#### THE CLAUDE C. WILLIAMS COLLECTION

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The papers of Claude C. Williams were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in 1977 and 1979 by Mr. Williams.

Claude Clossie Williams was born in 1895 in Weakley County, Tennessee. His parents were Jess and Minnie Bell Williams, sharecroppers and devout members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Williams' childhood was permeated by deep prejudices toward Yankees, Republicans, and blacks, and during adolescence he regularly attended revival meeting, "desperately seeking Jesus ."

In 1916 Williams enlisted in the army, becoming a drill sergeant and trainer of draftees, and re-enlisted in 1919. When he left the army in 1921, he entered Bethel College, a Cumberland Presbyterian School in Tennessee, to study for the ministry. There he met Joyce King, also a student, wha he married in 1922.

Williams' first pastorate, after graduating from Bethel in 1924, was a Presbyterian U.S.A. Church in Auburntown, Tennessee, where he stayed until 1930. During this time his religious philosophy underwent several changes. He was first inspired, about 1927, by Billy Sunday, and was "set on fire" to save the souls of his church full of sinners. Then he read Harry Emerson Fosdick's book, <u>Modern Use of the Bible</u>. He also attended summer seminars for three summers at Vanderbilt School of Religion, under Dr. Alva Taylor. By 1929 Williams new philosophy of religion as a social tool had led to his work with blacks in the community.

In 1930 Williams was assigned to a Presbyterian Mission church in Paris, Arkansas, which was primarily a community of poor miners and sharecroppers and a small group of black families. He began to work with immediately and his congregation grew quickly. His efforts, especially when blacks and whites were together in meetings and services, shocked the church and town elders. One of his projects was an unsuccessful attempt to build a "Proletarian Church and Labor Temple."

Williams was removed from Paris in 1934, and assigned to Fort Smith in 1935. In February of that year he was arrested with eight others who were participating in a relief workers strike. He was charged with barratry, fined one hundred dollars, and sentenced to ninety days in jail, which he served. After his release from prison, Williams moved to Little Rock, where he opened the New Era Training Schools for sharecroppers and other workers in 1936. He had been working closely with the Southern Tenant Farmers Union (STFU), which helped to raise funds and promote the schools. During 1936 he served as vice-president of the American Federation of Teachers.

Williams became the director of Commonwealth College in Mena, Arkansas, in 1937 and spent the next two years there. He also remained a member of the board of the STFU. He was travelling to say a burial service for a black sharecropper when he and social worker Willie Sue Blagden were detained and flogged by six men, alledgedly cotton planters. In 1938 Commonwealth and Williams were accused of Communist activities. Williams was charged with attempting to "capture the STFU for the Communists," which resulted in his ouster from that union. He resigned from Commonwealth College in 1939.

For the next year or so Williams was involved in various organizing and worker training activities. In 1940 in Memphis he founded the People's Institute for Applied Religions (PIAR), through which he hoped to organize people for labor and religious purposes. It was linked closely to the CIO, and its message was spread by a network of black and white preachers using visual aid charts and sermon outlines which presented in simple terms the "application of Bible texts to present problems."

In the spring of 1941 new headquarters were established in Evansville, Indiana, with field workers all over the southern states. Williams visited Detroit that year, and was asked to return as the Detroit Presbytery's Industrial Chaplain. He moved there late in 1942 and brought the PIAR with him. He spent three years in Detroit working with laborers, unions, and the black community and was involved in the quelling of the 1943 race riot. Shortly thereafter he was again accused of Communist sympathies by Gerald L.K. Smith. The Detroit Presbytery backed Williams, and a campaign against Smith and his colleagues followed. The PIAR sponsored or was involved with a number of programs, many of them labor-related: the People's Congress of Applied Religion, Detroit Council of Applied Religion, Labor Sunday School, Mobilize for Brotherhood, and Youth Congress for Applied Religion.

Williams returned to the south with his family in 1946, to live in Fungo Hollow, near Birmingham, Alabama. There he established a Bible training program and carried on the work of the PIAR until it was formally closed in 1948. About this time Williams began to formulate the "Bible Way of Righteousness," a philosophy based a religious underground revolutionary movement he felt had existed among the oppressed poor from the Old Testament to present times. He worked on this philosophy with friends and colleagues eventually drafting a manuscript which was never published.

In 1953 Williams was again accused of being a Communist, this time by the House Un-American Activities Committee. As a result, in 1954 he was tried by the Detroit Presbytery, which found him innocent of that charge but guilty of heresy. He was deposed from the ministry, and was not reinstated until 1965.

During the 1950s and 1960s, Williams' home at Fungo Hollow became a sort of headquarters for people who were involved in the civil rights movement, radical religious philosophies, or who were political leftists. Williams worked in drives to register black voters and other civil rights activities. He was supported by funds solicited by the Claude Williams Committee. remained active, corresponding with dozens of people and working to write "The Bible Way.. J\*/ until his death on June 28, 1979.

For further information, see Cedric Belfrage's <u>A Faith to Free the People</u>, published in 1944.

An index to correspondence and important subjects in this collection will be found at the end of this guide.

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Series II, Early Ministry Files, 1930-1940; Boxes 16-17: Files concerning Williams' pastorate in Paris, Arkansas; his work with mine workers and the UMWA; his work with the Southern Tenant Farmers Union; the Socialist Party in Arkansas; his directorship of Commonwealth College; and other early ministry activities.

Series III, People's Institute for Applied Religions, 1939-1977; Boxes 18-19: Files of the PIAR, primarily in Detroit in the 1940s, including correspondence, bulletins, reports, charts. lectures and lessons, pamphlets, and materials from related programs and activities

Series IV, Heresy Trial, 1954; Box 20: Materials related to the trial of Williams for heresy in Detroit include transcripts of the trial and appeal, clippings, and correspondence.

Series V, Bible Way to Righteousness; Boxes 20-22: Manuscript drafts of "The Bible Way...", notes on the Bible and notes on religion in general are included in this series.

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 held for Williams shortly after his death are in this series.

Series VII, Writings and Speeches; Box 23: These files contain articles, reports, and speeches written by Williams and several of his colleagues concerning a variety of topics and including a masters thesis about Williams' religious work.

Series VIII, Clippings; Box 24:

Clippings collected by Williams from the 1930s through the 1970s on a whole range of topics in which he was interested. It is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Non-manuscript material:

Several PIAR posters and poster mock-ups, six original drawings, and fourteen photographs have been placed in the Archives Audio Visual collection. About a dozen magazines and about twenty-five pamphlets were placed in the Archives Library.

# Series I Correspondence,1929-1979 Boxes 1-15

This series contains fifty years of correspondence, much of it written by Williams and a large group of colleagues and friends on a regular basis over long periods of time, and concerning every aspect of Williams' life and work. Particularly important subjects include his early ministry in Arkansas, the People's Institute of Applied Religions, various allegations that Williams was a Communist, his heresy trial in 1954, the Bible Way of Righteousness, civil rights and segregation in the southern United States, and other aspects of Williams' social and religious work. Williams had filed most of his correspondence chronologically, but some letters from colleagues who corresponded regularly were filed alphabetically. This arrangement has been maintained.

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- 9. Mitchell, H.L.; "Workers in Our Fields," cl960
- 10. Naison, Mark; "The Southern Tenant Farmers Union and the CIO."
- 11. National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor; "Farm Labor Organizing, 1905-1967."
- 12. Rony, Vera; "Sorrow Song in Black and White," 1967
- 13. Association of Members and Friends, Historic Southern Tenant Farmers Union, 40th Anniversary Meeting, 25 April 1974
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- 17. American Federation of Teachers Activities, April-September 1936
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Files of the Peoples Institute for Applied Religions (PIAR), primarily in Detroit in the early 1940s, include bulletins, charts, correspondence, lectures and lessons, mailings, pamphlets, reports, songs, and materials from related programs. Also included are files concerning Gerald L.K. Smith and the PIAR-supported protest against him and other "reactionaries" in 1943, and materials regarding the Detroit Council of Applied Religions, the Detroit Presbytery, the Labor Sunday School and the relationship between labor and religion in Detroit, the Peoples Council of Applied Religions, the Youth Congress of Applied Religion, and other organizations related to the work of the PIAR.

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In 1954 Claude Williams was tried for heresy by the Detroit Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., after being accused in 1953 of Communist activities by the Committee on UnAmerican Activities of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Detroit Presbytery dismissed the charges of Communism, but upheld the charges of heresy, and Williams was deposed from the Presbyterian ministry. These transcripts and correspondence of the trial and the appeal are the official records of the case. The series also includes materials concerning Williams reordination in Detroit in 1965.

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This series contains manuscript drafts of the <u>Bible Way of Righteousness</u>, and files of notes on the Bible and religious teachings. The <u>Way</u> was a "people's interpretation of the Bible" originated by Williams in the late 1940s, in which he described a religious revolutionary underground movement of "poor and oppressed people" which existed in secret throughout the Old Testament, surfaced briefly at the time of the Crucifixion, and then went underground again. It is a movement which Williams felt existed currently, especially in the interacial movements for economic justice taking place in the 1950s and 1960s. The manuscript was never published, but there were articles written about it by Williams and others, and a great deal of his correspondence concerns the writing of the manuscript.

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These general files contain biographical materials about Williams, information about his biography, <u>A Faith to Free the People</u> by Cedric Belfrage, the Claude Williams Committee which gave Williams financial support for almost thirty years, the Southern Christian Education Fund, and other organizations and activities with which he was involved over the years. They are arranged alphabetically.

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# Series VII Writings and Speeches Box 23

This series contains articles, reports, speeches, poetry, and other materials written by Claude Williams or his colleagues and friends, most probably in the 1940s. Also included is a masters thesis about Williams and his work written in 1962.

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20.	Williams, Claude. "Speech Before the Church Labor Panel During
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27.	Lane, Lela. "Mr. Smith Backs the Field."
28.	Politika. "Interview of American Churchmen with Marshal Tito."
28.	Preece, Harold. "The Cross vs. The Fiery Cross."
30.	Preece, Harold. "The Klan's 'Revolution of the Right.'"
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32.	Reynolds, Bertha C. "Thoughts About Present Day Religion."
33.	Vanderburg, Virgil. "Brotherhood Squadron."
34.	Wenger, Robert E. Social Aspects of American Christianity,
	1930-1960, As Observed in the Life and Work of Claude Williams."
	MA Theses, 1962
35.	Weston, Hugh. "Speaking for the People"

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#### Series VIII

# Clippings Box 24

This series contains clippings from newspapers, journals, and magazines collected from the 1930s through the 1970s on a variety of topics in which Williams was interested or involved. It is arranged by subject.

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