

Church Women United Peoria Records 1943-2006, undated

Creator: Church Women United Peoria

Extent: 1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

Language: English

Repository: Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago. Please contact WLArchives@luc.edu regarding use.

Administration Information

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See Also: The Church Women United Illinois Records, Church Women United Wilmette Records, and the Church Women United Elmhurst, Villa Park, Lombard Records at the Women and Leadership Archives.

Administrative History

Church Women United is a US women's organization founded in 1941 representing Roman Catholic and Protestant women. They identify as "a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice." The national organization, Church Women United is comprised of over 1,200 local and state units in the US and Puerto Rico as of 2011, and as a whole, has worked with the United Nations on many occasions. One of these units is Church Women United Peoria, in Illinois, which began in 1942. Since their local unit's inception, they have held monthly meetings and a variety of annual events which bring together women of many local Peoria Christian churches, often having drawn between 25 and 200 people.

CWU Peoria's records mostly contain minutes from meetings, budgets, and events. Three central annual events, *May Fellowship Day* (May), *World Day of Prayer* (March), and *World Community*

Day (November) have various materials in this collection, many in the form of newspaper clippings and notes of attendance and actions. CWU Peoria’s monthly meetings, annual celebrations, annual board elections, attendance notes, and event materials make up the majority of this collection.

Scope and Content

The Church Women United Peoria Records span 1942-2006 and 1.5 linear feet. Original order has been maintained whenever possible, in particular with the organization’s notebooks which comprise the bulk of the collection. Other administrative records represented in the collection include awards, booklets, and programs that were not part of any of the notebooks. The collection is organized chronologically, though there is some year-span overlap between the notebooks and repetition between bound and unbound notebooks.

Series 1: Administration, 1943-2006, undated, Boxes 1-3

Contains materials concerning a wide array of CWU Peoria’s administrative actions and agendas. Most of this series consists of handwritten notes of records such as budget, attendance, meeting minutes, board votes, event recaps, member information, and newspaper clippings.

Subseries 1.1: General, 1967-2006, undated, Box 1

Subseries 1.2: Notebooks, 1942-1994, undated, Boxes 1-3

Contains all of the minutes and general notes kept in notebooks, which mostly consist of budget, attendance, planning, and reflection information.

Subjects:

- Church Women United
- May Festival
- World Prayer Day
- World Community Day

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		<i>Church Women United Peoria Records, 1943-2006, undated</i>	
		Series 1: Administration, 1943-2006, undated	
		Subseries 1.1: General, 1967-2006, undated	
1	1	The History of The Glenbrook Council of Church Women United” Booklet (2 copies)	undated
1	2	Various Programs/Booklets	1967-2006
1	3	Miscellaneous Notes	1988-2004, undated
		Subseries 1.2: Notebooks, 1943-1994, undated	
1	4	Bound Notebooks 1	1943-1972, undated
1	5	Bound Notebooks 2	1966-1988, undated
1	6	Bound Notebooks 3	1979-1991, undated
2	1	Bound Notebooks 4	1987-2005, undated
2	2	Unbound Notebook 1 (1 of 2)	1964-1967, undated
2	3	Unbound Notebook 1 (2 of 2)	1964-1967, undated
2	4	Unbound Notebook 2	1977, undated

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2	5	Unbound Notebook 3	1977-1978, undated
2	6	Unbound Notebook 4	1979-1980, undated
2	7	Unbound Notebook 5	1981-1983, undated
2	8	Unbound Notebook 6	1983-1984, undated
2	9	Unbound Notebook: Attendance (1 of 2)	1987-1994, undated
3	1	Unbound Notebook 7	1989, undated
3	2	Unbound Notebook 8	1990, undated
3	3	Unbound Notebook 9	1990-1991, undated
3	4	Unbound Notebook 10	1992, undated
3	5	Unbound Notebook 11	1993, undated
3	6	Unbound Notebook: Attendance (2 of 2)	1993-2004, undated
3	7	Unbound Notebook 12	1994, undated
3	8	Unbound Notebook 13	1995, undated
3	9	Unbound Notebook 14	1995-1996, undated
3	10	Unbound Notebook 15	2002, undated
3	11	Unbound Notebook 16	2003, undated
3	12	Unbound Notebook 17	2004, undated