THE METROPOLITAN DETROIT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES COLLECTION
1920-1969
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The second installment of papers of Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches Collection were deposited with the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in 1971 by Louise Scott.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

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"Let Freedom Ring" Controversy
Kercheval Incident
Vietnam
Civil Rights
Gambling

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Housing
Sex Education
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Among the correspondents are:

Rev. Thorburn T. Brumbaugh
Bishop Raymond J. Wade
Bishop Frank W. Creighton
Sen. Patrick McNamara
Rep. James G. O'Hara
Phil Hart
Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh
Nicholas Hood
Gov. George Romney
Rep. Harold D. Cooley

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The series spans the tenure of two Executive Secretaries, Thorburn T. Brumbaugh and G. Merrill Lenox. The files include correspondence and printed material dealing with council organizations, issues and events that developed during this period. The material is arranged alphabetically by topic with the bulk of it pertaining to the administration of G. Merrill Lenox. This series is arranged alphabetically by topic.

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This series includes correspondence, minutes and printed material relating to a variety of groups, such as, the Greater Detroit Study Committee on Theological Education, Michigan Center for Theological Studies, Protestant Reformation Festival, Interfaith Action Council, United Church Men and the Detroit Pastor's Union. The material is arranged by organization and covers a period from 1947-1968.

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Organized in 1919 to meet the growing spiritual, moral, and social needs of this great metropolitan area, the Detroit Council of Churches has developed steadily in influence and in diversification of activities .... It is the channel through which the churches do together all those things which can be done most effectively through united action.

Currently the Council represents more than 800 churches affiliated with 31 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. It is an active constituent of the Michigan and of the National Councils of Churches.

Within the last twenty years, the council's budget has increased over five fold because of the developing departments of strategy and planning, radio and television, family life, institutional ministries, public information, race and cultural relations, United Church men, faith and order, and the General Board of United Church women. The council has expanded widely in the area of social services, both in its own right, through semi-independent service arms such as Protestant Community services, and with such independent agencies as the Knights Templar assisting in Big Brother and Sister programs.
The Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches Collection covers the period from 1922 to 1967, with the bulk of the material spanning the years 1950-1967.

Important Subjects are:

- Civil Rights
- Christian Leadership Education
- Fluoridation
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- Sunday Closing

Among the Correspondents are:

- Councilman Philip J. Van Antwerp
- Judge Victor Baum
- Rep. Gary Brown
- Sheriff Peter L. Buback
- Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh
- Rep. Emanuel Celler
- Rep. James C. Corman
- State Rep. James Del Rio
- Rep. James D. Dingell
- State Sen. Raymond D. Dzendal
- Judge George Edwards
- James Farmer
- Zolton A. Ferency

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- Sen. Philip Hart
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