organizations* (Series 2)

*Box 13: Catholic Centers* (Series 3)

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

*Box 15: Miscellaneous* (Series 5)

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