

Guide to the Reference Collection of Bishop Jonathan Doyle Keaton 2008-2017



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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

Jonathan Doyle Keaton (1946-), United Methodist Bishop, was born on March 30, 1946. Keaton graduated from Philander Smith College (B.A. 1968) and Garrett-Evangelical Seminary (M. Div. 1971, S.T.D. 1979). After graduation he was ordained by the Northern Illinois Annual Conference which appointed him to the following churches: St. Luke UMC in Chicago (1970-1979) and Broadway UMC in Rockford (1979-1982). From there he became the Associate Council Director staff member for eight years in the Northern Illinois Annual Conference office. Among his responsibilities included church and society, ethnic minority local churches and spiritual formation.

Keaton was an annual conference delegate to General Conference three times. After the 1990 annual conference concluded, Keaton became the Aurora District Superintendent until 1996. During that same year the North Central jurisdiction elected him to the episcopal office. He served as bishop in both the Ohio East (1996-2004) and Michigan (2004-2012) Episcopal Areas.

Bishop Keaton served as a member of the General Council on Ministries from 1988-1996. He served as a member of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry from 2009-2012. His past involvements with General Agencies include the General Board of Global Ministry from 1996-2004, and The United Methodist Development Fund from 1996-2004, where he served as president. Bishop Keaton chaired the denominational initiative, Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century (SBC-21) from 1996-2008. His service on SBC-21 ended in 2012. Bishop Keaton is serving as a member of the OCUIR Steering Committee and Council of Bishop's Leadership Team on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations.

Keaton is married to Beverly L. Keaton. The Keaton's have three grown children: Jonathan Doyle Keaton, II, Tandreka Jamil Keaton, and Anaya Teshon Keaton.

Scope and Content Note

The collection currently has two items. A speech by Keaton at the Northern Illinois Annual Conference's annual meeting of United Methodist Men and a signed copy of his book: "The Confessions of Three Ebony Bishops".

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. The collection is arranged by file name.



Related Material

United Methodist Church (U.S.). General Board of Global Ministries. Subject Files Series Records.

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions on this collection.

Use Access

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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, Bishop Jonathan Doyle Keaton Papers, United Methodist Church Archives - GCAH, Madison, New Jersey. Do not make use of the item's call number as that is not a stable descriptor.

Index Terms

Subject Terms

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Reflections
Theology

Geographic Terms

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