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Administrative Information

Title: George W. Stearns Papers on the Middle East, 1956-2005

Collection Identifier:
CFT00134

Creators:
Stearns, George W.

Size:
1 Box, 0.5 linear feet

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The gift of George “Wally” Stearns

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Biography

George Wally Stearns (1934-2009), the son of Roswel and Rose Stearns, grew up at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, and was ordained there on January 22, 1956. He was a graduate of Occidental College and San Francisco Theological Seminary. After his ordination he served as Director of Migrant Ministry in Kings County in the San Joaquin Valley of California, under the National Council of Churches, and then in Bell Gardens Community Center in Southern California. He pastored churches in Ukiah, La Canada and Pasadena. He also served as a teacher and Chaplain at Schutz School in Alexandria, Egypt while he pastored the Community Church there. In the mid seventies he became an activist for Middle East peace and reconciliation.

Scope and Content

The Reverend George “Wally” Stearns was an activist for peace in the Middle East. This is a collection of articles, letters and petitions related to various aspects of the conflicts in the Middle East from 1976 to 2005.

The collection contains two church bulletins from Immanuel Presbyterian Church which provide biographical information on Wally Stearns. The bulk of papers are resources, articles, information, newsletters, email updates, meeting announcements, minutes of meetings and other papers related to the Middle East, gathered by Wally Stearns from 1976 to 2005. Meetings held by two Fuller professors, Butrus Abd-al-Malik and Fred Bush, are included. Also included are letters to President Bush and other political leaders, as well as a petition against the war in Iraq.

Arrangement

This collection is organized into 1 box.

Box Inventory

Box 1

Folder	Item	Date - note
1	Immanuel Messenger	May 18, 1956 & July 16, 1976
2	Letter from G.W. Stearns to Bush, Cheney, Moorehead	1990, 1991

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3	Wally Stearns letters and notes	
4	1 st Presbyterian Church of Ukiah letterhead, a Financial report for 1975 and photo of an Indian	1975
5	Abd-al-Malik, Butrus. Interview, class on the Middle East at Westminster Pres, Pasadena, 1979 and seminar there in 1988	1977, 1979, 1988
6	Fred Bush letter to Darrell Myers of the Middle East Fellowship of SoCal. Attached is material posted on the Board of Declaration at Fuller Seminary on the Christian Peacemaker Teams, activists for justice for Palestine.	c. 2001
7	Sabeel Presentation: Reading the OT with Palestinian Eyes	13 page ms by a Fuller prof, probably Fred Bush. N.d.
8	PCUSA and the Middle East	1984-1992
9-10	Middle East Fellowship of SoCal	1978-1988
11	<i>The Bridge</i> a publication of the Middle East Fellowship	1979
12	Saul Alinsky quote	
13	Father Elias Chacour letters, 1993 speaker 1988	1988, 1993
14	Cal-Tech Resolution on the Gulf Crisis	1991
15	NGO's on the question of Palestine. Newsletter	1985, 1988, 1997
16	Occupied territories information	1989, 1993, 2000
17-18	Middle East Resources (book, pamphlets, films, etc.) stamped G.W. Stearns	
19	Levin, Jerry address on the Middle East. World Vision	1993
20	Middle East crisis: events and groups	1983-1991
21	American Coalition for Middle East Dialogue	1987-88
22	USA, Republicans, Democrats and the Middle East	1988, 2000
23	Harris, Brice: Middle East Timeline 13 th c. BC to 1978	
24	"The Holy Land Under Occupation"	36 page ms, n.d., no author
25	<i>The Link</i> , Americans for Middle East Understanding	1987, 1988
26	National Association of American Arabs	1988
27	Newsletter of the Office on Christian-Muslim Relations	1987
28	Alamal Child Care Centre, Bethlehem	1993

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29	Petition against war in Iraq by Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace. Proposed City Council of Pasadena, Los Angeles resolution	15 sheets of signatures. 2003
30	Email update from the ACLU: Patriots against the Patriot Act	2005
31	Email updates from various Middle East action groups	2000-2005
32	Presbyterian Office on Aging handouts	1983