

Davida Foy Crabtree papers, 1952-2016. MS5324

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Davida Foy was born in 1944 to Davida and Alfred Foy. She attended Litchfield High School and was active as a teenager with the newly-formed United Church of Christ's statewide youth Pilgrim Fellowship. She served as editor for their publication, Yankee Reporter. After graduating, she attended Marietta College in Ohio from 1963-1967, followed by Andover Newton Theological School from 1968-1972. She married Robert Crabtree in 1968 while still in seminary. Both trained for the Peace Corps in Libya but didn't go before completing their work at Andover Newton. As a student in the late 1960s and early 1970s, she was deeply involved in the social change movements prevalent to this era. Much of the material she retained for this collection includes articles about social and political events and her involvement in them. Crabtree's focus as a young adult centered on spirituality, religion, and feminism. She blended this work as the director of the Prudence Crandall Center for Women (PCCW) in New Britain, Connecticut. While working as campus minister at Central Connecticut State University, Crabtree saw a pressing need for a women's center and so founded PCCW to provide a haven for those living through domestic violence. During this time she also served on the United Church of Christ's Executive Council where she also championed women's issues. In 1980 she was called to serve the Colchester Federated Church in Connecticut, where she served for 11 years. She married David T. Hindinger in 1982, becoming stepmother to his two children, Elizabeth and Todd. While serving

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Colchester, she attended Hartford Seminary for her Doctor of Ministry degree. Following her tenure at Colchester, she took on the role of conference minister for the UCC's Southern California Conference until she returned to serve as Connecticut's conference minister in 1996. Crabtree retired from the post in 2010. Following that, she has served as senior consultant to the officers of the national UCC (2011-13); interim senior advancement officer for Andover Newton (2011); acting conference minister for Missouri Midsouth Conference (2013); interim conference minister for Florida Conference (2013-2014); and interim vice president for institutional advancement at Andover Newton (2016-2017).

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Scope and Contents

This collection is comprised of personal writing; professional writing; academic work; sermons; correspondence; calendars; articles and newsletters pertaining to career, related groups, and current events; feminist advocacy, activism, and continuing education; committees within the United Church of Christ; records generated while working for the Prudence Crandall Center for Women, the UCC Connecticut and Southern California Conferences, and Colchester Federated Church in Connecticut.

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Arrangement

The original order of the collection was strictly chronological. During processing, some divisions were made to indicate topic or subject, however the order remains in approximate chronological order. When years were combined from separate folders, the order from each sub-folder was maintained as much as possible.

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Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is unrestricted.

Conditions Governing Use

This collection is open to the public.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was a gift from Davida Foy Crabtree in 2017.

Processing Information

Processed by Jessica Steytler, May 2017, using DACS 2nd Edition.

Accruals

While no accruals are planned, they are expected.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Feminism -- Religious aspects.
- Sermons, American -- 20th century.
- Sermons, American -- 21st century.
- Clergy -- Correspondence.
- Marietta College
- United Church Youth
- World Council of Churches.
- Prudence Crandall Center
- Colchester Federated Church (Colchester, Conn.)
- Andover Newton Theological School
- Hartford Seminary Foundation
- United Church of Christ. Southern California and Nevada Conference.
- United Church of Christ. Connecticut Conference.

Other Finding Aids

For an annotated index to the collection written by Davida Foy Crabtree, see box 1 folder 1.

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Published work included in this collection

This is material that Davida Foy Crabtree included with this collection. There are two of her books included, but the rest are written by others.

- 1 Carroll, Jackson W. As One With Authority, Reflective Leadership in Ministry. Westminster, 1991.
- 2 Crabtree, Davida Foy. The Empowering Church. Alban Institute, 1989.
- 3 Crabtree, Davida Foy. The Empowering Church, A Guide For Group Exploration. Alban Institute, 1990.
- 4 Crabtree, Davida Foy. Empowering the Ministry of the Laity in Workplace, Home and Community: a programmatic and systematic approach in the local church. Hartford Seminary, 1989.
- 5 Doely, Sarah Bentley, ed. Women's Liberation and the Church. The New Demand for Freedom in the Life of the Christian Church. Association Press, 1970.
- 6 Life Styles Inventory LSI 1. Self Development Guide. Human Synergies, 1989.
- 7 Prism a theological forum for the United Church of Christ Volume 12, Number 2, Fall 1997.
- 8 Rhodes, Lynn N. Co-Creating a Feminist Vision of Ministry. Westminster Press, 1987.
- 9 Rust, Henry, ed. As I See It. Educational Ministries, 1991.
- 10 Tirabassi, Maren C. and Maria I. Tirabassi, eds. God In My Life, Faith Stories and How and Why We Share Them. Pilgrim Press, 2008.

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Annotated index to collection written by Crabtree, 2016	box 1	folder 1
Childhood, academic and personal writing, 1952-1960	box 1	folder 2
Pilgrim Fellowship, Yankee Reporter, 1958-1963	box 1	folder 3-4
Correspondence and personal writing, 1961-1964	box 1	folder 5
Yearbook, 1962	box 1	folder 6

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Marietta College, general and academic work, 1963-1967	box 1	folder 7
Calendars, 1963-1966	box 1	folder 8
Correspondence and personal writing, 1965-1967	box 1	folder 9
Andover Newton Theological Seminary academic work, 1968-1972	box 1	folder 10
Davida and Robert Crabtree wedding, 1968	box 1	folder 11
Peace Corps, 1968	box 1	folder 12
Church and activism with related newsletters and articles, 1969	box 1	folder 13
United Churchmen for Change, 1969-1970	box 1	folder 14
Activism, activities, correspondence, 1970	box 1	folder 15
Newsletters, articles, current events, 1970-1971	box 1	folder 16
Calendars, 1969-1971	box 1	folder 17
Community organizing project, 1970	box 1	folder 18
Women's caucus, Massachusetts Conference UCC, 1971	box 1	folder 19
UCC Synod, 1971	box 1	folder 20
Activism, activities, correspondence, 1971	box 1	folder 21
World Council of Christian Education (WCCE) World Assembly, 1971	box 1	folder 22
Women Exploring Theology at Grailville, 1972	box 1	folder 23
Newsletters, articles, current events, 1972-1973	box 1	folder 24
Calendars, 1971-1973	box 1	folder 25
Activism, activities, correspondence, including ordination, 1972	box 1	folder 26-27
Task force on women in church and society, 1972-1974	box 1	folder 28
Activities, correspondence, including installation, 1973	box 2	folder 1
Newsletters, articles, including installation, 1973-1974	box 2	folder 2
Paulo Freire- Learning and change workshop, 1973	box 2	folder 3
Planning and correlation committee oft he executive council, UCC, 1974	box 2	folder 4
Prudence Crandall Center for Women, New Beginnings, 1974	box 2	folder 5
Prudence Crandall Center for Women (PCCW) records, 1974-1975	box 2	folder 6
Activities, writings, correspondence, 1974-1975	box 2	folder 7-8
PCCW- "Bottled Up Woman" - alcoholism and women, 1975	box 2	folder 9
Outrage service, 1975	box 2	folder 10
Women in the city course material and notes, 1976		

Prudence Crandal Center for Women, recognition, 1976	box 2	folder 13
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Newsletters, articles, 1976	box 2	folder 15
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UCC - Advisory committee on women, 1975-1976	box 2	folder 17
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Rajendra (Raju) K. Sail, 1970s-1980	box 2	folder 20
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Activities, writings, correspondence, 1977-1978	box 2	folder 22-23
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Activities, writings, correspondence, 1979	box 3	folder 2
Newsletters, articles, current events, 1979-1980	box 3	folder 3
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Activities, writings, correspondence, including installation at Colchester, 1980	box 3	folder 7
Activities, writings, sermons, correspondence, 1981	box 3	folder 8
Activities, writings, sermons, correspondence including marriage to David Hindiger, 1982	box 3	folder 9
Activities, writings, sermons, correspondence, 1983-1986	box 3	folder 10-13
Doctor of ministry, Hartford Seminary, papers, 1986-1988	box 3	folder 14
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Activities, writings, sermons, correspondence, 1989	box 3	folder 19
Re-imagining Redemption Symposium essays, 1989	box 3	folder 20
Activities, writings, sermons, correspondence, 1990	box 3	folder 21
Calendars, 1991-1993	box 3	folder 22
Activities, writings, sermons, correspondence including S. California Conference Minister work, 1991	box 4	folder 1
Conference work, sermons, correspondence, 1992	box 4	folder 2
El Salvador delegation, 1992	box 4	folder 3

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Calendars, 1994-1997	box 4	folder 5
Growing in Authority, Cecelia Hahn, interview and book, 1997	box 4	folder 6
Activities, writings, sermons, correspondence, 1994-1995	box 4	folder 7-8
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Activities, writings, sermons, correspondence, 1996-1997	box 4	folder 10-11
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Activities, writings, sermons, correspondence, 1998-2000	box 4	folder 13
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Activities, writings, sermons, correspondence, 2001-2003	box 4	folder 15
Colombia delegation, CT Conference, 2002	box 4	folder 16
Activities, writings, sermons, correspondence, 2003-2005	box 4	folder 17
Calendars, 2005-2012	box 4	folder 18
Activities, writings, sermons, correspondence, Colombia delegation, 2006	box 4	folder 19
UCC 50th anniversary, 2007	box 4	folder 20
Activities, writings, sermons, correspondence, 2008-2009	box 4	folder 21
Diary, 1959-1960	box 5	
Diary, 1961	box 5	
Activities, writing, correspondence, including David Hindinger's death, 2009-2010	box 5	folder 1
Retirement celebration, 2010	box 5	folder 2
Activities, writing, correspondence, 2010-2013	box 5	folder 3
Andover Newton archives donation, 2012	box 5	folder 4
Activities, writing, correspondence, 2014-2016	box 5	folder 5