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RAY AND RHEA WHITEHEAD FONDS. –1955-2013. –93 cm of textual records. –115 photographs; –1 negative.

Raymond Leslie Whitehead (1933-) was Secretary for Theological Education in the Division of Ministry, Personnel and Education, minister, a teacher of theology and a missionary known for his work in China, the Philippines and Hong Kong. Born in Buffalo NY he left home at the age of 15 for Elmhurst College Illinois where he received his BA in 1955. Inspired by fellow students who worked the 1954 World Council of Churches in Evanston, he embarked on a year of overseas service after graduating. Travelling from Hawaii to Hong Kong to Northern India he was disturbed by the poverty and noted the local ambivalence toward Western missionaries. After his trip he enrolled at Union Theological Seminary where he received a M.Div. in 1960 and was ordained by the United Church USA in 1961. While studying he married Rhea Menzel in 1957. The couple decided to settle in Hong Kong where they worked as missionaries: educating the young, tending to the ill, and advocating for workers' rights. His work caught the attention of Newsweek where he was praised for prioritizing helping the sick and educating the young over saving souls, and practicing Christianity over preaching it. His interest in current issues inspired him to return to Union Theological Seminary and earn his Ph.d. in Christian Ethics. While studying he became an Asia Research Consultant for the National Council of Churches USA. One of his tasks was to monitor the state of the Christian Church in China in light of the Cultural Revolution. This is when he became associated with the Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars. During this time he established a friendship with Bishop K.H. Ting, leader of the Christian Church in China. They shared the opinion that the Christian Church in China could be Chinese and not exclusively a Western Imperial institution. While working as a consultant he also taught ethics at the Chung Chui College. In 1976 the Whitehead's relocated to Canada where he became director of the Canada China Canadian Council of Churches. In 1980 he began teaching in the Toronto School of Theology. From 1992-1995 he worked for the General Council of the United Church of Canada as Secretary for Theological Education in the Division of Ministry, Personnel and Education. In 1996 he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Theology at the University of Winnipeg. He was ordained by the United Church in 1998. He served as an ordained minister at the University of Winnipeg until retirement in 2000. After retirement he spent two years teaching at the Divinity School of Silliman University in the Philippines and then three years at Union Theological Seminary in Nanjing by invitation of Bishop Ting. There he and Rhea became established members of the community.

Rhea Hildegard Menzel Whitehead (1936-2011) was a missionary in Asia, theological educator and General Secretary of the Division of World Outreach. She was born on January 22, 1936 in St. Louis, Missouri. She received her B.A. from Elmhurst College Illinois summa cum laude in 1956 and an M.A. in Adult Education from the University of Toronto. In 1961, after undertaking full-time studies of the Cantonese language, she and her husband Raymond Whitehead moved to Hong Kong where she worked in various capacities with the Church of Christ in China and the National Council of Churches USA. In 1975 the Whiteheads' moved to Toronto where Rhea served as Coordinator of the Education Liaison Programme of the University of Toronto/York University Joint Centre on Modern East Asia for the next two years. She subsequently worked with the Anglican Church of Canada as Regional Mission Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific from 1979-1984 and thereafter, served The United Church of Canada until her retirement in 2005. She was Area Secretary for Asia, 1984-1992; General Secretary of the Division of World Outreach, 1992-1999 and overseas personnel 1999-2005, teaching at Silliman University in the Philippines and Nanjing Theological Seminary in China. Rhea was widely respected and recognized for her exceptional work in international justice and peace. Along with her solidarity and support work in the struggle against the dictatorships in South Korea and the Philippines, overseas partners point to Rhea's pioneering work in opening up the commitment to gender justice in the context of mission partnerships. Rhea and her husband Ray played critical roles in the ecumenical churches' ongoing relationship with the people and churches of China. Rhea meticulously took down notes of her travels and observations, at workshops and worship which documents form a large part of her records. In 2010, Rhea and Ray were awarded the Katharine Hockin Award for Global Mission and Ministry by the Canadian Churches' Forum for Global Ministries. Fonds contains the records of Ray and Rhea Whitehead pertaining to their work as missionaries in Asia and as theological educators 1955-2013 [predominant 1970s-1990s].

Fonds consists of four series: 1) Rhea Whitehead records, 1969-2007, 2) Ray Whitehead Records, 1955-2013, 3) Collective Works of Rhea and Ray Whitehead, 1961-2010, 4) Photographs, 1957-1986.

SERIES 1\RHEA WHITEHEAD RECORDS. —1969-2007.

Series contains Rhea Whitehead's articles, addresses, correspondence, reports, notes and papers relating to her missionary work and teaching in China, 1969-2007.

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
		Articles and Addresses	
2018.168C	1-1	Articles and Papers	1969-1973
	5-15	Articles	1971-1974
2016.025C	1-3	Speeches delivered in China	1971-1975
	1-2	Convocation speech, published articles	1973-2004
	1-4	Mission presentations	1994-1999
		Correspondence	
2016.025C	1-1	---	1975-2005
		K.H. Ting and Nanjing Union Theological Seminary	
2018.168C	5-7	Teaching at Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, By Rhea Whitehead	2003
		Reports and Notes	
2016.025C	1-8	Notebooks and loose notes	[197-?]-2001
	1-7	Love China '75: report and notes	1975
	1-9	Loose notes	1980-1998
	1-10	---	1985-1996
	1-5	Amity Foundation: reports and notes	1990-2005
	1-6	---Tour: itinerary and notes	2007

SERIES 2\RAY WHITEHEAD RECORDS. —1955-2013.

Series contains Ray Whitehead's addresses, event information, articles, clippings, papers, sermons, biographical records, correspondence, etc. all relating to his life and also his teaching and missionary work in China, 1955-2013. Series also includes records relating to the K.H. Ting and Nanjing Union Theological Seminary and the Committee on Concerned Asian Scholars.

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
		Addresses and Events	
2018.168C	4-1	China Lectures #1	n.d;
	3-3	Christ, Salvation and Maoism Abstract	1977
	3-4	--- responses	1977
	1-7	Christianity and Modernization	1994
	3-18	Courage, Cowardice and the Abusive Male Colleague	1995
	3-7	Intercultural Family, Intercultural Church	1999
	3-9	Chancellor Forum Reflections on 20 th Century China	2000
		Articles, Clippings, Papers and Sermons	
2018.168C	3-27	List of Publications	n.d.
	6-19	List of Complete Works	1991
	3-5	Human Nature and Transcendence	n.d.
	4-5	3 To Get Ready	1955-1957
	3-10	The Abraham Narratives	1958
	3-13	The Ethics of Early Monasticism	1959
	3-2	Paper Re: Missions	196-

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)	
2018.168C	2-3	Sociology of Religion Notebook	[196-]	
	5-16	Misc. Writing	1960-1970	
	3-12	A Comparison of Egyptian Monasticism with Modern Lay Movements for Renewal of the Church in Europe	1960	
	3-22	A Comparison of "Incarnation" and "Imago Dei" in Karl Barth's Theology	1960	
	3-23	Wealth and Poverty	1966	
	1-20	The Taiping Rebellion	1966	
	3-15	The Chinese Community View of Man	1966	
	2-2	Christian Response to People's China	1967	
	5-13	Christian Response to People's China: Documentation of a Moral Failure	1969	
	1-21	Thesis for 2 nd (3 rd) Book, inc. correspondence	1969-1972	
	6-11	Clippings	197-	
	1-10	China Notes	1970	
	4-13	Religion and Social Change in China Today, from Selected Seminar Papers on Contemporary China I	1971	
	1-12	China Papers	1972-1973	
	1-14	Articles, Reports and Papers	1972-2007	
	4-2	Publications	1972-1982	
	4-8	Salvation in the Chinese Revolution	1972	
	4-10	A Christian's Inquiry into the Struggle-Ethic in the Thought of Mao Tsetung	1972	
	5-11	Articles	1972	
	2018.168C	1-9	Religious Imperialism in Hong Kong	1973-1975
		4-12	Misc. Writings	1973-1985
		4-11	Love and Struggle in Mao's Ethic	1974
		2-1	Offene Zukunft der Befreiung Implikationen des neuen China (German)	1974
		1-17	A Christian Approach to New China	1975
		1-22	Scrapbook	1976-1978
		4-9	The Chinese Revolution	1976
		3-11	China Human Rights	1976-1983
1-15		Articles	1977	
5-3		Love and Struggle in Mao's Thought	1977	
6-20		China and Ourselves Newsletter	1977-1984	
6-21		The Churches and Social Change	1979	
2-5		Clippings	1982	
5-1		Christ and Cultural Imperialism, in Justice as Mission Book	1985	
3-6		Is the East still red?	1985	
1-6		Middle Kingdom Ethics by Ray Whitehead	1988	
5-9		Misc. Writing	199-	
2-12		Misc. Sermons and Poems	199-?	
3-20		Transformative Learning in Christian Ministry	1991	
3-17		Timothy Eaton Memorial Church Sermon	1992	
3-21		In a Spiritual Wilderness Sermon	1993	
5-18		Building Partnerships in Theological Education	1996	
5-19		Spirituality for the Struggle	1997	
		Biographical Information, CV's and Credentials and		
2018.168C	3-19	Clinical Pastoral Training Evaluation and Certificate	1958	

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)	
2018.168C	7os-3	Union Theological Degree	1973	
	1-18/RR	CV's and Academic Registrations	[197-?]	
	3-24/RR	Citizenship	1980	
	3-25/RR	CV and related docs.	n.d.	
	3-26/RR	---	1988	
	4-4	Ray Whitehead Profile, Elmhurst College Alumni News	2013	
2018.168C	1-3	Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars China trip clippings-some manuscripts	1969-1972	
	7os-2	Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars (CCAS) : China Visit News Reports	1969-1972	
	1-4	---	1971	
	1-16	Post CCAS Trip Correspondence	1971-1975	
	5-2	China! Inside the People's Republic	1972	
	1-13	Correspondence Correspondence Re: Jennie Ling	1968	
	1-5	Correspondence	1971, 1984	
	2018.168C	2-11	Correspondence with People on China	1971-1973
		5-14/RR	Correspondence and Job Agreement	1975-1975
		1-19	Chou En-Lai Correspondence and Clippings	1976
		2-6	Correspondence Re: China: Search for Community	1980
2018.168C	6-14	Correspondence Re Zhao Fusan	1989-1990	
	4-6	Diaries Notes from Journal of Ship to Hong Kong and Correspondence	1955	
	6-16/RR	China Diaries 1-5	1971	
	6-17/RR	Tsinghua only/subway	1971	
	6-18/RR	Schedule	1971	
2018.168C	3-8	K.H. Ting and Nanjing Union Theological Seminary Theological School Ground breaking Correspondence, Addresses and Papers	[197-]-2005	
	5-20	Correspondence with K.H. Ting	1973	
	5-21	---Re: All Africa Council of Churches	1974	
	5-22	---	1975	
	5-23	---	1976	
	6-1	---	1977	
	6-2	---	1979	
	6-3	---	1980-1981	
	6-4	---	1981	
	6-5	---	1982	
	6-7	---	1984	
	6-8	---	1985	
	6-9	---	1986-1989	
	6-10	---	1989-1995	
	6-12	K.H. Notes on Speeches	1979	
	2-10/RR	Misc. Docs. On K.H. Ting	1980-1989	
	2-14	K.H. Ting Biographical Information	1981-1988	
	6-6/RR	Correspondence Re Jin Long Zhang	1983	
	2-13	K.H. Ting	1988-1989	
	2-7	---	1989-1990	
5-4	No Longer Strangers, Selected Writings of K.H. Ting	1989		
2-9	---Correspondence	1989		

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2018.168C	6-13/RR	Private Manifesto	[1989]
	3-14	The Love, the Light and the Language of Christian Mission	1995
	5-8	Christian Ethics and the Writings of K.H. Ting	2005
	5-10	Certificate of Appreciation	2006
	3-16	Life Together: Theology, Ethics, and the Christian Community	2007
	6-15	Reflections on K.H. Ting	2012
		Misc.	
	1-11	Newsweek Fiasco	1964
	5-12/RR	Anna Louise Strong	1970
	1-8	Asia Research Consultants Reports, Perter Seeger	1972
2018.168C	2-4	Memorial Service for James G. Endicott	1993
	2-15	James Endicott	Between [198-]-[199-]
	4-7	Book Reviews of Ray Whitehead's works	1992

SERIES 3\COLLECTIVE WORKS OF RHEA AND RAY WHITEHEAD.—1961-2010.

Series contains, articles books, papers, and sermons co-authored by Rhea and Ray Whitehead, 1961-2010. Series also includes biographical records.

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
2018.168C		Articles, Books, Papers and Sermons	
	7os-1	Articles by Ray and Rhea Whitehead	1962-1974
	1-2	Articles by or about Ray and Rhea Whitehead Re: China	1971-1972
	3-1	Church and China Articles by Ray and Rhea Whitehead	1976-1983
	5-6	China, Search for Community, by Rhea and Ray Whitehead	1978
	2-8	Papers and Sermons by Ray and Rhea Whitehead	1991-1996
2018.168C		Biographical Information, CV's and Credentials and	
	4-3	Certificate of Ordination and Rhea Whitehead Commissioning Certificate	1961
	5-17	Forum Focus Article Re: Katherine B. Hockin Award	2010

SERIES 4\PHOTOGRAPHS. —1957-1986. —115 photographs; --1 negative.

Series contains photographs from Rhea and Ray Whitehead's life, and their time in China as missionaries and tourists, 1957-1986.

See AtoM for item level descriptions of photographs.