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Papers, 1961-1977

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The papers of Jim Drake were opened for research in August of 2007.

Jim Drake was born in Jefferson, Ohio on December 25, 1937. His family lived in Oklahoma until he was 10, when they moved to California. Drake graduated from Occidental College, where he studied philosophy, and from the Union Theological Seminary. An ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, Drake was hired by the California Migrant Ministry in 1962 and sent to follow Cesar Chavez for three months in order to learn about labor organizing. Drake continued to work for Chavez and the United Farm Workers of America until 1978, serving as Chavez's administrative assistant and coordinating national boycotts of table grapes. He continued to work with the California Migrant Ministry and other religious organizations throughout his time with the United Farm Workers.

Following his service to the United Farm Workers, Drake co-founded the Mississippi Pulpwood Cutters Association in 1979, and became an organizer for the Industrial Areas Foundation and Valley Interfaith Organization in Texas Rio Grande Valley in 1983. Drake founded the South Bronx Churches coalition in 1987, which built more than 800 housing units (Nehemiah Homes) and a new high school. In 1994 he co-founded the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization to create similar housing units. Drake died on September 3, 2001.

The papers of Rev. James Drake cover his years spent with the United Farm Workers of America.

Important subjects covered in the collection include:

Delano Grape Strikes, 1965-1970 Lettuce boycotts, 1970 - 1975
Farm Labor Legislation
Grape boycotts, 1973-1975

Among the important correspondents are:

Boutilier, Eugene Imutan, Andrew
Boyle, Eugene Itliong, Larry
Chavez, Cesar Kircher, William
Hartmire, Wayne C., Jr. Orendain, Antonio

Related material:

Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee
National Farm Workers Association
Sydney D. Smith Collection (includes Drake oral history transcript)
United Farm Workers Organizing Committee

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8. De Mott, Karen – Correspondence, 1975-1977
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12. Itliong, Larry – Correspondence, 1967
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44. Tulare County, California – Meeting minutes and report, 1965-1966
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47. U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare – Migrant health information publications, 1965-1967
48. *California Law Review* – “Agricultural and National Labor Legislation”, 1966
49. Churches – Miscellaneous publications, 1966 - 1975
50. DiGiorgio Corporation boycott – Correspondence and agreement, 1967
51. Los Angeles Friends of the Grape Strikers – Correspondence and notes, 1966
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