

**Women. Ministry. and the City, Records,  
1946-2002. n.d.**

**Creator:** Women, Ministry, and the City

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**Administration Information**

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**Separations:** 3.5 linear ft. of duplicate material was removed. 0.5 linear ft. of student applications and assessments were also removed.

**See Also:** See also Mundelein College Archives, the Gretchen Leppke Papers, and the Deborah's Place Records held at the WLA.

**Administrative History**

In the spring of 1982, Rosemary Radford Ruether gathered a small group of women to discuss an idea for a "real(1y) feminist, non-hierarchical" program that would give women seminarians the opportunity to work with female clergy in urban parishes and congregations. Gretchen Leppke was chosen as coordinator of the program.

In 1983, Women, Ministry, and the City (WMC) ran its first summer program which consisted of a one-day orientation and a six week internship in places such as Genesis House (a house of hospitality and nurturing for women prostitutes), Resident Emergency Shelter (REST), Sarah's Circle, and Kinheart among others. Initially, support for the program came primarily from the Chicago Cluster of Theological Schools. Subsequent financial support was also provided by the McCormick Theological Seminary. At about the same time, WMC partnered with the newly created Urban Academy and received a grant from the Association of Theological Schools, which made an extension of the programming temporarily possible.

After the abrupt closing of Urban Academy, WMC partnered with the Community Renewal Society of Chicago, which provided a working space, secretarial help, and handled program finances. Garrett Seminary also provided the group with working space while other organizations such as the Methodist Church, Women Methodists, and United Methodist Church contributed financially.

In 1988, WMC moved again to the newly formed Women of Faith Resource Center. The improvement offered partial relief from financial difficulties which had increased dramatically during the preceding few years. In 1990, Gretchen Leppke retired and a summer program was not offered. However, a year later, the program was renewed by Mundelein College which provided staff and meetings space. When Mundelein affiliated with Loyola University Chicago in 1991, the latter continued to sponsor the program and added formal structure, a board, a regular meeting schedule, and staff. As of 2002, the program was absorbed into the Institute of Pastoral Studies of Loyola University Chicago.

### **Scope and Content**

The Women, Ministry, and the City Records span the period 1946 to 2002 and consist of 13 boxes. There are four series in the collection. The material is arranged alphabetically.

#### **Series 1: Administrative, 1982-2002, n.d., Boxes 1-3**

Contains material related to the organizational structure of Women, Ministry, and the City, including bylaws, syllabi, Board Membership lists, meeting minutes, and board evaluations, as well as its day-to-day administration and planning. Also included is information produced during the absorption into Mundelein College and later Loyola University Chicago, including financial reports, bookkeeping records, program packets, and correspondence. These files cover the tenures of Gretchen Leppke, Peggy L. T. Garrison, Mary Lou Codman-Wilson, Barbara R. Isaacs, and Carolyn Vogt Groves as coordinators of the program.

#### **Series 2: Program Management, 1982-1999, n.d., Boxes 3-4**

This series is comprised primarily of student evaluations of the program and of sites at which they interned. Also included is correspondence with potential and actual supervisors.

#### **Series 3: Teaching and Reference Materials, 1946-1997, n.d., Boxes 5-10**

Includes subject files that were used for teaching and/or reference. The materials focus on women's ordination issues, the position of women in religion and in formal dominations. Other material includes booklets on feminist theology, bible study, women and spirituality, and social issues that affect women such as domestic violence and the equal rights movements. Broader issues include racism, urban Christian missions, and social justice.

#### **Series 4: Audiovisual, 1973-1992, n.d., Boxes 10-13**

This series includes audiovisual materials used primarily for training. Also included are photographs and negatives of events, group members, and a photo album from 1988. The training materials consist of slides, VHS- and cassette-recorded lectures and conferences, and four 8mm reel to reel films.

#### **Subjects:**

Methodist Church (U.S.)--Clergy  
Feminist theology--United States  
Genesis House--Chicago, IL  
Ordination of Women

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<b>Series 1: Administrative, 1982-2002, n.d.</b>			
1	1	Administration: Blank Form Templates	1983
	2	Administration: Blank Form Templates	1993
	3	Administration: Blank Form Templates	1994
	4	Administration: Blank Form Templates	1995
	5	Administration: Blank Form Templates	1996
	6	Administration: Blank Form Templates	2001
	7	Administration: Correspondence	1983-1991
	8	Administration: Correspondence	1991-1997, n.d.
	9	Administration: Correspondence	1998-2002
	10	Board: Bylaws and Organizational Structure	1994-1995
	11	Board: Meeting Minutes	1993-1995
	12	Board: Meeting Minutes	1996-1997
2	1	Board: Meeting Minutes	1998
	2	Board: Meeting Minutes	1999-2002
	3	Board: Member Lists	1995-2001
	4	Conference Honoring Rosemary Reuther	2002
	5	Finances: Audit Report	FY1993
	6	Finances: Audit Report	FY1994
	7	Finances: Bookkeeping Records	1983-1986
	8	Finances: Bookkeeping Records	1988
	9	Finances: Bookkeeping Records	1991-1992
	10	Finances: Budgets	1983-1995
	11	Finances: Fiscal Agent Agreement with The Women of Faith Resource Center	1995, n.d.
	12	Finances: Grant Application Information	1993-1998
	13	Finances: Grant Proposals	1982-1990
	14	Finances: Grant Proposal including budget	1995
	15	Finances: Income Statements	1994-1998
	16	Finances: Income Statements	2001
	17	Human Resources: Signed Independent Contractor Agreements	1995-2001
	18	Organizational History	1995, 2002
3	1	Organizational Planning	1983-1984, n.d.
	2	Organizational Planning	1991
	3	Organizational Planning	1992
	4	Organizational Planning	1993-1994
	5	Organizational Planning	1997
	6	Organizational Planning	1998, n.d.
	7	Summer Program: Flyers	1983-1998
3	8	Summer Program: Schedules	1983-1991

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9	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1985
10	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1986
11	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1987
12	Summer Program: Seminar Packet (Partial)	1992
13	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1994
14	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1995
15	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1996
16	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1997
17	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1998
18	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1999
19	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	2000

**Series 2: Program Management, 1982-1999, n.d.**

3	20	Case Study Instructions	1992, n.d.
	21	Coordinator's Notes re: Women's Summer Internship	1983-1987, n.d.
	22	Coordinator's Notes re: Women's Summer Internship	1992
4	1	Coordinator's Summary Reports re: Women's Summer Internship	1984-1987
	2	Student Evaluations of Program	1985-1988
	3	Student Evaluations of Program	1989-1991
	4	Student Evaluations of Program	1993
	5	Student Evaluations of Program	1997
	6	Student Evaluations of Program	1999
	7	Student Evaluations of Sites: Chicago Fellowship Ministry	1985
	8	Student Evaluations of Sites: Chicago Women's Aid Project	n.d.
	9	Student Evaluations of Sites: Chicago Uptown Ministry	1985
	10	Student Evaluations of Sites: Deborah's Place	1988-1989
	11	Student Evaluations of Sites: Genesis House	1987
	12	Student Evaluations of Sites: Good Shepherd Parish	1984-1985, 1987
	13	Student Evaluations of Sites: Holy Covenant United Methodist Church	n.d.
	14	Student Evaluations of Sites: Judith Kelsey-Powell	1987
	15	Student Evaluations of Sites: Judith VanOsdol-Hansen	n.d.
	16	Student Evaluations of Sites: Methodist Home Auxiliary	1989
	17	Student Evaluations of Sites: Mujeres Latinas en Accion	1989
	18	Student Evaluations of Sites: National Assembly of Religious Women	1989-, 1991
	19	Student Evaluations of Sites: Pullman United Methodist Church	1983-1985, 1987
	20	Student Evaluations of Sites: REST	1987-1988, 1993
	21	Student Evaluations of Sites: Sarah's Circle	1983-1987
	22	Student Evaluations of Sites: United Methodist Church	n.d.
4	23	Student Evaluations of Sites: Voelkel People's Church	1984
	24	Student Lists	1983-1992

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	25	Student Scholarship Applications and Correspondence	1997, 1999, n.d.
	26	Supervisor Correspondence	1983-1991
5	1	Supervisor Correspondence	1983-1993, n.d.
	2	Supervisor Correspondence	1982-1983, n.d.
	3	Supervisor Lists	1983-1989
		<b>Series 3: Teaching and Reference Material, 1949-1997, n.d.</b>	
	4	“ABC Women Packet” and “Women the Longest Silenced Minority”	n.d.
	5	“Apostolic Office, Sacrament of Christ” and “The Significance of Insignificance of Women’s Ordination”	1974, 1977
	6	Articles re: Sexuality	1982-1997
	7	“A Black Response to Feminist Theology”	1984, 1992, n.d.
	8	“Black Studies, Ethnic Studies, and Women’s Studies”	1991-1993
	9	<i>Bible Women Speak</i>	1978-1979
	10	<i>Biblical Inspiration and Authority</i>	1980
	11	<i>Books of Beginnings</i>	1980
	12	<i>By What Authority</i>	1977
	13	<i>Can Women Serve in the Ordained Ministry?</i>	1973
	14	“The changing Face of the AIDS Epidemic”	1989
	15	<i>Church &amp; Ministry: Chosen Race, Royal Priesthood, Holy Nation, God’s Own People</i>	1982
6	1	<i>Concerning the Ordination of Women</i>	1964
	2	“Contribution to a Dialogue: Approaches to Teaching about Race and Culture to Human Service”	1993, n.d.
	3	“The Cost of Feminism,” “Mothers Lead the War,” and <i>Walking with Women Through Chicago History</i>	1980-1989
	4	<i>Dare to Speak</i>	1979
	5	<i>Daughters of Sarah</i> (journal)	1983-1990
	6	<i>Did Christ Rule Out Women Priests?</i>	1978
	7	Disabilities	1991, n.d.
	8	<i>Door</i> Interview: <i>Marabel Morgan</i>	n.d.
	9	Early Literacy Parent Handbook, “Strengthening Families Through the Parent-Child Relationship”	1981, n.d.
	10	<i>ERA and Equal Employment Opportunity</i>	1970-1993
	11	<i>Eve’n Us: Written Instructions</i>	n.d.
	12	“Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Woman Experience, But Were Afraid to Hear”	n.d.
	13	“The Feminine Mystique and the Ministry”	1979
	14	“Feminists and the Bible” and “Feminist Theology Future”	1982-1991
	15	<i>Feminist Theology</i>	1980-1986
	16	General Commission o the Role of Women	1980-1989

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7	1	“Hearts of Flame: A Poetic Exploration of the Vision of Three Lovers of God”	1980
	2	<i>Homosexual Catholic: A New Primer for Discussion</i>	1982
	3	“Human Relations Materials for the Schools, Church, and Community”	n.d.
	4	<i>Journeying Towards the Deeper Faith</i>	n.d.
	5	<i>Justice Ministers</i>	1979, 1982
	6	<i>Lutheran Women Today</i>	1989
	7	<i>The Midwife: Written Instructions</i>	n.d.
	8	<i>Minority Women’s Survival Kit</i>	1982
	9	<i>Ms.</i>	1994
	10	<i>Neither Male or Female</i>	1971
	11	<i>New Church and the City</i>	1952
	12	<i>The Ordination of Women</i>	1970
	13	<i>The Other Side</i> (journal)	1976, 1980
	14	“The Politics and Theology of Ministry with Women,” and “the Role of Man and Woman in the Church”	n.d.
	15	“Popular Misconceptions about the Age of Genesis Story”	1955
	16	“Prophetic Consciousness in the Contemporary Church” and “Report of the Commission on Theology and church Relations”	n.d.
	17	“The Question of Ordination of Women”	1978
	18	“The Renaissance Humanist Movement, 1300-1600”	1993
	19	<i>Rousseau, Burke, and Pain</i>	1946
8	1	“Seeking Our Connections Finding Our Strength”	1990
	2	“Should Women Be Ordained?”	n.d.
	3	“A Single Woman Speaks Up” and “American Women: Their Use and Abuse”	1967, 1969
	4	“Special Section on Appropriation and Reciprocity in Women/Mujerista/Feminist Work”	1990-1993
	5	<i>Sudden Spring</i>	1983
	6	“Supervision: a Biblical Metaphor”	n.d.
	7	<i>Take a New Look</i>	1978
	8	“Term Papers from a Feminist Perspective”	1981
	9	<i>Theology of the Book of Ruth</i>	1969
	10	<i>To Serve the Lord &amp; his People</i>	1984
	11	<i>Towards a Quaker View of Sex</i>	1966
	12	<i>Towards One Freedom</i>	1969
	13	“Urban Industrial Mission”	1993
	14	“What We Have Seen and Heard in Nicaragua”	1993
	15	“Whose Fault Was It?”	1978
	16	The Woman’s Pulpit	1985-1986
9	1	“Women and Ministers of Christ”	1978
	2	“Women and Religious Communities,” and “Women	1978-1993, n.d.

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		Developing Confidence in Internships”	
	3	Women Doing Theology, “The New Testament Apocryphal Acts”	1980-1981
	4	<i>Women in Parish Ministry: Stress &amp; Support</i>	1985
	5	“Women in the Church: A New Testament Survey”	1980-1984
	6	<i>Women in the Church: Scriptural Principles and Ecclesial Practice</i>	1973
	7	<i>Women in the Church Today</i>	1976
	8	“Women Intrepid and Loving,” National Associations of Women’s Centers” and “Women Choosing, Women Growing”	1975-1978
	9	“Women Making New Trip to Altar”	1987-1989
	10	Women Religious, Church, and Society	1970-1973
	11	“Women Search for New Identities,” “What is Christian Woman?” and “Feminist Figures”	1971-1974
10	1	Women’s Human Rights	1997, n.d.
	2	Women’s Liberation	1971-1979
	3	Women’s Liturgies	1985-1993, n.d.
	4	YWCA Extensive Bible Study	n.d.
<b>Series 4: Audiovisual, 1973-1992, n.d.</b>			
	5	Photograph Album: Summer Program	1988
	6	Photographs	1984
	7	Photographs	1986
	8	Photographs	1987
	9	Photographs	1988
	10	Photographs	1989
	11	Photographs	1991-1992
	12	Photographs: Chicago Uptown Ministry	1986
	13	Photographs: Genesis House and Sister House	1986
	14	Photograph: G. Leppke and J. Hunt	1977
	15	Photographs: Howard Area Community Center	1986
	16	Photographs: St. Martin De Porres Parish	1986
	17	Photographs: San Lucas United Church of Christ	1986
	18	Photographs: Untitled, 1 of 2	n.d.
	19	Photographs: Untitled, 2 of 2	n.d.
	20	Slides	1984
	21	Slides	1987
	22	Slides	1988
	23	Slides	n.d.
11	1	Diskette: W, M, C	n.d.
	2	Diskette: Women Ministry and the City, 2001 Summer records of acceptances and program files	2001

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	3	Diskette: Women Ministry and the City, Backup	n.d.
	4	Diskette: Women Ministry and the City, Barbara's Disc, Everything	n.d.
	5	Diskette: Women Ministry and the City, Barbara's Disc, Financial	n.d.
	6	Diskette: Women Ministry and the City, Brochure Letters (2)	n.d.
	7	Diskette: Women Ministry and the City, Curriculum	n.d.
	8	Diskette: Women Ministry and the City, Financial Files since 1/13/2000	2000
	9	Diskette: Women Ministry and the City, My file	n.d.
	10	Slides: "Battered Women: A Hidden Crime"	n.d.
	10	Slides: Carol Allen	1984
11	10-11	Slides: <i>Eve'n Us</i> Part I	n.d.
	11	Slides: <i>Eve'n Us</i> Part II	n.d.
	11	Slides: <i>Eve'n Us</i> Part III	n.d.
	11	Slides: <i>The Midwife</i>	n.d.
	11	Slides: Summer Program	1985
	11	Slides: Untitled	n.d.
	12	VHS: "After Montreal Massacre"	n.d.
12	1	Film: "Included Out"	n.d.
	2	Film: "Where Her Gifts are Respected"	n.d.
	3	Film: "Lilith"	n.d.
	4	Reel: <i>Eve'n Us</i>	n.d.
13	1	Cassette: Ada Maria Isasi Diaz	1981
	2	Cassette: "Battered Women: A Hidden Crime"	n.d.
	3	Cassette: Carolyn Kilday	n.d.
	4	Cassette: D.S.	n.d.
	5	Cassette: <i>Eve'n Us</i>	n.d.
	6	Cassette: Feminist Theology	1984
	7	Cassette: Gracia Grindal, "Quest for Holiness"	1980
	8	Cassette: June Nilssen	n.d.
	9	Cassette: Laic World Conference	n.d.
	10	Cassette: M. Peterson	n.d.
	11	Cassette: "Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Worship: Asian American Clergywomen	n.d.
	12	Cassette: "Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Plenary I – Bridging Racial and Cultural Diversity	n.d.
	13	Cassette: "Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Grant Adkisson	n.d.
	14	Cassette: "Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Worship: Native American	n.d.
	15	Cassette: "Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Plenary III-Understanding the Land Where We Worship	n.d.
	16	Cassette: "Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference:	n.d.



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	Hispanic Clergywomen	
17	Cassette: "Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Black Clergywomen	n.d.
18	Cassette: "Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Plenary IV-Choosing Life	n.d.
19	Cassette: "Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Plenary V-Transformation Action Session (1 of 2)	n.d.
20	Cassette: "Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Plenary V-Transformation Action Session (2 of 2)	n.d.
21	Cassette: "Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Proclaiming the Vision	n.d.
13	22 Cassette: <i>The Midwife</i>	n.d.
	23 Cassette: On Being Gay	1973
	24 Cassette: Paul Jewett, "Q & A"	1980
	25 Cassette: "Peggy Way"	1989
	26 Cassette: "Peggy Way"	[1989]
	27 Cassette: RRR	n.d.
	28 Cassette: V. R. Mollenkott	1980
	29 Cassette: Vivian	n.d.
	30 Cassette: WISP 18-UA Shelters and Soup Kitchen	1984
	31 Cassette: WISP Hermeneutics	1984
	32 Cassette: WISP Hispanic Come by Bob Navarro	1984
	33 Cassette: WISP Keenhart	[1984]
	34 Cassette: WISP Ministers Tools	1984
	35 Cassette: WSIP Violence	[1984]
	36 Cassette: WISP Women Ministers	1984