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Summary Information

Repository	University Archives and Special Collections
Creator	Association for Creative Change Within Religious and Other Social Systems (U.S.)
Title	Association for Creative Change records
Date [inclusive]	1968-1996
Extent	5.5 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	Administrative materials, publications, and photographs pertaining to the Association for Creative Change, a national group of behavioral scientists employed in religious systems.

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History of the Association for Creative Change

In 1968, a small group of behavioral scientists founded the Association for Creative Change (ACC), originally the Association of Religion and Applied Behavioral Science (ARABS). The group was primarily a means of networking and professional development for behavioral scientists who worked in religious systems such as denominational administrative offices, as ordained or lay ministers, or as Christian education professionals. The organization held annual conferences, produced a newsletter and a journal, and offered two professional certifications: Laboratory Trainer and Professional Member. The ACC expanded to include partner membership organizations in Canada and South Africa. Dwindling membership led to the organization's dissolution in 1996.

Scope and Contents

The materials in this collection document the operation and history of the Association for Creative Change. The collection includes bylaws, meeting minutes, correspondence, financial records, conference brochures, professional recognition records, publications, research projects, and photographs, among other records. The collection spans 1968-1996.

Arrangement

The Association for Creative Change records are divided into six series.

- Series 1: Administrative records
- Series 2: Conferences
- Series 3: Professional recognition
- Series 4: Publications
- Series 5: Special projects
- Series 6: Photographs, sound recordings, and other media

Administrative Information

Publication Information

University Archives and Special Collections, 2006

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Acquisition Information

Dorothy J. Britain donated the collection of materials of the Association for Creative Change on behalf of the organization on November 20, 1978. Additional materials were received until 1996, when the organization disbanded.

Search Terms

Corporate Name(s)

- Association for Creative Change Within Religious and Other Social Systems (U.S.)
- Association of Religion and Applied Behavioral Science

Subject(s)

- Behavioral scientists
- Scientists

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Administrative records, 1968-1996

Scope and Contents

Administrative and organizational records of the Association for Creative Change (ACC), including several iterations of the mission statement and bylaws, a history of the organization written in 1996 for the dissolution of the group, financial and tax documents, Steering Committee files, and other committee meeting minutes and correspondence.

Box	Folder	
1	1	Governing documents and history, 1970-1996
1	2	Steering Committee minutes, 1969-1973
1	3	Steering Committee minutes, 1975-1980
1	4	Steering Committee minutes, 1981-1984
1	5	Steering Committee minutes, 1985-1987
1	6	Steering Committee minutes, 1988-1991
1	7	Steering Committee minutes (known as Coordinating Committee in 1994-1996), 1992-1996
2	1	Steering Committee correspondence, 1970-1976
2	2	Steering Committee correspondence, 1977-1985
2	3	Steering Committee correspondence, 1986-1992
2	4	Steering Committee correspondence, 1993-1996
2	5	Administrative Committee/ Executive Committee minutes, 1973-1978, 1989
2	6	Administrative Committee/ Executive Committee minutes, 1991-1994
2	7	Administrative Committee/ Executive Committee minutes, 1975, 1977, 1991
2	8	Core Leadership Event minutes and information, 1988-1993
2	9	Executive director reports, 1970-1975, 1987-1989
3	1	Executive director contract and employment information, 1992-1995
3	2	Policy manual, circa 1990
3	3	Articles of Incorporation, 1968-1994
3	4	Various state incorporation certificates and tax documents, 1973-1993
3	5	Year-end financial reports and budgets, 1971-1995
3	6	Independent audits, 1970-1990
3	7	Tax returns, 1977-1992
4	1	Office insurance documents, 1985-1989
4	2	Group liability insurance documents, 1985-1991
4	3	Financial records including loans to and from ACC, 1974-1991

4	4	Personnel Committee, 1988-1989
4	5	Finance and Investment Committee, 1986, 1994
4	6	Resources Committee, 1973-1976
4	7	Nominating Committee, 1971-1995
4	8	Long Range Planning Committee, 1991-1993
4	9	Ethics Committee, 1973-1986
4	10	Church Executive Development Board, 1971-1972
4	11	SARCO Committee, 1973-1977
4	12	Communications Committee, 1971-1975
4	13	Marketing Committee, 1986-1988
5	1	Membership Committee, 1968-1994
5	2	Canada Chapter, 1977-1989
5	3	Canada Chapter, 1990-1993
5	4	South Africa Chapter (aka TACT), 1973-1978
5	5	General Member correspondence, 1968-1974
5	6	General Member correspondence, 1975-1980
5	7	General Member correspondence, 1981-1996

Series 2: Conferences, 1969-1995

Scope and Contents

Brochures and program details of the ACC annual conferences. Notes and minutes of the conference committee are included with the conference materials. A few annual conferences were held at the Bergamo Center in Dayton, which is affiliated with the University of Dayton.

Box	Folder	
6	1	Conferences, 1969-1974
6	2	Conferences, 1975-1979
6	3	Conferences, 1980-1985
6	4	Conferences, 1986-1990
6	5	Conferences, 1991-1995

Series 3: Professional recognition, 1968-1995

Scope and Contents

Records of the ACC professional recognition program. Members completed a paid recognition program to obtain certification as a Laboratory Trainer or a Professional Member. Certified members were reviewed every three years. Certification was a substantial source of funds for the ACC.

Box	Folder	
7	1	Professional Development Recognition Committee minutes, 1970-1995
7	2	Professional Development Recognition Committee, 1968-1971
7	3	Professional Member survey, 1971
7	4	Professional Development Recognition Committee, 1972-1976
7	5	Professional Development Recognition Committee, 1977-1989
7	6	Professional Development Recognition Committee, 1990-1995

Series 4: Publications, 1969-1996

Scope and Contents

Publications are divided into four categories: membership directories, the newsletter, the loose-leaf journal, and the journal *Creative Change*. The newsletter went through many changes over the years but was generally published on a semiannual and sometimes quarterly basis. The loose-leaf journal was a project to disseminate professional articles at low cost to members in the early 1970s. By 1979, the ACC started *The Journal of Applied Behavioral Science* (later *Creative Change*), which they published until their dissolution in 1996.

Box	Folder	
7	7	Publications Committee minutes, 1971-1990
7	8	Publications Committee, 1979-1995
8	1	Membership directories, 1969-1978
8	2	Membership directories, 1980-1985
8	3	Membership directories, 1987-1996
8	4	Newsletter, 1969-1974
8	5	Newsletter, 1975-1983
8	6	Newsletter, 1984-1988
8	7	Newsletter, 1989-1996
9	1	Loose-leaf journal, 1975-1978
9	2	Journal index, journals, 1979-1996

Series 5: Special projects, 1972-1996

Scope and Contents

Materials on special projects, including a master's thesis written about the ACC, a project on regional development, and other research projects. The series includes files on the ACC's outsourcing of administrative functions and database maintenance. Records pertaining to the organization's dissolution, such as the Secretary of State filings, the dissolution plan, and the ACC's Three Point Ritual Plan to celebrate the ACC are also included. Minutes and correspondence about the dissolution can be found in the Steering Committee minutes and the general member correspondence for 1996.

Box	Folder	
10	1	Peabody thesis information, 1972-1975
10	2	Peabody thesis, 1975
10	3	Project Innovation, 1972-1974
10	4	Experiential theology, 1973-1976
10	5	Regional development, 1970-1978
10	6	Research project, 1982
10	7	Outsourcing: Phantos Research, 1981-1986
10	8	Outsourcing: Bredehoft Associates, 1991
10	9	ACCNet, 1993-1994
10	10	Special interest groups, 1994
10	11	Dwinell file, 1984
10	12	Dissolution, 1995-1996

Series 6: Photographs, sound recordings, and other media, 1970-1996

Scope and Contents

ACC photographs arranged by decade, slides, and audiovisual materials. Several photographs are identified on the reverse side of the photograph; many are not identified. Three boxes of projector slides comprise a retrospective created in 1996 for the organization's dissolution celebration. An audiotape accompanies the slide show. Other audiotapes contain conference presentations and a history of the ACC. One videotape covers ACC activities from 1992-1993.

Box	Folder	
11	1	Photographs, 1970-1979
11	2	Photographs: 1978 Conference, 1978
11	3	Photographs, 1980-1989
11	4	Photographs, 1990-1996
11		35mm slides and audiovisual recordings, 1978-1996
		Slide show slides 1-36, 1996 (36 slides)
		Slide show slides 37-79, 1996 (43 slides)
		Extra slides, 1996 (20 slides)
		Slide show soundtrack, 1996 (Audiocassette tape 1)

1978 Annual Meeting--Dorothy's Speech, 1978 (Audiocassette tape 2)
ACC--Evening June 25--Bryan McNeel on Professionalism and Response, 25 June
1984 (Audiocassette tape 3)
George Ainsworth-Land, 26 June 1984 (Audiocassette tape 4)
Verna Dozier--Wed. Evening ACC, 27 June 1984 (Audiocassette tape 5)
Creating a Positive Future--Barbara Marx Hubbard, undated (Audiocassette tape 6)
A Salty History of Our Glorious Association, undated (Audiocassette tape 7)
ACC 92-93, 1992-1993 (VHS 1)