

## ***Women, Ministry, and the City Records 1946-2002, undated***

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**Extent:** 7 linear feet (13 boxes)

**Language:** English

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**See Also:** Gretchen Leppke Papers and Deborah's Place Records held at the Women and Leadership Archives.

### **Administrative History**

In the spring of 1982, Rosemary Radford Ruether gathered a small group of women to discuss an idea for a "real(ly) feminist, non-hierarchical" program that would give women seminarians the opportunity to work with female clergy in urban parishes and congregations. Gretchen Leppke was chosen as coordinator of the program.

In 1983, Women, Ministry, and the City (WMC) ran its first summer program which consisted of a one-day orientation and a six-week internship in places such as Genesis House (a house of hospitality and nurturing for women prostitutes), Resident Emergency Shelter (REST), Sarah's Circle, and Kinheart among others. Initially, support for the program came primarily from the Chicago Cluster of Theological Schools. Subsequent financial support was also provided by the McCormick Theological Seminary. At about the same time, WMC partnered with the newly created Urban Academy and received a grant from the Association of Theological Schools, which made an extension of the programming temporarily possible.

After the abrupt closing of Urban Academy, WMC partnered with the Community Renewal Society of Chicago, which provided a working space, secretarial help, and handled program finances. Garrett Seminary also provided the group with working space while other organizations such as the Methodist Church, Women Methodists, and United Methodist Church contributed financially.

In 1988, WMC moved again to the newly formed Women of Faith Resource Center. The improvement offered partial relief from financial difficulties which had increased dramatically during the preceding few years. In 1990, Gretchen Leppke retired, and a summer program was not offered. However, a year later, the program was renewed by Mundelein College which provided staff and meetings space. When Mundelein affiliated with Loyola University Chicago in 1991, the latter continued to sponsor the program and added formal structure, a board, a regular meeting schedule, and staff. As of 2002, the program was absorbed into the Institute of Pastoral Studies of Loyola University Chicago.

### **Scope and Content**

The Women, Ministry, and the City Records span the period 1946 to 2002 and consist of 7 linear feet of materials (13 boxes). There are four series in the collection. The material is arranged alphabetically.

#### **Series 1: Administrative, 1982-2002, undated, Boxes 1-3**

Contains material related to the organizational structure of Women, Ministry, and the City, including bylaws, syllabi, Board Membership lists, meeting minutes, and board evaluations, as well as its day-to-day administration and planning. Also included is information produced during the absorption into Mundelein College and later Loyola University Chicago, including financial reports, bookkeeping records, program packets, and correspondence. These files cover the tenures of Gretchen Leppke, Peggy L. T. Garrison, Mary Lou Codman-Wilson, Barbara R.

Isaacs, and Carolyn Vogt Groves as coordinators of the program.

**Series 2: Program Management, 1982-1999, undated, Boxes 3-4**

This series is comprised primarily of student evaluations of the program and of sites at which they interned. Also included is correspondence with potential and actual supervisors.

**Series 3: Teaching and Reference Materials, 1946-1997, undated, Boxes 5-10**

Includes subject files that were used for teaching and/or reference. The materials focus on women's ordination issues, the position of women in religion and in formal dominations. Other material includes booklets on feminist theology, bible study, women and spirituality, and social issues that affect women such as domestic violence and the equal rights movements. Broader issues include racism, urban Christian missions, and social justice.

**Series 4: Audiovisual, 1973-1992, undated, Boxes 10-13**

This series includes audiovisual materials used primarily for training. Also included are photographs and negatives of events, group members, and a photo album from 1988. The training materials consist of slides, VHS- and audiocassette-recorded lectures and conferences, 3.5" floppy disks, 8mm and 16mm moving image films, and an ¼" audio open reel.

**Subjects:**

Methodist Church (U.S.)--Clergy  
Feminist theology--United States  
Genesis House--Chicago, IL  
Ordination of Women

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		<b><i>Women, Ministry, and the City Records, 1946-2002, undated</i></b>	
		<b>Series 1: Administrative, 1982-2002, undated</b>	
1	1	Administration: Blank Form Templates	1983
1	2	Administration: Blank Form Templates	1993
1	3	Administration: Blank Form Templates	1994
1	4	Administration: Blank Form Templates	1995
1	5	Administration: Blank Form Templates	1996
1	6	Administration: Blank Form Templates	2001
1	7	Administration: Correspondence	1983-1991

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1	8	Administration: Correspondence	1991-1997, undated
1	9	Administration: Correspondence	1998-2002
1	10	Board: Bylaws and Organizational Structure	1994-1995
1	11	Board: Meeting Minutes	1993-1995
1	12	Board: Meeting Minutes	1996-1997
2	1	Board: Meeting Minutes	1998
2	2	Board: Meeting Minutes	1999-2002
2	3	Board: Member Lists	1995-2001
2	4	Conference Honoring Rosemary Reuther	2002
2	5	Finances: Audit Report	FY1993
2	6	Finances: Audit Report	FY1994
2	7	Finances: Bookkeeping Records	1983-1986
2	8	Finances: Bookkeeping Records	1988
2	9	Finances: Bookkeeping Records	1991-1992
2	10	Finances: Budgets	1983-1995
2	11	Finances: Fiscal Agent Agreement with The Women of Faith Resource Center	1995, undated
2	12	Finances: Grant Application Information	1993-1998
2	13	Finances: Grant Proposals	1982-1990
2	14	Finances: Grant Proposal including budget	1995
2	15	Finances: Income Statements	1994-1998
2	16	Finances: Income Statements	2001
2	17	Human Resources: Signed Independent Contractor Agreements	1995-2001
2	18	Organizational History	1995, 2002
3	1	Organizational Planning	1983-1984, undated
3	2	Organizational Planning	1991
3	3	Organizational Planning	1992
3	4	Organizational Planning	1993-1994
3	5	Organizational Planning	1997
3	6	Organizational Planning	1998, undated
3	7	Summer Program: Flyers	1983-1998
3	8	Summer Program: Schedules	1983-1991
3	9	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1985
3	10	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1986
3	11	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1987
3	12	Summer Program: Seminar Packet (Partial)	1992
3	13	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1994
3	14	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1995
3	15	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1996
3	16	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1997
3	17	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1998
3	18	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	1999

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3	19	Summer Program: Seminar Packet	2000
		<b>Series 2: Program Management, 1982-1999, undated</b>	
3	20	Case Study Instructions	1992, undated
3	21	Coordinator's Notes re: Women's Summer Internship	1983-1987, undated
3	22	Coordinator's Notes re: Women's Summer Internship	1992
4	1	Coordinator's Summary Reports re: Women's Summer Internship	1984-1987
4	2	Student Evaluations of Program	1985-1988
4	3	Student Evaluations of Program	1989-1991
4	4	Student Evaluations of Program	1993
4	5	Student Evaluations of Program	1997
4	6	Student Evaluations of Program	1999
4	7	Student Evaluations of Sites: Chicago Fellowship Ministry	1985
4	8	Student Evaluations of Sites: Chicago Women's Aid Project	undated
4	9	Student Evaluations of Sites: Chicago Uptown Ministry	1985
4	10	Student Evaluations of Sites: Deborah's Place	1988-1989
4	11	Student Evaluations of Sites: Genesis House	1987
4	12	Student Evaluations of Sites: Good Shepherd Parish	1984-1985, 1987
4	13	Student Evaluations of Sites: Holy Covenant United Methodist Church	undated
4	14	Student Evaluations of Sites: Judith Kelsey-Powell	1987
4	15	Student Evaluations of Sites: Judith VanOsdol-Hansen	undated
4	16	Student Evaluations of Sites: Methodist Home Auxiliary	1989
4	17	Student Evaluations of Sites: Mujeres Latinas en Accion	1989
4	18	Student Evaluations of Sites: National Assembly of Religious Women	1989-, 1991
4	19	Student Evaluations of Sites: Pullman United Methodist Church	1983-1985, 1987
4	20	Student Evaluations of Sites: REST	1987-1988, 1993
4	21	Student Evaluations of Sites: Sarah's Circle	1983-1987
4	22	Student Evaluations of Sites: United Methodist Church	undated
4	23	Student Evaluations of Sites: Voelkel People's Church	1984
4	24	Student Lists	1983-1992
4	25	Student Scholarship Applications and Correspondence	1997, 1999, undated
4	26	Supervisor Correspondence	1983-1991
5	1	Supervisor Correspondence	1983-1993, undated
5	2	Supervisor Correspondence	1982-1983, undated
5	3	Supervisor Lists	1983-1989

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		<b>Series 3: Teaching and Reference Material, 1949-1997, undated</b>	
5	4	“ABC Women Packet” and “Women the Longest Silenced Minority”	undated
5	5	“Apostolic Office, Sacrament of Christ” and “The Significance of Insignificance of Women’s Ordination”	1974, 1977
5	6	Articles re: Sexuality	1982-1997
5	7	“A Black Response to Feminist Theology”	1984, 1992, undated
5	8	“Black Studies, Ethnic Studies, and Women’s Studies”	1991-1993
5	9	<i>Bible Women Speak</i>	1978-1979
5	10	<i>Biblical Inspiration and Authority</i>	1980
5	11	<i>Books of Beginnings</i>	1980
5	12	<i>By What Authority</i>	1977
5	13	<i>Can Women Serve in the Ordained Ministry?</i>	1973
5	14	“The changing Face of the AIDS Epidemic”	1989
5	15	<i>Church &amp; Ministry: Chosen Race, Royal Priesthood, Holy Nation, God’s Own People</i>	1982
6	1	<i>Concerning the Ordination of Women</i>	1964
6	2	“Contribution to a Dialogue: Approaches to Teaching about Race and Culture to Human Service”	1993, undated
6	3	“The Cost of Feminism,” “Mothers Lead the War,” and <i>Walking with Women Through Chicago History</i>	1980-1989
6	4	<i>Dare to Speak</i>	1979
6	5	<i>Daughters of Sarah</i> (journal)	1983-1990
6	6	<i>Did Christ Rule Out Women Priests?</i>	1978
6	7	Disabilities	1991, undated
6	8	<i>Door Interview: Marabel Morgan</i>	undated
6	9	Early Literacy Parent Handbook, “Strengthening Families Through the Parent-Child Relationship”	1981, undated
6	10	<i>ERA</i> and Equal Employment Opportunity	1970-1993
6	11	<i>Eve’n Us: Written Instructions</i>	undated
6	12	“Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Woman Experience, But Were Afraid to Hear”	undated
6	13	“The Feminine Mystique and the Ministry”	1979
6	14	“Feminists and the Bible” and “Feminist Theology Future”	1982-1991
6	15	<i>Feminist Theology</i>	1980-1986
6	16	General Commission o the Role of Women	1980-1989
7	1	“Hearts of Flame: A Poetic Exploration of the Vision of Three Lovers of God”	1980
7	2	<i>Homosexual Catholic: A New Primer for Discussion</i>	1982
7	3	“Human Relations Materials for the Schools, Church, and Community”	undated
7	4	<i>Journeying Towards the Deeper Faith</i>	undated
7	5	<i>Justice Ministers</i>	1979, 1982

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7	6	<i>Lutheran Women Today</i>	1989
7	7	<i>The Midwife: Written Instructions</i>	undated
7	8	<i>Minority Women's Survival Kit</i>	1982
7	9	<i>Ms.</i>	1994
7	10	<i>Neither Male or Female</i>	1971
7	11	<i>New Church and the City</i>	1952
7	12	<i>The Ordination of Women</i>	1970
7	13	<i>The Other Side</i> (journal)	1976, 1980
7	14	“The Politics and Theology of Ministry with Women,” and “the Role of Man and Woman in the Church”	undated
7	15	“Popular Misconceptions about the Age of Genesis Story”	1955
7	16	“Prophetic Consciousness in the Contemporary Church” and “Report of the Commission on Theology and church Relations”	undated
7	17	“The Question of Ordination of Women”	1978
7	18	“The Renaissance Humanist Movement, 1300-1600”	1993
7	19	<i>Rousseau, Burke, and Pain</i>	1946
8	1	“Seeking Our Connections Finding Our Strength”	1990
8	2	“Should Women Be Ordained?”	undated
8	3	“A Single Woman Speaks Up” and “American Women: Their Use and Abuse”	1967, 1969
8	4	“Special Section on Appropriation and Reciprocity in Women/Mujerista/Feminist Work”	1990-1993
8	5	<i>Sudden Spring</i>	1983
8	6	“Supervision: AaBiblical Metaphor”	undated
8	7	<i>Take a New Look</i>	1978
8	8	“Term Papers from a Feminist Perspective”	1981
8	9	<i>Theology of the Book of Ruth</i>	1969
8	10	<i>To Serve the Lord &amp; his People</i>	1984
8	11	<i>Towards a Quaker View of Sex</i>	1966
8	12	<i>Towards One Freedom</i>	1969
8	13	“Urban Industrial Mission”	1993
8	14	“What We Have Seen and Heard in Nicaragua”	1993
8	15	“Whose Fault Was It?”	1978
8	16	The Woman's Pulpit	1985-1986
9	1	“Women and Ministers of Christ”	1978
9	2	“Women and Religious Communities,” and “Women Developing Confidence in Internships”	1978-1993, undated
9	3	Women Doing Theology, “The New Testament Apocryphal Acts”	1980-1981
9	4	<i>Women in Parish Ministry: Stress &amp; Support</i>	1985
9	5	“Women in the Church: A New Testament Survey”	1980-1984
9	6	<i>Women in the Church: Scriptural Principles and Ecclesial Practice</i>	1973
9	7	<i>Women in the Church Today</i>	1976

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9	8	“Women Intrepid and Loving,” National Associations of Women’s Centers” and “Women Choosing, Women Growing”	1975-1978
9	9	“Women Making New Trip to Altar”	1987-1989
9	10	Women Religious, Church, and Society	1970-1973
9	11	“Women Search for New Identities,” “What is Christian Woman?” and “Feminist Figures”	1971-1974
10	1	Women’s Human Rights	1997, undated
10	2	Women’s Liberation	1971-1979
10	3	Women’s Liturgies	1985-1993, undated
10	4	YWCA Extensive Bible Study	undated
		<b>Series 4: Audiovisual, 1973-1992, undated</b>	
10	5	Photograph Album: Summer Program	1988
10	6	Photographs	1984
10	7	Photographs	1986
10	8	Photographs	1987
10	9	Photographs	1988
10	10	Photographs	1989
10	11	Photographs	1991-1992
10	12	Photographs: Chicago Uptown Ministry	1986
10	13	Photographs: Genesis House and Sister House	1986
10	14	Photograph: G. Leppke and J. Hunt	1977
10	15	Photographs: Howard Area Community Center	1986
10	16	Photographs: St. Martin De Porres Parish	1986
10	17	Photographs: San Lucas United Church of Christ	1986
10	18	Photographs: Untitled (1 of 2)	undated
10	19	Photographs: Untitled (2 of 2)	undated
10	20	Slides	1984
10	21	Slides	1987
10	22	Slides	1988
10	23	Slides	undated
11	1	W, M, C [3.5” floppy disk]	undated
11	2	Women Ministry and the City, 2001 Summer records of acceptances and program files [3.5” floppy disk]	2001
11	3	Women Ministry and the City, Backup [3.5” floppy disk]	undated
11	4	Women Ministry and the City, Barbara’s Disc, Everything [3.5” floppy disk]	undated
11	5	Women Ministry and the City, Barbara’s Disc, Financial [3.5” floppy disk]	undated
11	6	Women Ministry and the City, Brochure Letters (2) [3.5” floppy disk]	undated
11	7	Women Ministry and the City, Curriculum [3.5” floppy disk]	undated

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11	8	Women Ministry and the City, Financial Files since 1/13/2000 [3.5" floppy disk]	2000
11	9	Women Ministry and the City, My file [3.5" floppy disk]	undated
11	10	"Battered Women: A Hidden Crime" [137 slides]	undated
11	11	Carol Allen [30 slides]	1984
11	12	<i>Eve'n Us</i> Part I [79 slides]	undated
11	13	<i>Eve'n Us</i> Part II [75 slides]	undated
11	14	<i>Eve'n Us</i> Part III [59 slides]	undated
11	15	<i>The Midwife</i> [12 slides]	undated
11	16	Summer Program [20 slides]	1985
11	17	Untitled [21 slides]	undated
11	18	"After Montreal Massacre" [VHS tape]	undated
12	1	"Included Out" [16mm moving image film]	undated
12	2	"Where Her Gifts are Respected" [8mm moving image film]	undated
12	3	"Lilith" [16mm moving image film]	undated
12	4	<i>Eve'n Us</i> [1/4" audio open reel]	undated
13	1	Ada Maria Isasi Diaz [audiocassette]	1981
13	2	"Battered Women: A Hidden Crime" [audiocassette]	undated
13	3	Carolyn Kilday [audiocassette]	undated
13	4	D.S. [audiocassette]	undated
13	5	<i>Eve'n Us</i> [audiocassette]	undated
13	6	Feminist Theology [audiocassette]	1984
13	7	Gracia Grindal, "Quest for Holiness" [audiocassette]	1980
13	8	June Nilssen [audiocassette]	undated
13	9	Laic World Conference [audiocassette]	undated
13	10	M. Peterson [audiocassette]	undated
13	11	"Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Worship: Asian American Clergywomen [audiocassette]	undated
13	12	"Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Plenary I – Bridging Racial and Cultural Diversity [audiocassette]	undated
13	13	"Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Grant Adkisson [audiocassette]	undated
13	14	"Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Worship: Native American [audiocassette]	undated
13	15	"Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Plenary III-Understanding the Land Where We Worship [audiocassette]	undated
13	16	"Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Hispanic Clergywomen [audiocassette]	undated
13	17	"Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Black Clergywomen [audiocassette]	undated
13	18	"Make Plain the Vision" Methodist Conference: Plenary IV-Choosing Life [audiocassette]	undated

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13	19	“Make Plain the Vision” Methodist Conference: Plenary V-Transformation Action Session [1 of 2] [audiocassette]	undated
13	20	“Make Plain the Vision” Methodist Conference: Plenary V-Transformation Action Session [2 of 2] [audiocassette]	undated
13	21	“Make Plain the Vision” Methodist Conference: Proclaiming the Vision [audiocassette]	undated
13	22	<i>The Midwife</i> [audiocassette]	undated
13	23	On Being Gay [audiocassette]	1973
13	24	Paul Jewett, “Q & A” [audiocassette]	1980
13	25	“Peggy Way” [audiocassette]	1989
13	26	“Peggy Way” [audiocassette]	[1989]
13	27	RRR [audiocassette]	undated
13	28	V. R. Mollenkott [audiocassette]	1980
13	29	Vivian [audiocassette]	undated
13	30	WISP 18-UA Shelters and Soup Kitchen [audiocassette]	1984
13	31	WISP Hermeneutics [audiocassette]	1984
13	32	WISP Hispanic Come by Bob Navarro [audiocassette]	1984
13	33	WISP Keenhart [audiocassette]	[1984]
13	34	WISP Ministers Tools [audiocassette]	1984
13	35	WSIP Violence [audiocassette]	[1984]
13	36	WISP Women Ministers [audiocassette]	1984