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Guide to the

James Clinton Hoggard papers

1940-2002

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Summary

Creator: Hoggard, James Clinton

Title: James Clinton Hoggard papers

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Abstract: The James Clinton Hoggard papers reflect Hoggard's professional life, first as pastor of several A.M.E. Zion churches and then as bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District.

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Creator History

James Clinton Hoggard, born in 1910, pastored seven A.M.E. Zion churches before he was elected, in 1952, to administer the Department of Overseas Missions. His duties included the editorship of the *Missionary Seer*, the official missions monthly publication of the Church. In 1972, Hoggard was elected bishop of the Third, Fourth and Sixth Episcopal Districts, including the Indiana, Kentucky, North Alabama, East-Tennessee-Virginia, Western New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, London-

Birmingham (England) and Jamaica Conferences, as well as the Barbados and Bahamas, Guyana (South America) Conferences. He retired from this position in 1992. Hoggard belonged to, and was active, in a myriad of interdenominational, interfaith, interreligious, and intercultural agencies. He died in 2002. Hoggard's wife, Eva Stanton Hoggard, served as Missionary Supervisor of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society; she died in 1997.

Scope and Content Note

The James Clinton Hoggard papers reflect Hoggard's professional life first, as pastor of several A.M.E. Zion churches in New York State and Washington, D.C. in the 1940s and 1950s, and then in 1972, as bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District.

The collection comprises a substantial amount of biographical information. Several folders document Hoggard's pastorship, particularly at the Institutional A.M.E. Zion Church in Yonkers, New York, from 1945-1951. Included are programs for services, minutes of committee meetings, Hoggard's letters to the congregation and correspondence with church officials, newsletters, information regarding activities sponsored by the church, and programs and other documents pertaining to his church's relationship with other churches.

Although there is a limited amount of correspondence, there are letters written by Hoggard as the editor of *Missionary Seer*, and as the secretary-treasurer of the church in the 1960s. Other correspondence relates to his role as bishop. The collection includes Hoggard's writings, encompassing sermons and eulogies, 1988-2001, and an essay about Paul Robeson. Files also discuss the publication of a book Hoggard wrote commemorating the bicentennial of the founding of the A.M.E. Zion Church, 1996.

Official A.M.E. Zion Church records include programs for memorial services for individual members, programs for services held at individual churches, and copies of deeds for properties owned by the church in Alabama. A few files discuss the A.M.E. Zion's relationships with other churches and organizations.

The bulk of the collection consists of printed material related to district and quadrennial conferences in the geographical area over which Hoggard presided. The material includes reports, programs, addresses, news clippings, minutes, a commemorative scrapbook, and a small amount of correspondence. The Western New York Conference also documents annual pilgrimages to the Harriet Tubman Home and Library in Auburn. The collection concludes with two scrapbooks, one highlighting the activities of Clinton and Eva Hoggard from 1972-1986, and the other commemorates Hoggard's 40th anniversary to the ministry by featuring activities of the Kentucky annual conference in 1982.

Arrangement: Papers organized into two series: I. Personal; and II. A.M.E. Zion Church.

Key Terms

Subjects

African American churches
African American clergy
African American missionaries
African Americans -- Missions
African Americans -- Religion

Bishops -- United States

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Scrapbooks

Testimonies

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Hoggard, James Clinton

Robeson, Paul, 1898-1976

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

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- b. 1 f. 2 Education
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- b. 1 f. 11 Election to Bishop 1972
- b. 1 f. 12 Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Grand Boule 1980
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- b. 1 f. 13 Bishop Hoggard Day 1988
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- b. 1 f. 15-17 Union Theological Seminary course notes 1941-1942
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- b. 6 f. 2 1984
- b. 6 f. 3 1985-1986
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- b. 7 f. 7 Quadrennial budget 2000
- b. 7 f. 8 Howard University School of Divinity 1995-1997
- b. 7 f. 9 Ministers' Wives Council
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- b. 7 f. 11 Sixth Consultation of Methodist Ministers 1995

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- b. 7 f. 30 Business cards and addresses
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- b. 8 Scrapbooks 1972-1986