

Guide to the John Vanlandingham Moore Papers 1964-2018



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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

John Vanlandingham Moore (1919-), American Minister, was born to Manning Sydney Moore and Winifred Elaine Buxton on September 6, 1919 in Pueblo, Colorado. The Moore family also had three other children, Manning Jr., Louise Elaine, and Robert B. After graduating from Poly High School in 1937, John headed to Stanford where he received a B.A. degree in 1941. From there he headed to Upstate New York to attend Colgate Rochester Divinity School in order to prepare for the ordained ministry within the Baptist Church. Moore decided to spend his middler year at Berkeley Divinity School before returning to Colgate Rochester in order to finish his Masters of Divinity degree by the Spring of 1944. Upon graduation, the local church beckoned to Moore where he served as an associate pastor at the First Baptist Church, Sacramento, California, from 1944 to 1946. The next ministerial stop was the Himrod Avenue Baptist Church in Youngstown, Ohio. John spent almost two years in Youngstown until leaving on the last day of 1948.

At this point came a major career shift with Moore becoming a clergy member of the California-Nevada Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. Del Paso Heights Church in suburban Sacramento was his first appointment which lasted till July 1952. The bishop then appointed him to the Hayward Methodist Church until 1958. From Hayward, his next appointment came in the form of the Trinity Methodist Church, Chico. Moore stayed at Trinity until 1962 when he was moved to San Francisco to be the senior minister of Glide Memorial Methodist Church in which this collection reflects. By July 1966, the bishop appointed Moore to the California Aggie Christian Association at the University of California Davis campus, where he served as campus minister until 1972. Moore's star continued to shine within the California-Nevada Annual Conference when he was named the Bay View District Superintendent for one quadrennium. After spending all of his Methodist career in California, he was then appointed to the Reno First church located in Nevada from 1976 to December 30, 1980. Moore's final appointment saw him back in California as pastor of First United Methodist Church in Sacramento from 1981 to 1986. After forty-two years of active ministry retirement beckoned and John settled into his new life by July 1, 1986. This, however, did not last long because the annual conference called on him time and again to serve as the interim pastor for three charges, namely First United Methodist in Modest, Davis United Methodist and Merced United Methodist.

Scope Note

John Vanlandingham Moore preached a gospel that reached out to everyone within the communities he served. Moore's papers reflect his honest, thoughtful viewpoints. These documents contain perhaps the



earliest public rethinking on the issue of homosexuality in the Methodist church. This thought process is manifested in the form of three sermons preached at Glide Memorial United Methodist Church. The sermons get extensive coverage in a number of regional and national newspapers during the first half of 1965. A firestorm of strong opinions on both sides of the issue quickly ensued which a sample can be found here, especially in the correspondence and clipping files. The addresses and papers were created at least a decade later from the 1965 sermons which represent Moore's evolving thinking on homosexuality for a larger discussion within The United Methodist Church. Barbara Moore's autobiography is included in the collection as well an invitation to celebrate Moore's 98.6 birthday.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. Material is arranged by record type.

Related Materials

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Records of Affirmation: United Methodists for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Concerns

Paul Abels Collection

Position Papers for the Committee to Study Homosexuality

Records of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.

Records of the Council of Bishops

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

Records of the Kansas Episcopal Area

The Gay Way Publication

United Methodist Collection, Graduate Theological Union, Berkley, California.

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Moore, Barbara

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