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Abstract: The Tyrone Pitts/NCC Papers are devoted primarily to the work of Tyrone Pitts as the NCC's Director for Racial Justice. This position was in the NCC's Division of Church and Society which was headed by Kenyon Burke. Pitts' role in the Racial Justice Working Group and the Ecumenical Minority Bail Bond Fund are particularly well documented.

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Creator History

Tyrone Pitts, an ordained minister of the American Baptist Church, received his B.S. from Virginia State College and his M. Div. from Colgate Rochester Divinity School of Crozer Theological Seminary in Rochester, New York. From 1980 to 1989, Pitts served as the Director for Racial Justice for the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. (NCC). Prior to his work at NCC Pitts served as Director of the Mutual Assistance Minority Program of the American Baptist Church and as an Associate Minister of Church Mission at the Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. He also worked as a teacher-counselor in the Rochester, New York school district. The NCC, founded in 1950, is an

ecumenical organization made up of member communions, including Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican church bodies. Through its programs the NCC work encompasses a wide range of activities that further Christian unity, promote social justice and serve people throughout the world.

Scope and Content Note

The Tyrone Pitts/NCC papers span the years 1951-1989 and document many aspects of the NCC's work, especially its Division of Church and Society. In particular the papers reflect the work of Tyrone Pitts as Director for Racial Justice for the NCC, with special emphasis on his role in the Racial Justice Working Group and the Ecumenical Minority Bail Bond Fund. The collection does not contain any personal information relating to Tyrone Pitts. The earliest dated material is represented only by NCC resolutions. The bulk of the collection is dated 1980 - 1989. The papers document the NCC's social justice programs and its particular focus areas in the 1980's. These include racial justice, civil rights, racial violence, Native American rights and justice for farmworkers. Through educational programs, work with NCC member denominations and ecumenical agencies, and social action programs, Pitts worked in the NCC to effect social changes in these areas. In addition the collection contains some information on the general organization and administration of the NCC in this period. The printed matter an subject file contain a broad range of material on a variety of topics which were of interest to Pitts as Director for Racial Justice. The collection is organized into seven series: Correspondence, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., Division of Church and Society, Subject Files, Printed Matter, Prayer Services/Sermons and Proposals.

Arrangement: Organized into seven series: I. Correspondence; II. National Council of Churches; III. Division of Church and Society; IV. Subject Files; V. Printed Matter; VI. Prayer Services/Sermons; VII. Proposals

Key Terms

Subjects

Agricultural laborers -- Civil rights -- United States
Agricultural laborers -- Social conditions -- United States
Anti-apartheid movements
Apartheid -- South Africa
Bail -- United States -- 20th century
Church and minorities -- United States
Church and social problems -- United States
Civil rights -- Religious aspects -- Christianity
Indians of North America -- Legal status, laws, etc -- 20th century
Minorities -- Crimes against
Minorities -- Legal status, laws, etc -- United States -- 20th century
Race discrimination -- Law and legislation
Race relations -- 20th century
Race relations -- Religious aspects -- Christianity
Racism

Titles

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Robeson County (N.C.)
South Africa -- Race relations
United States -- Race relations

Names

Pitts, Tyrone

Burke, Kenyon C.

Black Theology Project

Christic Institute

Council on Interracial Books for Children

East Coast Farmworker Support Network

National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America

National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Division of Church and Society

National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Ecumenical Minority Bail Bond Fund

National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Racial Justice Working Group

National Interreligious Commission on Civil Rights

Container List

Correspondence

The *CORRESPONDENCE, 1980-1989*, (1.2 lin. ft.) files reflect the broad scope of Pitts' work within the NCC and with other organizations and agencies with racial and social justice programs. The correspondence is almost exclusively incoming and includes letters, memos, reports, and invitations. Correspondence related specifically to the Racial Justice Working Group and the Ecumenical Minority Bail Bond Fund can be found in those files. Internal NCC correspondence in the form of memos makes up a significant portion of this series. These memos include information on meetings, issues and NCC policy and administration. Also among these are numerous bulletins from other NCC sections and committees, most notably the Church World Service Disaster Response Committee. Outside organizations represented include the Christic institute South, the Southern Organizing Committee for Economic and Social Justice, the Church Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines, the East Coast Farmworker Support Network, the Baptist World Alliance, the United Church of Christ Commission on Racial Justice and the World Council of Churches Programme to Combat Racism. Among the major issues addressed are racism, civil rights, Southern Africa, the rights of Native Americans and Native Hawaiians, the situation of Koreans in Japan, and the condition of farmworkers.

- b. 1 f. 1 r. 1980-1983
- b. 1 f. 2 r. 1984
- b. 1 f. 3-4 r. 1985
- b. 1 f. 5-10 r. 1986
- b. 2 f. 1-3 r. 1986
- b. 2 f. 4-8 r. 1987
- b. 3 f. 1-5 r. 1988
- b. 3 f. 6-8 r. 1989
- b. 3 f. 9 r. Undated

National Council of Churches (NCC)

The papers in the *NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A. (NCC), 1951-1989*, (1.8 lin. ft.) series include administrative files, NCC resolutions, NCC sponsored programs, Amicus Curiae briefs and Miscellaneous material. The earliest dates are represented in a file of NCC resolutions, but the bulk of the series dates from 1982 to 1989. Although the entire collection relates to the NCC, this series includes material not specifically related to the functions of the Division of Church and Society or to Pitts' work in that Division. The material in this series is more descriptive of the general operations of the NCC. [Please note that the official archives of the NCC are located at the Presbyterian History Society in Philadelphia.]

Administration

The *NCC Administration* files, 1981-1989, are not complete but include minutes and agendas of meetings of the executive committee and governing board, the elected staff, the Cabinet and the staff conference. In addition there are copies (from different years) of the bylaws, constitution and standing rules of the Governing Board of the NCC. There is one folder of material on the Committee of Fifteen which was created in 1988 to study and report upon the future organization of the NCC.

- b. 4 f. 1 r. Bylaws, Rules, Constitution 1982, 1985, 1987, n.d
- b. 4 f. 2 r. Committee of 15 1989
- b. 4 f. 3 r. Elected Staff Meetings, Executive Committee and Governing Board 1986-1989
- b. 4 f. 4 r. 1983
- b. 4 f. 5 r. 1985-1986
- b. 4 f. 6 r. 1987
- b. 4 f. 7 r. 1988-1989, n.d.

National Council of Churches (NCC) (cont.)
Administration (cont.)

- b. 4 f. 8 r. **Governing Board - Minority Caucus 1981-1982**
- b. 4 f. 9 r. **General Secretary's Cabinet 1986-1987**
 Cabinet 1986-1989
- b. 4 f. 10 r. **Staff Conference 1986-1988**

Resolutions

NCC Resolutions, 1951-1989, include resolutions adopted by the Governing Board, policy statements and a few proposals and draft resolutions. They reflect the official NCC position on a wide variety of social and political issues including immigration, human rights, violence and racial strife, Latin America, the Middle East, agricultural workers and prison policies. The resolutions often originated in the various divisions of the NCC and were then presented to the Governing Board for approval. The files of the Racial Justice Working Group include drafts of proposals that were eventually submitted to the Governing Board.

- b. 5 f. 1 r. **1951-1968**
- b. 5 f. 2 r. **1970-1979**
- b. 5 f. 3 r. **1980-1982**
- b. 5 f. 4 r. **Policy Statement on the Middle East 11/6/80**
- b. 5 f. 5 r. **1983-1985**
- b. 5 f. 6 r. **1986**
- b. 5 f. 7 r. **1987-1989, n.d.**

Sponsored Programs

The NCC and its various divisions sponsored many programs ranging from full scale conferences or consultation (as some of the programs were called) to lunchtime seminars and briefings. They also lent their support to national programs such as the 20th Anniversary Mobilization commemorating the 1963 March on Washington and the American Family Celebration in 1988. The files of *NCC Sponsored Programs, 1981-1989*, include programs, memos, minutes, agendas, correspondence and planning documents. Programs which were not extensively documented are filed chronologically by year. Separate files were created for programs for which there was a substantial amount of material. These include the two programs noted above as well as a Consultation on the Crisis in Robeson County in 1989. There is also a separate file for the National Conference on the Black Family/Community and Crack Cocaine, also held in 1989, for which Pitts served on the planning committee.

- b. 5 f. 8 r. **Miscellaneous 1981-1986**
- b. 5 f. 9 r. **Miscellaneous 1987**
- b. 5 f. 10 r. **Miscellaneous 1988-1989**
- b. 5 f. 11-12 r. **Consultation on Racism - San Antonio February, 1982**
- b. 5 f. 13-14 r. **Consultation on Racism in the Media July, 1982**
 - b. 6 f. 1 r. **Twentieth Anniversary Mobilization August, 1983**
- b. 6 f. 2-3 r. **Conference on Indian Treaty Rights March, 1987**
 - b. 6 f. 4 r. **International Consultation on Racism and Racial Justice February, 1988**
 - b. 6 f. 5 r. **American Family Celebration May, 1988**
 - b. 6 f. 6 r. **Consultation on the Crisis in Robeson County February, 1989**
 - b. 6 f. 7 r. **The Black Family/Community and Crack Cocaine April, 1989**

Amicus Briefs

Amicus Briefs, 1984-1989, include briefs in which the NCC actually participated as well as proposals to the NCC for their support.

- b. 7 f. 1 r. **1984-1986**
- b. 7 f. 2 r. **1987**

National Council of Churches (NCC) (cont.)
Amicus Briefs (cont.)

- b. 7 f. 3-4 r. 1988
- b. 7 f. 5 r. 1989

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous Files, c.1982-1989, include scattered material on various committees and units of the NCC which are not a part of the Division of Church and Society, a few budget papers and some mailing and staff lists. There are separate files for the Africa Office and for the Division of Overseas Ministries/Church World Service as they are represented by more than individual items.

- b. 7 f. 6 r. Africa Office 1985-1989
- b. 7 f. 7 r. Budget 1985-1989
- b. 7 f. 8 r. Division of Overseas Ministries and Church World Services 1986-1988
- b. 7 f. 9 r. Staff and Mailing Lists 1979-1984, 1988, n.d
- b. 7 f. 10 r. 1982-1987
- b. 7 f. 11 r. 1988-1989, n.d.

Division of Church and Society

The series *DIVISION OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY (DCS)*, 1979-1989, (2 lin. ft) was organized in 1973. The Division addresses social concerns through education, study, direct action and social service. Kenyon C. Burke was named Associate General Secretary of the Division in 1980. Tyrone Pitts was the Director for Racial Justice for the Division from 1980 to 1989. Much of the Division's work is carried out through Working Groups. These groups include representatives of churches (most of which are NCC Members), and religious and community organizations, as well as women and minority members. The groups, which are usually formed for a stipulated period or to accomplish a particular objective, work within the framework of NCC policy. During the 1980's DCS Working Groups included: Health and Welfare, Eco-Justice, Justice for Women, Racial Justice, Evangelism, Domestic Hunger and Poverty, and Child Advocacy. The Ecumenical Minority Bail Bond Fund emerged from the Racial Justice Working Group and was governed by participating communions of the NCC. In addition to general and administrative records of the Division, this series documents the work of the Ecumenical Minority Bail Bond Fund and the Racial Justice Working Group and Pitts' work with both groups. Other working groups of the Division are represented by individual items, or in the case of the Health and Welfare Working Group, by several folders.

Administration

The *DCS Administration files*, 1979-1989, includes an incomplete record of agendas and minutes for meetings of the DCS executive committee, staff and unit committee. Several files of organization and program planning material document the history of the Division as well as its development and changing programs throughout the 1980's. Administrative files also include one folder of budget material and some miscellaneous papers.

- b. 8 f. 1 r. Executive Committee 1980, 1982-1983, 1988
- b. 8 f. 2 r. Staff Cluster 1987-1988
- b. 8 f. 3 r. Staff Meetings 1982-1986
- b. 8 f. 4 r. Unit Committee 1986-1989
- b. 8 f. 5 r. Unit Committee Meeting, Organization and Program Planning October, 1986-
- b. 8 f. 6 r. 1974, 1985
- b. 8 f. 7 r. 1985-1986
- b. 8 f. 8 r. 1987-1989
- b. 8 f. 9 r. Budget 1984-1989
- b. 8 f. 10 r. Miscellaneous 1979, 1987-1989, n.d

Division of Church and Society (cont.)

Ecumenical Minority Bail Bond Fund

The *Ecumenical Minority Bail Bond Fund*(EMBBF) was established in 1976 to provide bail for racially ethnic people who were poor, social dissenters or political activists. The Fund covers cases where there is an indication that because of prejudice toward the defendant, the bail process guaranteed by the Constitution is being abused by requiring excessive bail. Money for the fund is donated by NCC communions. The records of the EMBBF, 1981-1989, include meeting agendas and minutes, correspondence, memos, planning documents, applications for aid, court papers and budget information. Among the notable cases in which the Fund supplied bail were those of Rita Silk Nauni, a Native American woman accused of killing a police officer and Rene Hurtado, a Salvadoran refugee seeker. The most extensive documentation exists for the case of Eddie Hatcher and Timothy Jacobs, for whom the EMBBF posted bail. In 1988 Hatcher and Jacobs, both Tuscarora Indians, took over the office of *The Robenssonian*, the daily newspaper of Lumberton, North Carolina. Their actions were calculated to draw attention to the discrimination against Blacks and Indians in Robeson County. The county had a long history of racial discrimination and official corruption and the case brought national coverage to the problems in the area. (Additional information in Robeson County can be found in the papers of the Racial Justice Working Group, in the Subject file on Robeson County and in NCC Sponsored Programs: Consultation on the Crisis in Robeson County 2/89). The papers relating to the Hatcher/Jacobs case, which include correspondence, memos, court documents and clippings, have been filed separately.

b. 9 f. 1 r. Minutes/Agendas 1983, 1985-1989

b. 9 f. 2 r. 1981-1984

b. 9 f. 3 r. 1985

b. 9 f. 4 r. 1986-1987

b. 9 f. 5 r. 1988

b. 9 f. 6 r. 1989, n.d.

b. 9 f. 7 r. Budget 1983, 1986-1989

Hatcher/Jacobs Case

b. 9 f. 8 r. 1988

b. 9 f. 9 r. 1989

b. 9 f. 10 r. Court Documents

b. 9 f. 11 r. News Clippings 1988-1989

Health and Welfare Working Group

b. 10 f. 1 r. 1986-1988

b. 10 f. 2 r. 1989

b. 10 f. 3 r. Other Working Groups c.1979-1989

Other Working Groups include two folders of material on the Health and Welfare Working Group, 1986-1989, of which Pitts was a member and a file of individual items relating to various other working groups including the Evangelism Working Group and the Justice for Women Working Group.

Division of Church and Society (cont.)

Racial Justice Working Group

The *Racial Justice Working Group*(RJWG) was founded in 1974 with the purpose of bringing “representatives of Church and Society together to share concerns and define issues and actions that promote racial justice.” The files of the RJWG, 1980-1989, document the policies, priorities and work of the group. The records include minutes, agendas, planning documents, reports, correspondence, memos, budget files and miscellaneous papers. The RJWG was made up of regional networks and their work and membership reflected this geographical diversity. Among the members of the group during the 1980's were Joseph Agne, Julia Estrella, Cindy Luft, Alfonso Roman, Loretta Williams and Michael Yasutake. The RJWG addressed many issues during the 1980's including the sovereignty of Native American nations, justice for farmworkers, racial violence, the erosion of civil rights, and the situation of new immigrants and refugees. Specific topics include the land claims of Native Alaskans, discrimination in Robeson County, North Carolina, discrimination at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the farmworker's Grape Boycott. A 1985 East Coast Farm Labor Fact Finding Tour is documented by an itinerary, clippings and two extensive, but anonymous reports by participants. These items have been filed separately. The papers of the Prisoners of Conscience Project, directed by Mike Yasutake, which worked on the problems of political prisoners and more generally to change public policy on prisons, have also been filed separately.

Meetings

- b. 10 f. 4 r. 1982-1983
- b. 10 f. 5 r. October, 1983
- b. 10 f. 6 r. February, 1985
- b. 10 f. 7 r. May - October
- b. 10 f. 8 r. 1986
- b. 10 f. 9 r. 1987
- b. 10 f. 10 r. 1988-1989
- b. 10 f. 11 r. Planning Documents 1981-1989
- b. 10 f. 12 r. Policy Statements and Resolutions c. 1982-1988

General Files

- b. 11 f. 1 r. 1983
- b. 11 f. 2 r. 1984-1985
- b. 11 f. 3 r. 1986
- b. 11 f. 4 r. 1987
- b. 11 f. 5 r. 1988
- b. 11 f. 6 r. 1989, n.d.
- b. 11 f. 7 r. East Coast Farm Labor Fact Finding Tour 1985
- b. 11 f. 8 r. Prisoners of Conscience Project 1987-1989
- b. 11 f. 9 r. Racial Justice Audit 1980

Budget

- b. 12 f. 1 r. 1983-1985
- b. 12 f. 2 r. 1986
- b. 12 f. 3 r. 1987
- b. 12 f. 4 r. 1988-1989, n.d.
- b. 12 f. 5 r. Contributions 1982-1983
- b. 12 f. 6 r. Contributions 1985-1989
- b. 12 f. 7 r. Articles and Publications
- b. 12 f. 8 r. Miscellaneous Printed Matter

Division of Church and Society (cont.)
Racial Justice Working Group (cont.)

b. 12 f. 9-11 r. **Miscellaneous**

Subjects

The *SUBJECT FILES, c. 1980-1989*, (1.8 lin. ft.) include both topical files, (such as Farmworkers and Homelessness) and files related to specific organizations (such as the Black Theology Project). These subjects cover the broad spectrum of issues which were of concern to Pitts in his capacity as Director for Racial Justice. Subject areas include AIDS, the Caribbean, Latin America, Native Americans, Racial Violence/Hate Groups and Southern Africa. The topical files generally contain printed matter and miscellany while the organizational files may also include minutes of meetings and other administrative material. Individual files are arranged chronologically by year. Additional information on many of these topics can be found in the files of the Racial Justice Working Group and in the general Correspondence. Material from those series was not separated and added to the subject files. Files relating to Farmworkers, Native Americans, Racial Violence and Southern Africa are particularly well documented. Both farmworker and Native American issues were an important part of the Racial Justice Program as was the increasing racial violence in the United States. Material in the Farmworkers file, 1983-1989, includes articles and publications from the East Coast Farmworker Support Network and the National Farmworker Ministry which is related to the National Council of Churches. The file for Native Americans, 1980-1989, includes newsletters, clippings and other printed matter. Although the file has information on many areas of the country, Alaska, Wisconsin and the Northwest are particularly well represented. The most extensive organizational files are those for the Black Theology Project and the National Interreligious Commission on Civil Rights (NICCR). The file on the Black Theology Project, 1983-1989, includes minutes, planning documents, reports and brochures. [Please consult the librarian for information on a separate collection of Black Theology Project records held by the Schomburg Center].

- b. 13 f. 1 r. **AIDS**
- Black Theology Project**
- 1983-1984
- 1986
- 1987-1989
- b. 13 f. 5 r. **Caribbean**
- b. 13 f. 6 r. **Council on Interracial Books for Children 1983-1985, 1988**
- b. 13 f. 7 r. **Death Penalty**
- b. 13 f. 8 r. **Disabilities**
- b. 13 f. 9 r. **Disaster Response**
- b. 13 f. 10 r. **Dube, Ernest F.**
- Farmworkers**
- 1983-1986
- 1987-1989
- b. 14 f. 3-4 r. **Homelessness**
- b. 14 f. 5 r. **Immigration and Refugees**
- b. 14 f. 6 r. **Latin America**
- b. 14 f. 7 r. **National Interreligious Commission on Civil Rights 1985-1989**
- The NICCR file, 1985-1989, includes memos, minutes and printed matter. Pitts was originally a consultant to NICCR which was founded in 1986. He also served as a director from 1987 to 1989.
- Native Americans**
- 1980-1987
- 1988
- 1989-1990

Subjects (cont.)

Native Americans (cont.)

- b. 15 f. 4 r. **Undated**
- b. 15 f. 5-6 r. **Philippines 1985-1989**

A file on the Philippines, 1986-1989, while not extensive does include publications of the Communist Party of the Philippines and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines.

Racial Violence/Hate Groups

Racial Violence/Hate Groups, c.1980-1989, contains clippings and printed matter from around the country. Much of the material is related to the KKK. For 1980, an extensive group of clippings from Birmingham, Alabama newspapers document the trial of Curtis Robinson (a black man accused of assaulting a Klan member), the discovery of Klan training grounds, and the suit on behalf of Viola Liuzzo (a civil rights worker slain in 1965). In addition to information on the KKK, there are articles about and printed matter from various "Hate Groups," ultra-right political groups and blatantly white-supremacist organizations. In the latter category is a copy of a book called "The Turner Diaries" which some white supremacist groups claim as their blueprint for the future. It describes the takeover of the country by Aryans.

- b. 15 f. 7 r. **1980**
- b. 15 f. 8 r. **1981-1985**
- b. 16 f. 1 r. **1986-1989**
- b. 16 f. 2 r. **Undated**
- b. 16 f. 3-4 r. **Robeson County 1986-1989**

Southern Africa

The files on Southern Africa, 1986-1989, include printed matter mostly related to South Africa, but also including Mozambique, Namibia and Tanzania. Organizations represented are the American Committee on Africa and the Africa Fund. Press clippings, 1988-1989, compiled by the Shell Boycott Committee make up half of the material.

- b. 16 f. 5 r. **1986-1987**
- b. 16 f. 6 r. **1988-1989, n.d.**
- b. 16 f. 7-9 r. **Shell Boycott**

Printed Matter

PRINTED MATTER, 1980-1989, (1.2 lin. ft.) includes articles by Pitts and others, General Printed Matter, Clippings and Publications. One folder of articles and notes by Pitts is filed in this series as well as a folder of miscellaneous articles. It is unclear whether these articles were ever published.

- b. 17 f. 1 r. **Articles and Notes by Pitts**
- b. 17 f. 2 r. **Miscellaneous Articles**

General

The *General Printed Matter*, c.1982-1989, is made up of mailings, newsletters, reports, press releases and other general material from a variety of organizations. Among those represented are community groups, churches, social service agencies, advocacy groups and educational and political organizations. The material is arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the organization. This information is separate from the Correspondence because of its impersonal nature. It is not personally addressed to Pitts and much of it is undated. The material, however, is of interest as reflection of the many social and political issues which were before the public in the 1980's and for which NCC support was sought.

- b. 17 f. 3-4 r. **A**
- b. 17 f. 5-6 r. **B**
- b. 17 f. 7-8 r. **C**
- b. 17 f. 9 r. **F-G**
- b. 17 f. 10 r. **H-M**

Printed Matter (cont.)
General (cont.)

- b. 17 f. 11 r. N
- b. 17 f. 12 r. P
- b. 17 f. 13 r. R-U

Clippings

Clippings, 1984-1989, are divided into clippings related to the NCC and general clippings. Both groups are arranged chronologically by year.

- b. 18 f. 1 r. NCC 1985-1989, undated
- b. 18 f. 2 r. 1984-1985
- b. 18 f. 3 r. 1986-1987
- b. 18 f. 4 r. 1988-1989
- b. 18 f. 5 r. Undated

NCC Publications

NCC Publications, 1981-1989, include several issues each of *Focus*, *Monday*, and *NCC News*, and a file of miscellaneous NCC publications.

- b. 18 f. 6 r. Focus 1981-1983, 1986-1987
- b. 18 f. 7 r. Focus - Planning and Articles c.1982-1988
- b. 18 f. 8 r. Monday 1986-1987, 1989
- b. 18 f. 9 r. NCC News 1981-1989
- b. 18 f. 10-11 r. Miscellaneous Titles

Publications

Publications, 1980-1989, include the publications of the NCC as well as other publications relevant to Pitts' work as Director for Racial Justice and to other religious issues. Related publications are from the Center for Democratic Renewal, the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice, the World Council of Churches Programme to Combat Racism and from various other churches and organizations. The publications represented by more than one or a few issues are *Weekly Update* (1987-1989) from the Center for Democratic Renewal and *Civil Rights Journal* (1985-1989) from the United Church of Christ. These are filed separately. Miscellaneous issues of other publications are filed alphabetically by title.

- b. 19 f. 1 r. Center for Democratic Renewal-Weekly Update 1987-1988
- b. 19 f. 2 r. Center for Democratic Renewal-Weekly Update, The Monitor 1989, 1986, 1988
- Civil Rights Journal
- b. 19 f. 3 r. 1985-1987
- b. 19 f. 4 r. 1988-1989
- b. 19 f. 5 r. Contact 1986-1989
- b. 19 f. 6-7 r. World Council of Churches - Miscellaneous Titles
- Miscellaneous Titles
- b. 19 f. 8 r. B-C
- b. 19 f. 9 r. I-J
- b. 19 f. 10 r. R
- b. 19 f. 11 r. V-Y

Prayer Services and Sermons

PRAYER SERVICE/SERMONS, 1982-1989, [1 folder] hymns and sermons for specific days and events.

- b. 19 f. 12 r. 1982-1989, n.d.

Proposals

PROPOSALS, 1980-1989, (.4 lin.ft.) include a general file, 1980-1981; 1985- 1988, and a file of proposals to the World Council of Churches Programme to Combat Racism, 1986-1989. They are arranged in chronological order. It is not usually apparent which proposals were funded. General Proposals are requests for fund, some of which are specifically directed to the National Council of Churches. Several of the proposals are not directed specifically to the NCC and may have been sent out to many different organizations. Pitts served as a Commissioner for the World Council of Churches Programme to Combat Racism which made grants yearly. The proposals in this file were probably sent to him for review.

General

- b. 20 f. 1 r. 1980-1981
- b. 20 f. 2 r. 1985-1987
- b. 20 f. 3 r. 1988, n.d.

WCC Programme to Combat Racism

- b. 20 f. 4 r. 1986-1988
- b. 20 f. 5 r. 1989