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Granger E. Westberg Papers

Dates: 1935-2000, undated (bulk 1944-1990)

Creator: Westberg, Granger E. (1911-1999)

Extent: 1 linear foot

Level: Folder

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Separations: None

See Also: Granger E. Westberg papers addendum 1.

Biographical

Rev. Dr. Granger E. Westberg, born in Illinois on July 11, 1911, graduated from Augustana College in 1935 and Augustana Theological Seminary in 1939. He served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Illinois, and as chaplain for Augustana Hospital. Dr. Westberg taught at the University of Chicago Divinity and Medical Schools, the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, the Institute of Religion at Texas Medical Center, Baylor University Medical School, Wittenberg University's Hamma School of Theology, and the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago—the last a position held from 1971 until his retirement in 1981. He published several books and numerous articles including, *Good Grief: A Constructive Approach to the Problem of Loss* and *The Parish Nurse*. He is often credited as a pioneer in the concept of “wholistic health” which combines care for the body and care of the religious spirit, and as the founder of the national parish nurse movement—a concept that combined the function of the church parish with institutional health care systems (hospitals, care centers, retirement homes, home visits)—begun at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois in 1984. The Parish nurse movement has since spread internationally and encompasses an International Parish Nurse Resource Center as well as the annual Granger Westberg Nurse Symposium. Granger Westberg passed away on February 16, 1999.

Scope and Content

The Granger E. Westberg Papers collection consists of 1 linear foot (2 archival boxes) spanning the years 1935 to 2000 (bulk 1944 to 1990). The collection includes papers, drafts, and published materials written by Westberg, and newspaper clippings from 1939 to 1996. Materials relate to Westberg's professional career, from his ordination and parish post at St. Johns, through to his

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service as a reviewer of parish nurse materials in the late 1990s. Of special note: there is also one photograph of Westberg, taken later in his life, although exact date is unknown.

Series 1: Granger Westberg, 1935-1996, undated, Box 1

Contains Dr. Westberg's written works—draft and final form, published and unpublished, some presented at conferences—newspaper clippings, appointment to Augustana College, and book reviews. This series also includes extensive correspondence, both personal and professional.

Series 2: Parish Nursing, 1961-2000, undated, Boxes 1-2

Contains general information related to parish nursing including program outlines and pamphlets from across the United States.

Subseries 2A: Writings, unpublished about parish nursing.

Subseries 2B: Hospital affiliations and programs.

Subseries 2C: Churches participating or developing a parish nurse program.

Subseries 2D: Conferences related to parish nursing.

Series 3: Miscellaneous, 1976-1995, undated, Box 2

Contains various papers, research, and notes concerning 'wholistic health' health ministry and the College of Chaplains.

Subjects:

Westberg, Granger

Wholistic Health

Parish Nursing—Illinois

Parish Nursing—United States

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Series 1: Granger Westberg, 1935-1996, undated			
1	1	Photograph of Granger E. Westberg	undated.
1	2	<i>Good Grief</i> notes	undated
1	3	Correspondence	1935-1996, undated
1	4	Writings—published and unpublished articles	1936-1964, undated
1	5	Biographical material	1939-1996, undated
1	6	Newspaper Clippings	1939-1995, undated.
1	7	Appointment to Augustana College	1944
1	8	Book Reviews	1955-1964
1	9	“Musings on the Work of the Hospital Chaplain”	1964
1	10	“Verbatim”	1982
1	11	Awards	1986-1990
Series 2: Parish Nursing, 1961-2000, undated			
1	12	National Parish Nurse Resource Center	undated
1	13	Parish Nurse Project	1985
1	14	National Parish Nursing Programs, Miscellaneous	1990-1995, undated
1	15	<i>Perspectives</i> , parish nursing newsletter	1991, 1996
	16	Programs, mailers, and pamphlets: parish nursing programs	1991-1996, undated
Subseries 2A: Writings			
2	1	“Parish Nursing: Keeping Body and Soul Together” By Linda B. Martin	undated
2	2	“Programming Related to Health Risk Appraisals and Healthy People: 2000 Objectives” By Jan Stripe	undated.
2	3	“A Study of the Healing Church and Its Ministry” By Ralph Peterson	1982
2	4	“An Examination of Two Leading Concepts in Parish Nursing” By Marianne Nehus	1992
2	5	“Spiritual Need of Patients” By Marianne Nehus	1992
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Subseries 2B: Hospitals			
2	6	Hospital and clergy materials	undated
2	7	Advocate Parish Nurse Program	undated
2	8	Billings Hospital	undated
2	9	Trinity Health Care	undated
2	10	Augustana Hospital	1944, undated
2	11	Institute of Religion and Texas Medical Center	1965-1969

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2	12	Iowa Lutheran Hospital	1989
2	13	Lutheran General Hospital	1991-1993
2	14	St. Elizabeth Health Care Center	1995
Subseries 2C: Churches			
2	15	Church service pamphlets	undated
2	16	Good Shepard Lutheran Church	undated
2	17	University of Chicago Chapel	undated
2	18	First English Lutheran Church	1944, undated
2	19	Grace Lutheran Church	1985-1987, undated
2	20	Lutheran Church of the Atonement	1987
2	21	Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley	1988
2	22	St. Eugene's Church	1992
Subseries 2D: Conferences			
2	23	Pastoral Conference	1956
2	24	2 nd Annual Parish Nurse Symposium	1988
2	25	Westberg Parish Nurse Symposium	1993-1996
Series 3: Miscellaneous, 1976-1995, undated			
2	26	Wholistic Health Care	1976-1985
2	27	Miscellaneous	1985, undated
2	28	Health Ministry	1990
2	29	College of Chaplains, Inc.	1994-1995