

Guide to the Dennis R. Fletcher Collection

1934 - 1979



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The Rev. Dennis R. Fletcher Papers

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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 a brief biographical history of the person, or persons, who created or collected these papers; 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.

Biographical Note

Dennis R. Fletcher (1909-2001), United Methodist minister, was born on April 29, 1909 in Withams, Virginia. He was one of seven children born to Levi and Clarissa Tunnell Fletcher. His early education came within the public schools of Jenkins Bridge, Virginia and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Fletcher was awarded a bachelors degree from Lincoln University (Pennsylvania). He also completed special studies at the Boston School of Theology and Garrett School of Theology, Rust College awarded him the Doctor of Divinity degree.

Fletcher was known as a strong religious leader in the local church and church-wide community. His ministry began in 1934 in the former Delaware Annual Conference, with more than six years devoted to the active local pastorate. His assignments included Spring Lake, New Jersey (student appointment), Centerville Circuit, Maryland (1 year). In addition to this time served in the Delaware Conference, he was pastor of Peniel and Bethsaida, Philadelphia (9 years), and St. Mark in Montclair, New Jersey (5 years), the church from which he retired at the Northern New Jersey Conference in 1979. Even into retirement he provided leadership as interim pastor of Galilee (15 months), and Trinity (8 months) in New Jersey. Fletcher's connectional services spanned the global church as he worked for 27 years with the Board of Missions, Section of Church Extension and 3.5 years as the Executive Director of Gulfside United Methodist Assembly in Mississippi.

Fletcher was a forerunner in the number of African Americans holding posts at the general level of the church. As a member of the Inter-Jurisdictional Committee, Commission on Religion and Race, and the Board of Laity he provided leadership. He helped lay the groundwork for the dismantling of the Central Jurisdiction and creation of a more inclusive church. Up until his death, Fletcher spent time involved in church ministry and community activities as is evident through his membership with the NAACP, Black Methodists for Church Renewal, and Black United Fund of New Jersey.

Scope Note

Material contains sermons, photographs, artifacts and biographical information. The sermons are undated and comprise the majority of the papers. The photographs are local church and community related.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner.

SERMONS.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

ARTIFACTS.



BIOGRAPHICAL.

Access Restrictions

No restrictions.

Restrictions on Use

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Preferred Citation

When citing material from this collection please use the following format: Direct reference to the item or its file folder, the Rev. Dennis R. Fletcher Papers, United Methodist Church Archives - GCAH, Madison, New Jersey. Do not make use of the items call number as that is not a stable descriptor.

Index Terms

Genre

Photographs
Sermons

Subject Topics

African American Methodists
Ministry
Minorities



Container List

Sermons

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2411-3-1:3	Make Room: Isaiah 40:3	Undated
2411-3-1:4	Untitled: Ezekiel 37:1-14	Undated
2411-3-1:5	Love Your Enemies: Matthew 5-7	Undated
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2411-3-1:7	Untitled: Matthew 5:13	Undated
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