

National Farm Worker Ministry: Florida Office Records
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Abstract

The National Farm Worker Ministry (NFWM)—original name Migrant Ministry— has been administering to the nation’s farm workers since the 1920’s. It originally operated in southeastern United States and by the early 1940s expanded to aid migrant workers in fifteen states. It was during the strikes and boycotts of the 1960s and 1970s initiated by Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers Union (UFW) that brought the California Migrant Ministry and other state migrant ministries to form a national organization to better assist the UFW cause. The Florida office supported the UFW from the early years of the boycott campaigns.

The files of the NFWM Florida office consist of documents relating to a number of UFW strikes and boycotts of the 1970s and 1980s as well as correspondence, organizing and fundraising reports from member migrant support organizations.

Important Subjects:

Agricultural laborers
Boycotts—Florida
Florida Christian Migrant Ministry
Liberación Learning Center
National Farm Worker Ministry
Redlands Christian Migrant Association
Triangle Friends of the United Farm Workers
United Farm Workers Union

Important Names:

Chavez, Cesar, 1927-1993
Richard Cook
Fred Eyster
Kenny Snodgrass

Arrangement

Material has been minimally arranged and reflects its original order as acquired by the Archives. Subjects may be dispersed throughout the entire collection.

Box 1

1. Sisters of Notre Dame, Opopka, clippings and correspondence, 1978-1980
2. Salvation Army; migrant support, 1979
3. Farm labor unionization, articles, 1975
4. Florida service center; a proposal, 1980
5. Farm workers and small farmers, publications, 1970-1975
6. UFW Organizing Convention, correspondence, notes, 1982
7. Religious and Labor Conference, agenda, clippings, notes, 1981
- 8-9. Redlands Christian Migrant Association; minutes, annual reports, publications, 1973-1975
10. Rufino Contreras (UFW Martyr); articles, 1979
11. Pesticide project – background materials, 1981-1987
12. Migrant labor; resource materials, 1980s
13. Liberación Learning Center; articles, clippings, instruction materials, 1976-1978
14. Personnel, 1976-1977
- 15-17. Presbyterian Church of Florida; UFW boycott regional files, committee minutes, migrant labor materials and correspondence, 1978-1980
18. P.A.D.R.E.S and NFWM; evangelization and ministry, joint proposal, 1979
19. Triangle Friends of the United Farm Workers, newsletters, articles, 1983-1986
20. UFW legislation; Proposition 14 campaign, 1976
21. Organized Migrants in Community Action (OMICA), 1971-1976
22. Office for Migrant Ministry – Apopka, 1983-1984
23. Onion strike – Arizona, 1977
24. O. P. Murphy & Sons; collective bargaining, 1977
25. Orange County Migrant Services Association, 1974
- 26-27. NFWM Mission Department; weekly reports, 1981-1982
28. NFWM; solicitations for help and support, 1972-1975
29. NLRB Action; right to boycott, 1972
30. Nestlé boycott, 1978-1979
31. NFWM Mission Department; various state reports, minutes, memos, 1976-1977
32. NFWM newsletters; Florida, 1982-1987
33. Latin American and Caribbean Solidarity Association, newsletters, 1982
34. Lorie Ann Cardoso incident (death of migrant family's child), May 1977
35. Migrant labor legislation; Florida, 1970s
- 36-37. Migrant labor legislation; general, 1970s
38. Migrant labor legislation; NLRA papers, 1970s
39. Migrant labor legislation; Right to Work, 1970s
40. Liberación Learning Center, general materials, 1975-1980
41. UFW contract; Coca Cola and Ralston Purina, 1980s

Box 2

- 1-2. Red Coach boycott, 1982

- 3-4. UFW boycott support committees, 1976-1982
5. UFW support committee—Orlando, 1976-1980
6. UFW support committee—Palm Beach, 1976-1980
7. UFW support committee—Polk County, 1980s
8. UFW support committee—Port Charlotte, 1980s
9. UFW support committee—Sarasota, 1980s
10. UFW support committee—St. Petersburg, 1980s
11. UFW song sheets
12. UFW 1st Organizing Convention, 1984
- 13-14. UFW 1st Organizing Convention; resolutions, organizing, 1984
15. UFW boycotts, 1974-1982
16. Spanish language informational materials
17. National Student Committee for Farm Workers, 1975
- 18-19. UFW support committee—Volusia, 1978-1980
20. Paulo Agbayani Village, 1974
21. UFW support committee—Tallahassee, 1977-1980
22. UFW challenge; Arizona Agricultural Employee Relations Act, appeals and opinion paper, 1978-1980
23. Arizona—UFW 4th Political Convocation; agenda, resolutions, reports, 1984-85
24. Arizona farm workers; governor recall campaign, 1972
25. Arizona Organizing Campaign and Yuma strike; resolutions and articles, 1978-1982
26. UFW support committee—Tampa, 1980-83
27. UFW boycott and strike materials, 1970s