Summary

Creator:  Black Theology Project

Title:  Black Theology Project records

Date:  1976-1987

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Source:  Gift, Black Theology Project, 02/--/87

Abstract:  The records include files of the Board of Directors, 1980-84 (lists of board members, agendas, minutes, memoranda); administrative and programmatic files of former executive directors, Howard Dodson, Jualynne Dodson, and Yvonne Delk; correspondence, 1976-84; files for the Cuban Seminar on Black Theology, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Seminar, and other contacts with Cuban ecumenical organizations, 1984 and 1986; in addition to subject files and printed matter.

Access:  Advance notice required.

Preferred citation:  Black Theology Project records, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, The New York Public Library

Creator History

The Black Theology Project (BTP) is an interdenominational organization founded in 1976 under the leadership of Rev. Charles Spivey, Sister Shawn Copeland and Rev. Muhammad Kenyatta. BTP incorporates black academicians, theologians, clergy and laity, and political and community activists in a national network committed to theological reflection and social action on behalf of the black church and the black community. The organization has established theological dialogues with Hispanic, Native American and Pacific/Asian Christians in the United States and with Third World Christians and liberation movements outside of the United States, especially in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia.

The Black Theology Project was originally organized as one of eight projects of Theology in the Americas (TIA), a consortium program related to the National Council of Churches. BTP engages in theological dialogue and conferences with related TIA projects regarding a theology of liberation for
Among its activities BTP has held several conferences, including "Black Church and Black Community: Unity and Action for Education" (Atlanta, 1977), a 1979 conference focusing on the relation of class and feminist analysis to Black Theology, and "National and International Priorities of the Black Church" (Washington, D. C., 1984).

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**Arrangement:** Records organized into two series: I Board of Directors files; II Administrative files

**Key Terms**

**Subjects**
African Americans -- Religion
Black theology
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Civil rights -- Religious aspects -- Christianity
Liberation theology
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**Geographic Names**
Cuba -- Religion

**Names**
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