

**Guide to the West Virginia Episcopal Area
Records
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The purpose of this finding aid is to help you understand the nature of this collection and to assist you in the retrieval of material from this collection. The following pages contain summary information on the history and development of this agency. It is followed by a general description of the collection in the scope and content note. If more detailed information is warranted then series descriptions also appear. The container listing appears last and is the listing of material in each box, or container, of this collection. To request material you need to turn to the container listing section. It is essentially a listing of file folders, or artifact items, in the collection. Each folder, or item, has a call number associated with it. Each folder also lists the inclusive dates of the material in the folder. On the material request form list both the call number and the folder, or item, title. Use a different line for each folder, or item, requested. When your request sheet is complete, or full, bring it to the archivist and the material will be retrieved.

History Note

The records of the West Virginia Episcopal Area reflect the administrative duties of the bishop in charge. Bishops are elected by the Jurisdictional Conference. Episcopal assignments are determined by the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy in consultation with the College of Bishops. Each bishop assumes his or her post on the first day of September following the Jurisdictional meeting. A bishop, however, cannot serve in an area where his or her latest membership was held.

Bishops are set apart as a separate ministry to oversee and supervise the districts and charges within their appointed geographic area. The denomination authorizes these ministers to guard the faith, order, liturgy, doctrine and discipline of the general church. District superintendents are appointed by the bishop to help administer the denominational directives in specific geographic areas. Bishops ordain, consecrate, commission and appoint the clergy to specific churches and ministries under their immediate charge. Bishops are also expected to serve the larger church through the general agencies, boards and commissions. They are in many ways the faces of the denomination when General Conference is no longer in session.

Scope Note

The collection contains information about the textbook controversy in West Virginia during the mid-1970's when Bishop D. Frederick Wertz presided as bishop. Document types include correspondence, clippings and reports.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner.

SERIES: FREDERICK WERTZ.

Access Restrictions

Denominational agency journals, reports and committee minutes are open to the public unless they have been closed in accordance with requirements specified in the Discipline. Denominational agency staff office records are closed for twenty-five (25) years after creation. Personnel records are closed for at least 75 years. Appeals can be made to the General Commission on Archives and History, P. O. Box 127, Madison, NJ 07940.

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Preferred Citation

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Subject Terms

Additional Creators - Personal

Wertz, D. Frederick.

Subject Topics

Education.

Subject Geographic

West Virginia.

Genre

Clippings
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Reports.

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