

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
K1352 (KA2282)
DR. ROBERT LEE HILL (1952-) PAPERS

This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City. If you would like more information, please contact us at shsofmo-kc@umsystem.edu.

Introduction

23 cubic feet

Dr. Robert Lee Hill served as minister of the Community Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kansas City, Missouri for thirty years. Beginning as associate minister in 1985, two years later he became senior minister, and was the youngest senior minister to serve in that position in the church's history. He was a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War, and was educated at Texas Christian University, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, and Christian Theological Seminary, respectively. He served on numerous local and national boards and commissions.

The papers include sermons, books, speeches, correspondence, photographs, awards and additional materials relating to his long career and numerous activities within and outside of the church and the Kansas City community.

This preliminary inventory was compiled with the assistance of Community Christian Church volunteers.

Donor Information

Dr. Robert Lee Hill (1952-) donated his papers to the State Historical Society of Missouri on October 20, 2015 (Accession KA2282).

Research note:

See also Community Christian Church Records (K0392).

Location note:

The collection is stored offsite and will need to be retrieved before viewing.

Box List

Box 1 (106437)

Personal Files

All Peoples Christian Center;
Nashville Sermons, 1980-1982, (5 folders);
Project Return, 1982-1987, (2 folders);
RLH Installation Services, 1985, 1987;
Camps and Conferences, 1982-1983;
Retreats 1994, 1995, 1998
RLH photos [print and digital form] and sabbatical book 2001;
Mission trips, 2007, 2012;
RLH General Minister and President search, 2003;

K1352 (KA2282)
Dr. Robert Lee Hill (1952-) Papers

National Benevolent Association, 2003;
Awards and Commendations;
RLH Retirement, 2015

Seminaries

Central Baptist Theological Seminary;
Central Christian Seminary and Christian Church Foundation;
Lexington Theological Seminary 2001;

Box 2 (106438)

Seminaries, cont'd

St. Paul School of Theology, 2004-2005;
St. Paul School of Theology, 2006;
St. Paul School of Theology, 2007;
St. Paul School of Theology, 2008 (2 folders);
St. Paul School of Theology, 2009;
Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1978;
Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1979;
Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1980 (2 folders)

RLH books

“The Color of Sabbath” manuscript 2007;
The Gospel at Ground Zero 2002;
Empowering Congregations;
Great Souls, Great Prayers 1997, 1998, 1999;
Great Souls, Great Prayers provisional manuscript 1999;
Great Souls, Great Prayers provisional manuscript 2001;
Great Souls Great Prayers 2010; Great Souls, Great Prayers 2011-2013;
“Hard to Tell” manuscript 2003;

Box 3 (106439)

RLH books, cont'd

Life's Too Short, manuscript, 2015;
Made Whole Again By Broken Bread, 2004;
Piano and Poems, 2015
So Great a Cloud of Witnesses, 2005;
Romans Study Guide, 2004;
We Make the Road by Walking, 2003;
The Disciple magazine reviews and correspondence (2 folders);
RLH writings
Photos (3 folders);
Steeple of Light, 1994;
Steeple of Light, 1990-2004;
Steeple of Light gala, 2005 (4 folders);
Community Treasures, 2007-2008;
Community Treasures, 2009;
Community Treasures, 2010;

K1352 (KA2282)
Dr. Robert Lee Hill (1952-) Papers

Henry Bloch Breakfasts and Capsule Study 1985, 1986

Box 4 (106440)

Henry Bloch Breakfasts and Capsule Study, 1985-1989;
Community Christian Church history, 1965-2002, 1990 (2 folders);
Frank Lloyd Wright (2 folders)

Outside Community Christian Church Presentations:

1985-1989;
1990-1993;
1994-1995;
1996;
1997;
1998;
1999;
2000.

Metropolitan Human Relations Commission:

Pen Pal Project;
Hands across the Metroplex;
Meeting Agendas and Minutes;
Mayors and Officials;
Mission Statement, Addresses and Phone numbers

Box 5 (106631)

Outside Community Christian Church Presentations:

2001; 2002;
January-April 2003;
May-December 2003; 2004;
January-June 2005;
July-December 2005;
2006; 2007;
2008; 2009;
2010 and 2011;
2012; 2013; 2014; 2015

Fund for Theological Education 2001-2005

Box 6 (110830)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Observances:

1979-1986;
1991-1992;
1993-1996;
1997- 1999;
2000; 2001 (2 folders);
2002 (2 folders); 2003 (2 folders);
2004 (2 folders) 2005;
2006; 2007; 2008; 2009; 2010;
2011-2012;

K1352 (KA2282)
Dr. Robert Lee Hill (1952-) Papers

2013; [nothing for 2014]; 2015

Box 7 (110831)

Bethany Fellowships, 1996-1997;
Bethany Fellowships, 1998; 1999;
Bethany Fellowships, 2000; 2001; 2002 (2 folders);
Bethany Fellowships, 2003; 2004; 2005; 2006; 2007; 2008;
Bethany Fellowships, 2009-2010; 2011,
Bethany Fellowships, 2012, 2013, 2014; 2015
Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity (MORE²), Gamaliel (2 folders);
MORE² 2003-2004;
MORE², 2005 January-September; 2005 October;

Box 8 (111075)

MORE² 2005, November-December; 2005 (4);
MORE² 2006; 2007 (2 folders); 2008;
MORE² 2009; 2010; 2011; 2012;
MORE² 2013; 2014; 2015;
MORE² Jericho Table, 2001-2008 (3 folders);
MORE² Faith in Democracy, 2006
MORE² Education Initiatives (2 folders);
Compassion Sabbath (2 folders);

Box 9 (111076)

MOSAIC, 2003-2004 (3 folders); Cameroon (COURAGE), 1997-1999 (3 folders);
Trip to Turkey, 2006;
Good Morning Kansas City, Religion on the Line, B’Nai Jehudah;
COLORS, Jewish Vocational Services, Main Street Coalition, COPS;
NAACP, 2008 and BRIDGE, 2001;
Soul Repair, 2012;
Correspondence, 1985; 1986;
Correspondence, 1987 (2 folders);
Correspondence, 1998 (3 folders);

Box 10 (111077)

Correspondence, 1989 (2 folders); 1990 (2 folders);
Correspondence, 1991; 1992 (2 folders); 1993 (2 folders);
Correspondence, 1994; 1995 (2 folders)
Correspondence, 1996-1999 (1 folder);
[NOTE: no folder for year 2000];
Correspondence, 2001-2002; 2003;
Correspondence, 2004 (4 folders), cont’d;

Box 11 (111078)

Correspondence, 2004 (1 folder);
Correspondence, 2005 (3 folders);

K1352 (KA2282)
Dr. Robert Lee Hill (1952-) Papers

Correspondence, 2006; 2007;
Correspondence, 2008 (2 folders)
Correspondence, 2009 (2 folders); 2010 (2 folders);
Correspondence, 2011 (2 folders); 2012 (2 folders);
Correspondence, 2013 (2 folders);

Box 12 (052196)

Correspondence, 2014 (3 folders);
Correspondence, 2015 and undated (1 folder)

People:

CCC members A-M (2 folders); Jean Bear; Mary Annette Merchant;
CCC members (N-Z); CCC Clergy (A-Z);
Joan Bell Haynes; Amy Lignitz Harken;
Burriss Jenkins; Frank Johnson Pippin;

People (Non-CCC):

Dale Eldred; non-CCC clergy (2 folders);
Joyce Barnes; Barbara Blaisdell; Forrest Church;
Emanuel Cleaver II; Fred Craddock; Alvin Jackson;
Thom Savage and Michael Zedek

Box 13 (112227)

Clergy Renewal (Sabbatical 2000);
Application for Clergy Residency Program Grant and TiM;
Grant Proposal; Reports to Lilly Endowment; Resident, Megan Ammann; Resident, Kelli Driscoll; Resident, Michelle Harris-Gloyer; Resident, Monica Lewis; Resident, Melissa St. Clair; Resident, Katie Sexton; Resident, Caitie Smith; Resident, Kevin Snow;
Resident, Ryan Thrasher; Angola Prison visit; the Maafa;

Community Christian Church Presentations: Taize and Worship; undated prayer series; 1984-2002 prayer series; 2003 – 2012 prayer series; Family/Children/Violence; Disciples Identity and Christian Essentials; Bible studies and classes; Romans Bible study; Art and Travel, Apostles, Disciples and Saints; Great Authors, Poets and Thinkers, Anne Lamott (2 folders)

Community Christian Church Organization, Departments and Committees:

Staff meetings; Board/Administrative Council ; Congregational Care Department;
Cultural Arts Committee; Big Band Boogie Bash; Jazz Carol Fest; July Jazz Jam; CMF;
CYF, photographs; CWF: Evangelism Department; Fellowship Committee; Finance Committee;

Box 14 (112228)

Community Christian Church Organization, Departments and Committees, cont'd:

Heritage Fund; Outreach/Social Justice; Jamaica Partners; Pastoral Relations; Personnel Department; Property Department; Capital Campaigns; Spiritual Direction/Christian Education Department; Spiritual Enrichment/Christian Education; 1985 Forums; Pastors Class, Stewardship Department; Worship Committee; Advent; Lent; Seder Supper/Sacred

K1352 (KA2282)
Dr. Robert Lee Hill (1952-) Papers

Symbols; Living Last Supper/Maundy Thursday; Seven Last Words of Christ; Special Services; House blessings; Blessing of the Animals; Father's Day; Journey Service; 9/11 Services; Spirit Fests; Holocaust Remembrance; Service of Remembrance and Hope; All Saints Day; Prayer Vigils; With This Ring; Blessing and Dedication of Children and Families

Sermons

1985; 1986; 1987 (3 folders); 1988 (2 folders); 1989 (1 of 2 folders);

Box 15 (112426)

Sermons, cont'd

1989 (1 of 2 folders); 1990 (3 folders); 1991 (4 folders);
1992 (4 folders); 1993 (4 folders); 1994 (3 folders)

Box 16 (112427)

Sermons, cont'd

1995 (5 folders); 1996 (4 folders); 1997 (4 folders); 1998 (4 folders); 1999 (2 folders);
2000 (3 of 5 folders)

Box 17 (112428)

Sermons, cont'd

2000 (2 of 5 folders); 2001 (4 folders); 2002 (6 folders) 2003 (6 folders); 2004 (2 of 6
folders)

Box 18 (112429)

Sermons, cont'd

2004 (4 of 6 folders); 2005 (4 folders); 2006 (4 folders); 2007 (6 folders);

Box 19 (112430)

Sermons, cont'd

2008 (5 folders); 2009 (5 folders); 2010 (4 folders); 2011 (5 folders); 2012 (1 of 6
folders)

Box 20 (112432)

Sermons, cont'd

2012 (5 of 6 folders); 2013 (6 folders); 2014 (6 folders); 2015 (2 folders); Sermons,
undated

Box 21 (112433)

Memorial Services and Funerals, Arranged alphabetically by folders A-Z

Box 22 (112434)

Weddings: Arranged alphabetically by folders A to L(1)

Box 23 (112435)

Weddings: Arranged alphabetically by folders L(2) to Z