

**S0543 Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis (1973-),
Addenda, 1970-1992
195 Folders**

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The Metropolitan Community Church first donated copies of the monthly newsletter, The New Light, in the mid-eighties (see collection S0334). In the Summer of 1992, the pastor of MCC, Brad Wishon, met with a representative of WHMC and decided to donate the materials which constitute the following collection. MCC-St. Louis was founded October 28, 1972 with a primary mission of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the gay and lesbian community of St. Louis. The St. Louis Chapter of MCC is a member of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches founded by the Reverend Troy Perry. MCC-St. Louis moved to its present location, 1120 Dolman in October of 1984. Since that time, the MCC Pillars Club was founded to maintain and hopefully restore many aspects of the building. The Pillars have succeeded in some respects, but other projects are still in the works.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains much information concerning the Gay and Lesbian community in St. Louis. It also provides a wealth of information on the MCC and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC). The materials reflect many of the activities of the church and some of its members since its founding. The collection also contains publications, both general and referring to religious organizations, which represents an even smaller group of the gay and lesbian community.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series 1, Administrative Files: This series contains the administrative files for the MCC. In this collection can be found flyers, brochures, correspondence, materials pertinent to the day-to-day activities of the church, and information concerning other gay and lesbian organizations in the St. Louis area. Folders 1 through 103; dates range from 1970 to 1992.

Series 2, Publications: This series consists of publications from all over the country. It is not necessarily limited to religious groups, but several MCC newsletters are included here. These publications include newsletters, reports, newspapers, and magazines specifically aimed at the gay and lesbian community. Folders 104 through 173; dates range from 1974 to 1992.

Series 3, UFMCC: This series contains information concerning the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Materials include correspondence, articles, and conference materials. Folders 174 through 195; dates range from 1973 to 1987.

Series 4, Artifacts: This series contains a t-shirt and a button from the MCC-St. Louis, 1992.

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4. Bars and Restaurants List/Visitors Guide, 1976-77
5. Bulletins (MCC- Omaha), 1976; 1981
6. Certificates, n.d.
7. Challenge Metro, n.d.
8. Charismatics, 1981-82; n.d.
9. Christian Board of Lay Ministry, 1984
10. Civil Rights, 1974-76
11. Class/Training for Pastor, n.d.
12. Community Outreach, ca. 1990
13. Correspondence, 1976-1991
14. Couples, Study Group, 1985
15. Cuban Refugees, 1980
16. Department of Christian Education, 1984
17. Dignity, 1976-84
18. "The Empowerment of a People" by Tom Jordan, 1983
19. Entrapment in Tower Grove Park, 1979
20. Fischer, Joseph, 1982-85
21. Food Outreach, n.d.
22. Food Outreach, "A Tasteful Affair II," 1990
23. Fuller Evangelistic Association: Description of Services, 1984
24. Fund for Overcoming Racism, Flyer, 1990-92
25. Fund-Raising Events, Publicity, 1983-89
26. Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America, Brochure, 1992
27. Gay Liberation Organizations, ca. 1970-78
28. Gay Men's Support Group, n.d.
29. Gay People's Alliance of Washington University (St. Louis), 1975
30. The Gayzette (Church Directory)--Tulsa, n.d.
31. Growing American Youth (G.A.Y.), n.d.
32. Harvey, Jeri Ann--Spiritual Renewal, 1986-87
33. Heartsong Ministries, n.d.
34. History of MCC-St. Louis, 1987

35. H.I.V./A.I.D.S. Statistics (Missouri Department of Health), 3/90
36. Holy Union Materials, ca. 1989
37. Holy Union Personal Inventory, n.d.
38. "Homosexuality in the Scriptures," n.d.
39. Human Awareness Articles, 1971-77
40. Inreach Task Force, n.d.
41. Integrity, n.d.
42. International A.I.D.S Candlelight Memorial, 1990
43. Introduction to the Bible Course, n.d.
44. Lay Ministry Exploration Seminar (Houston), 12/10/83
45. Lay Ministry Job Fair, 4/6/84
46. Lay Ministry Training Guide, 1983
47. Lenten Devotional Guides, 1987; n.d.
48. Lenten Renewal, n.d.
49. Lesbian Alliance, 1975
50. Letters to Congress, 1979-80
51. Let the Church be the Church (Annual Congregational Meeting, MCC-St. Louis), 2/25/90

52. Life Crisis Services (L.C.S.), 1975-77
53. Living Christian Lifestyles Course, n.d.
54. Membership Handbook, 8/90
55. Metropolitan Association of Service Hotlines (M.A.S.H.), 1977
56. Metropolitan Community Church Memorial Wall (Los Angeles), 6/88
57. Metropolitan Life Services Center (M.L.S.C.), 1975
58. Missouri Gay Caucus, 1976-77
59. Missouri Interfaith Commission on Aging, 1975-78
60. Missouri Task Force for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, 1992
61. Music, n.d.
62. National Council of Churches, 1974-78
63. National Council of the Churches of Christ, 1975
64. National Gay Task Force, 1976-78
65. National Task Force on Gay People in the Church, 1974-75
66. New Freedom Evangelistic Team, 1980-82
67. Newsletter, 1981
68. Order Forms, n.d.
69. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), 1976; 1982-1983
70. Partnership Questionnaire, n.d.
71. People Allied for Change and Equality (P.A.C.E.), n.d.
72. Pieters, Stephen--Workshop: "Surviving and Thriving with AIDS," 1988
73. Presbyterians for Gay Concerns, 1976
74. Presbyterian Gay Caucus, 1975
75. Press Releases, 1981-85
76. Pulling, Jeffrey--Articles, 1978-79
77. Rite of Blessing a Relationship, n.d.
78. "St. Louis Illustrated" Controversy, 1980
79. St. Louis Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration, 1981
80. St. Louis Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration, Pride Guide, 1990

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83. "Scriptural Holiness Week and Gay Sexuality" by Maury Johnston, 7/12/79
84. Sending Forth of a Pastor, n.d.
85. S.I.E.C.U.S. (Sex Information and Education Council of the U.S.), 1976
86. Spiritual Life and Clergy Care Center, 1984
87. Spiritual Gifts, n.d.
88. Spiritual Gifts and Church Growth, n.d.
89. Spiritual Renewal Packet, n.d.
90. Spiritual Renewal Weekend (San Diego), 8/91
91. Spiritual Renewal Weekend (St. Louis), 1989
92. Standard Operating Procedures, revised 1990
92. Standard Operating Procedures Committee, 1985; n.d.
93. Survey, n.d.
94. Survey on the Church, n.d.
95. Sweet Honey in the Rock, Program, 3/27/82
96. Talent/Interest Inventory, n.d.
97. Task Force on Gay Ministries and Ministers, 1975
98. Team-St. Louis Flyer, 1992
99. Telephone Volunteers' Training Manual, n.d.
100. Television and Radio--Gay Issues on, 1980-83
101. Waterman Community Association, 1974-75
102. Woman's Self Help Center (St. Louis), 1976-77; 1992
103. World Church Extension, 1985

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104. "Affirmation" (St. Louis, Methodist): #4 (8/87); #6 (10/87); #7 (1/88); #8 (2/88)
105. B.A.L.M. Newsletter #3 (8/91)
106. "The Beacon" (MCC-San Jose), Aug/Sep 1991
107. "Centering In" (Women's Self Help Center, St. Louis), 7/77
108. "Dignity" (International), v.8, n.4 (4/77)
109. Dignity-St. Louis: v.1, numbers 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 (7/81-1/82)
110. Dignity-St. Louis: v.2, nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, (2/82-10/82)
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113. "Evangelistically Speaking" (MCC-Topeka), 7/91
114. "Evangelite" (New Freedom Evangelistic Team, Inc.): 3/78; 1/79; 5/81; 7/81; 9/81; 1981; 8/82; 10/82; 11/82; 2/83; 4/83; 5/83; 6/83; 9/83; 11/83; n.d.
115. Evening Whirl (St. Louis): v. 41, n.6 (9/4/79)
116. "Family Ties" (MCC-Montana), Sep/Oct 1991
117. "Frontline" (E.F.A.-St. Louis): v.1, n.12 (8/88); v.3, n.1 (9/89); v.4, n.7 (4/91); v.4, n.3 (5/91)
118. "A Gay Bibliography" by National Gay Task Force, rev. 1/74
119. The Gay Christian (UFMCC), 1980

120. Gay Community News, excerpt, 7/12/80
121. "Gayly Forward" (Gay Men's Support Group, St. Louis): v.4, n.8 (8/92) and Brochure
122. "Gay People and Mental Health" (Minneapolis): v.1, n.6; v.4, n.1 (2/75); v.4, n.2 (3/75); v.4, n.3 (5/75)
123. "Gays on the Hill" (MCC-D.C.): v.1, n.1 (3/76) and Fact Sheets
124. "Genesis III" (Philadelphia Task Force on Women in Religion), v.5, n.1 (1/75)
125. "Gleanings" (UFMCC Ministry Resources): 12/87; v.1, n.6 (6/88)
126. "Insights" (Spiritual Life and Clergy Care Center), 5/84; 6/84; 7/84
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130. In Unity (UFMCC): 3/81; 5/81; 1981
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132. "It's Time" (NGTF): v.1, n.5 (5/75); v.2, nos. 1, 2, 4, 5 (10/75-2/76); v.3, nos. 2, 3, 7 (11/76-4/77)
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146. "The Last Days" Newsletter (Last Days Evangelical Association), v.7, n.4 (1984)
147. Ligori Publications, excerpts, 1977
148. Lutheran Perspective, excerpts, 7/4/83
149. MCC of the Rockies Newsletter, 9/15/91
150. MCC-St. Louis Newsletter, v.1, n.4 (Jul/Aug 1992)
151. "The Messenger" (MCC-Omaha): 8/91; 9/91; 10/91
152. "MetCom Press" (MCC-St. Louis): v.2, n. 11 (12/89)
153. "Morning Star Witness" (MCC-Worcester, MA): Jul/Aug 1991; Sep/Oct 1991
154. "New Dawn" (MCC-New Haven), 9/91
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158. NGTF Action Report: 1/75; 11/75; 1/76; 2/76; 4/76; 6/76; 10/76; 4/15/77; 4/77; 12/77; 2/78
159. Presbyterian Gay Caucus Newsletter: #4 (11/74); #7 (7/75); #10 (1/76); #11 (2/76); #12 (4/76); #14 (6/76); #15 (9/76); #18 (1/77); #19 (4/77); #20 (6/77); #21 (6/77); #22 (9/77)

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168. Sexual Law Reporter: v.3, n.4 (Jul/Oct 1977); v.4, n.5 (Nov/Dec 1977)
169. S.I.E.C.U.S. (Sexual Information and Education Council of the U.S.): v.5, n.4 (3/77); v.6, n.4 (3/78)
170. "The Spirit of Living Faith" (MCC of Living Faith, St. Louis): 8/91; 10/91
171. United Church of Christ Gay Caucus Newsletter: v.4, n.1(4/77)
172. Vision Magazine (MCC-Florida): v.2, n.4 (Aug/Sep 1991)
173. "The Word" (MCC-Southern Illinois), v.1, n.1 (10/83)

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185. Districts, n.d.
186. Fellowship Directory, 1975
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