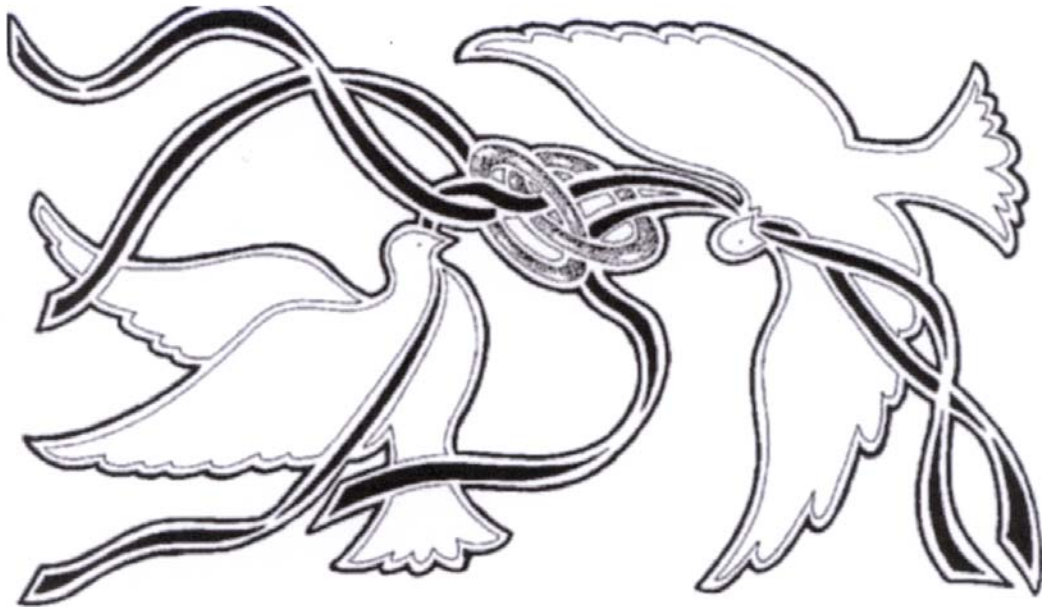


INVENTORY TO THE
BAPTIST PEACE FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH
AMERICA RECORDS

AR. 712



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I. Historical Sketch

The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America began in the early days of the Second World War. By reading the Scriptures, a group of American Baptists became convicted that the New Testament forbade them to take up arms or to kill. They formed a fellowship of mutual support and encouragement. Later, with the advent of nuclear weapons and Cold War tensions, many others who were not pacifists joined the group out of a common concern to bear witness against the escalation of violence.

In 1979 a group from the Deer Park Baptist Church, a Southern Baptist congregation in Louisville, Kentucky, began meeting to discuss and pray about the need for a stronger witness for peace within the Southern Baptist Convention. The following year a magazine, the Baptist Peacemaker, a free quarterly tabloid was born out of that dialogue.

Peacemakers of both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions joined to visit Baptist brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union in 1983. Organized by the Baptist Peace Fellowship, the 50 member delegation wanted to affirm their common faith and the Christian love. They returned to the U.S. more convinced than ever of the need to "pursue this testimony of our common Lord." In August of that year some of these tour members met in Washington, DC, with the leaders of the Baptist Peace Fellowship. At that meeting the idea for forming a Baptist peacemaking organization -representing Baptists of all North American traditions -was first explored.

March 30-31, 1984, representatives from the Baptist Peace Fellowship, the Baptist Peacemaker, local Baptist peacemaker groups, as well as other concerned pastors and lay people, met at Deer Park Church. This group formed and organized the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. The purpose of the organization is outlined in its promotional brochure. "The purpose of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America is to unite and enable Baptist Christians to make peace in a warring world. We are called by God to witness to the Gospel of Peace. This calling is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ, who is our Peace, in whom God is reconciling the world and through whom God calls us to the ministry of peacemaking. Peace is not only our goal, but our means. The foundation of Peace is Justice. The force of Peace is Love."

The offices of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America is located in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. In 1984 the Fellowship appointed Ken Sehested as the first executive director.

II. Scope and Content

The records of the Fellowship consists of 7 and 1/2 linear feet of material. Most of the records date from early 1962 to 1998 but the collection does include the Peace Breakfast program at the Northern Baptist Convention in 1940. The records include correspondence of the officers and executive director, articles and addresses on peace issues, brochures, flyers, programs, posters, newspaper clippings, annual reports, financial reports, membership lists, minutes, newsletters, press releases, and publications. Frequent correspondents

in the papers from the early years of the collection are: Beverly Donald, James R. Lynch, Donna Reddy, Lillian Robertson, Donald Powers Smith and Olive Tiller. Frequent correspondents in later years include: Henlee Barnette, Daniel L. But try, John Claypool, Luis Collazo, Paul Dakar, Marie Dennis, Isabel Doc, James Dunn, Ingrid Dvirnak, Paul Hayes, Augie Hillis, Glenn Hinson, Denton Lotz, Jim and Kathy McGinnis, Joe Phelps, Charles Shawver, Glenn Harold Stassen, John Sundquist and Paula Womack.

The collection includes reactions to the Persian Gulf War and the response of Baptists to the conflict. Also includes information on racial reconciliation, Nicaraguan Baptists, Cuban Baptists, and nuclear weapons testing. The last box of the collection contains limited artifacts and memorabilia (mostly buttons, mugs, sweat shirts and T-shirts) and copies of the Baptist Peacemaker and Peace Work. Copies of Baptist Peacemaker and Peace Work are located in the periodical collection.

The material in the collection relates to conferences, friendship tours, newsletter production, fund raising and the issue of peace. The records include writings and reports by the executive director and clippings related to him.

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title. The records are in good condition and have been transferred to acid-free folders. The collection includes some photocopied material.

The records were originally deposited in the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives in 1989 by the Fellowship. Additions to the collection have been received since that time and are expected in the future.

III. Folder Listing

Box 1

- 1.1 American Baptist Convention, 1965
- 1.2 American Baptist Convention-Positions taken on peace issues
- 1.3 American Baptist Peace Action Task Force
- 1.4 American Baptist Peace Conference, 1976
- 1.5 Articles, Addresses, Etc.
- 1.6 Brochures/Flyers Baptist Peace Fellowship
- 1.7 Bryant, Alice Franklin
- 1.8 Buttons
- 1.9 Church Peace Mission, 1965 (Newsletter)
- 1.10 Clippings, 1984-87
- 1.11 Conference Programs-BPFNA, 1986- 1989
- 1.12 Correspondence- 1963 to 1965
- 1.13 Correspondence- 1971 to 1976
- 1.14 Correspondence- 1977 to 1979
- 1.15 Correspondence- 1980
- 1.16 Correspondence- 1981 to 1984
- 1.17 Correspondence -Dues, Membership, 1968- 1971
- 1.18 Correspondence -Dues, Membership, 1972 to 1974
- 1.19 Correspondence -Dues, Membership, 1975 to 1983
- 1.20 Director's Report and Financial Statement, 1984 to 1989
- 1.21 Essay Contest -Correspondence and Essays, 1980 to 1981
- 1.22 Fellowship of Reconciliation
- 1.23 Financial Reports, 1962 to 1981 (Scattered)
- 1.24 General Membership Letters, 1985 to 1989 (BPFNA)

- 1.25 King, Martin Luther -Resource Material
- 1.26 Membership
- 1.27 Membership Lists
- 1.28 Minutes, 1964 to 1983 {Scattered}
- 1.29 Nicaragua Baptists
- 1.30 Newsletters -1970, 1972, 1974 -
- 1.31 Notices, Flyers, Programs
- 1.32 Officers
- 1.33 Peace and Friendship Tours
- 1.34 Peace Breakfast Program -1940
- 1.35 Peace Prize
- 1.36 Plowshare- 1975, 1977
- 1.37 Policies, Procedures, Agreements
- 1.38 Posters
- 1.39 Press Releases -1983 to 1989
- 1.40 Publications {Other Peace Organizations}
- 1.41 Purpose/History
- 1.42 "Seek Peace And Pursue It" -Proceedings from the 1988
International Baptist Peace Conference -August 3 to 7,
1988
- 1.43 Sehested, Ken- "Baptist Peacemakers in North America: A
Story, A Strategy, and a Theology." Faith and Mission,
Fall, 1986
- 1.44 Sehested, Ken "Recipe for Peacemaking"
- 1.45 Tennessee Baptist Peace and Justice Fellowship

Box 2

- 2.1 APPLICATIONS {Pen Pals}
- 2.2 BOOKLET -Williamson, George -"Who Is God In the Heat of War
in the Hope of Peace?"
- 2.3 BROCHURES, FLYERS, ETC.
- 2.4 BROCHURES, FLYERS, ETC. -1995-1998
- 2.5 CONFERENCE PAPERS -1991- Summer Conferences
- 2.6 CONFERENCE PAPERS -1992- Summer Conferences
- 2.7 CONFERENCE PAPERS -1994- Summer Conferences
- 2.8 CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS
- 2.9 CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND ACTION GUIDE -1993
- 2.10 CONTRIBUTION LETTERS -August, 1995; July, 1998
- 2.11 CORRESPONDENCE -January to February, 1984
- 2.12 CORRESPONDENCE -March to May, 1984
- 2.13 CORRESPONDENCE -June to August, 1984
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- 3.37 CORRESPONDENCE -January, 1991- Persian Gulf War
- 3.38 CORRESPONDENCE- February, 1991- Persian Gulf War

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5.43 DIRECTOR'S REPORT -1987 to 1996
5.44 FINANCIAL REPORT -1990 TO 1991, 19994
5.45 FINANCIAL STATEMENT -1996
5.46 FINANCIAL STATEMENT -1997
5.47 FOOD BUS PROJECT
5.48 GAVEL- Eileen Rockwood
5.49 GENERAL LETTERS TO FELLOWSHIP/BOARD -1986 TO 1995
5.50 MINUTES -1991 TO 1997
5.51 NICARAGUAN BAPTIST
5.52 PERSIAN GULF WAR
5.53 PHOTOGRAPHS
5.54 PRACTICE HOSPITALITY -Summer, 1993