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The papers of The Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches were deposited with the Labor History Archives in Oct. of 1968 by John Forsyth.

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 Gambling Housing Indecent Literature Liquor Control Peace Religion and Public Education Sunday Closing

Among the Correspondents are:

Sen. Robert D. Griffin Sen. Philip Hart Sec. Luther H. Hodges Councilman Nicholas Hood Rep. Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Sen. Pat McNamara Rep. James O'Hara Gov. George Romney Horace Sheffield State Sen. Stanley G. Thayer Rep. Guy Vanderjagt State Rep. Robert E. Waldron State Rep. Thomas W. White

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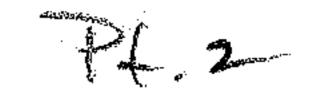
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Important subjects covered in the collection are:

W.W. II Home Front Air Force Manual Issue "Let Freedom Ring" Controversy Kercheval Incident Vietnam Detroit Riot 1943 Housing Sex Education Detroit Riot 1967 Senior Citizens

Civil Rights Gambling

Christian Education

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 Everett M. Dirksen G. Merrill Lenox Rep. John D. Dingell Sen. Robert P. Griffin Rep. Charles C. Diggs Joseph L. Hudson Jr. Louis C. Miriani Albert E. Cobo Robert D. Knox Francis A. Kornegay

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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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