

Guide to the Charlotte A. Meade 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

Charlotte Meade (1937-), United Methodist Church West Virginia layperson, is a lifelong member of the Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR) Caucus. Meade served in various leadership capacities for the national BMCR organization. These positions included Secretary and Assistant Secretary for the BMCR National Board of Directors (1971-1980), and Board Member at Large (1987.) She was assigned to the Personnel Committee (1986) and Communications Committee (1987).

Charlotte Meade was born in Fairmont, West Virginia, on November 14th, 1937. She attended Dunbar School and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1955. She went on to attend West Virginia State College (now West Virginia State University) and graduated in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and English (grades 1-9). Meade graduated from Toledo University with a master's degree in education with an emphasis in curriculum and instruction. She taught eighth-grade language arts at Robinson Junior High School in Toledo, Ohio, for 18 years. She taught for two years at Fairmont Business College and taught eighth-grade language arts at Monongah Middle School for 25 years. She retired in June 2003.

Meade is active in her local church, Trinity United Methodist Church in Fairmont, and in the West Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, as well as in the BMCR. With the Rev. Richard Bowyer and Betty Hart, Meade co-wrote "Prayer in the Black Tradition" and served on the Task Force of "Songs of Zion." She is also the author of original poetry featured in the West Virginia Folklife Center at Fairmont State Folklife journal "Traditions" and a self-published book of poetry and written expressions titled "In My Time."

Meade's awards include the Distinguished Citizen of Fairmont, Marion County Teacher of the Year, The Soroptomist International of Fairmont's Woman of Distinction Award, Teacher Award from the City of Fairmont Arts and Humanities Commission and the Milken Foundation Educators Award.

Scope and Content Note

The collection essentially documents Meade's involvement with Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR) as evident in her records dating from 1969 to 2002. Meade's documents do not contain BMCR office files but rather are primary records collected at annual meetings with few exceptions. The bulk of collection is yearly meeting program books with agendas that may have some supporting documents. It should be noted these program books are not inclusive within the spanned years previously mentioned.

Reports, papers and audio recordings either with transcripts or not from annual meetings provide insight into BMCR's foci, issues, and worship such as the Songs of Zion hymnal. Other BMCR organizational publications furnish the scope and mission of the organization within the larger United Methodist Church. Additional records are small in number that may or may not inform BMCR's ongoing work.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. The records are arranged by genre and subject.

Related Material

Records of the African American Methodist Heritage Center

Wayne Kenton Clymer Papers

Records of the United Methodist Church General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

Records of the Mission Education and Cultivation Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries

Records of the World Division of the General Board of Global Ministries

Records of the World Division of the General Board of Global Ministries

Records of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries

Records of the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries

Administrative records of the Division of General Welfare of the General Board of Church and Society

Administrative records of the Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs of the General Board of Church and Society

Administrative records of the Division of Ministry of God's Human Community of the General Board of Church and Society

Records of Health and Welfare Ministries Division of the General Board of Global Ministries

Nashville Area Episcopal Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding this collection.

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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, Charlotte Meade Papers, African American Methodist Heritage Center - GCAH, Madison, New Jersey. Do not make use of the item's call number as that is not a stable descriptor.

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African American choirs
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Social Gospel
Women, Methodist
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Pennsylvania
South Carolina
Tennessee
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Genre Terms

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United Methodist Church (U.S.)

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Holmes, Zan Wesley
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