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Guide to the

Sandy F. Ray papers

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Summary

Creator: Ray, Sandy F.

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Abstract: Sandy F. Ray (1898-1979) was a former pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, from 1944 to 1979. Other pastorates he held were at First Baptist Church in LaGrange, Georgia; First Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia; St. Luke in Chicago; and Shiloh Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. Ray served as president of the Empire Missionary Baptist Convention, N.Y.S., Inc., 1954-1979; the first vice-president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., 1968-1979; and the first elected African American state legislator of the 95th General Assembly in Franklin County, Ohio (1943-1944). Ray authored the book, *Journeying through a Jungle* (1979), which is a collection of his sermons. He was also the first elected African American state legislator of the 95th General Assembly in Franklin County, Ohio (1943-1944). The Sandy F. Ray papers consist of handwritten sermons and messages prepared for the ministers' seminar delivered by Ray at the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress in Chattanooga, Tennessee; Miami, Florida; Dallas, Texas; Birmingham, Alabama; and San Francisco, California.

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American Baptists
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Names

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Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 **Handwritten sermons**
Includes "A Sit Down Strike"; "A Technique for the Unusual"; "Chronic Fault Finding"; "Decentralized Motherhood"; "Forgetting Those Things which Are Behind"; "Into Each Life Some Rain Must Fall Is More than a Popular Song"; "Packing Up"; "Spiritual Reconstruction"; "The Church's Ministry in Industrial Upheavals"; "The Empty Tomb"; and "The Pure in Heart".
- b. 1 f. 2 **Messages for the Ministers' Seminar 1968-1976**
Includes "The Christian Stance in a Confused Culture"; "Journeying through the Jungle" and "Bridging the Breach", 1968; "A Cry from the Darkness" and "Spiritual Recreation, the Hope of Humanity", 1969; "On Being Together", 1973; "What Lack I Yet?", 1975; and "Evangelism, a Cure for a Withering Church", 1976.
- b. 1 f. 3 **Awards 1972-1976**
Includes a photocopy of a plaque received from The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Social Change, signed by Martin Luther King, Jr., and Coretta Scott King in 1976.
- b. 1 f. 4 **Letter and lecture note 1999**
- b. 1 f. 5 **Funeral resolutions**
- b. 1 f. 6 **Eulogy for Ray**