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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 107

**CREATOR:** Council for Ecumenical Student Christian Ministry

**TITLE:** Council for Ecumenical Student Christian Ministry Records

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 7 linear feet (15 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Council for Ecumenical Student Christian Ministry (CESCM) was founded in 1987 to "in order to create new opportunities for involving students and campus ministries in the work to rebuild an ecumenical student Christian ministry in the United States." This record group contains material related to predecessor organizations and administrative files from CESCM from its inception in 1987 to 2000. The CESCM grew out of the National Ecumenical Student Christian Council (NESCC), which was preceded by the National Ecumenical Student Conference (NESC) and the National Interim Committee (NIC). It has a relationship with global ecumenical student organizations through affiliate membership in the World Student Christian Federation.

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## Requesting Instructions

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of CESCM

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1981 Aug 11-22	○ WSCF General Assembly in CA
1981 Aug 21-25	○ National Ecumenical Student Conference (NESC) meets in Berkeley, CA
1981	○ National Interim Committee is formed
1983 Aug 11-15	○ 2nd National Ecumenical Student Conference meets at University of Maryland, College Park
1983 Aug	○ National Ecumenical Student Christian Council (NESCC) is formed
1985 Jul-Aug	○ NESCC General Assembly meets at DePaul University, Chicago
1986 Feb 12-16	○ Leadership Development Conference sponsored by NESCC
1986 Mar	○ NESCC collapsed in March 1986, shortly after the WSCF Mexico General Assembly; the North America Regional Committee (NARC) was disbanded; WSCF North America region effectively ceased to exist.
1987	○ Council for Ecumenical Student Christian Ministry is formed
1988	○ CESC M recommends that WSCF North America staff be retained for two year interim.
1990 Dec 28 - 1991 Jan 1	○ "Celebrate" Conference (1)
1994 Dec 28 - 1995 Jan 1	○ "Celebrate" Conference (2)
1995	○ CESC M was affiliated with the WSCF as a member movement, joining student Christian movements from more than 80 countries
1998 Dec 30 - 1999 Jan 3	○ "Celebrate" Conference (3)

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## Scope and Contents

The records document ecumenical student Christian work in the United States and are valuable for the way in which they complement other archival collections at the Divinity Library. Added to papers of Ruth Harris, Margaret Flory, John R. Mott, Clarence P. Shedd, Robert Wilder, Luther Wishard, Henry Burt Wright and others, as well as the archives of the World Student Christian Federation, Student Volunteer Movement, Student Christian Movement in New England, New England Commission for United Ministries in Higher

Education, National Campus Ministry Association and YMCA Student Division, the CЕСSM archives provide a detailed picture of the development of religious work among college and university students in the United States.

Series I contains background material and documents of the predecessor organizations of the CЕСSM, including the National Ecumenical Student Christian Council. Series II documents the "Celebrate" conferences - ecumenical student conferences coordinated by the CЕСSM. See YDSL Record groups 46A and 46B for additional documentation of the World Student Christian Federation North America Region, with which the CЕСSM was affiliated.

Series III contains general administrative records of the CЕСSM: committee records, financial reports, staff reports, etc. It is divided into several subseries: Subseries 1: CЕСSM in formation; Subseries 2: Partners group; Subseries 3: Steering and Administrative Committees; Subseries 4: Financial Records; Subseries 5: Staff Reports; Subseries 6: Program Activities; Subseries 7: CЕСSM Publications; Subseries 8: Correspondence files.

There is some overlap between the various subseries because the records came from the files of different individuals, particularly Ruth Harris and Gayla Spicknall. Gayla Spicknall was the primary CЕСSM staff member in its New York office from 1987 until 1992, when she was stricken with cancer. Ruth Harris was a CЕСSM "partner" representing the United Methodist Church.

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## Arrangement

- I. Predecessor and Related Organizations
- II. Celebrate Conferences
- III. CЕСSM Administrative Files

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Predecessor and Related Organizations

b. 1, f. 1	Misc. background documents incl. overview of United States Student Christian movements (1956); Constitution of WSCF(1973); By-laws of North American Regional Committee of WSCF (1975); "A Brief Research Sketch on the Goals and Objectives of the WSCF in North America" (ca. 1979); "Emerging from the Wilderness: Rebuilding an SCM in the United States" (ca. 1980)	1956-1980
b. 1, f. 2	Background articles on the demise of the University Christian Movement	1969, 1972
b. 1, f. 3	Planning for North America - Asia project (WSCF)	1978-1981
b. 1, f. 4, 5	National Ecumenical Student Conference (NESC) - Steering Committee meetings and conference planning	1980-1981
b. 1, f. 6-12	WSCF General Assembly, San Francisco	1981 Aug
b. 2, f. 13	NESC planning, financial report, request for funding, mailing list	1981
b. 2, f. 14	NESC Steering Committee: planning, minutes	1980-1981
b. 2, f. 15	Press release, news articles re. NESC, Berkeley meeting	1981 Aug
b. 2, f. 16	"Reflections on the NESC" by John C. O'Brien (typescript mimeographed document); holograph anonymous reflection	ca. 1981
b. 2, f. 17	"Statement of the Gay/Lesbian NESC Caucus"; info for workshop moderators; letter from National Ecumenical Movement of Puerto Rico; notes of Ruth Harris	1981
b. 2, f. 18	NESC mailing list; list of WSCF delegates to NESC	1981
b. 2, f. 19	NESC Conference handbook; worship bulletin	1981
b. 2, f. 20	NESC / National Interim Committee (NIC)correspondence; WSCF NA Update	1981-1982
b. 2, f. 21	Local Unit Development Manual - draft (Canadian SCM)	n.d.
b. 2, f. 22	National Interim Committee (NIC) Atlanta meeting; notes, correspondence of Ruth Harris	1982 Jan
b. 2, f. 23	NIC / WSCF Church Relations Committee	1982
b. 3, f. 24	NIC correspondence and reports	1981-1982
b. 3, f. 25	NIC correspondence and reports	1983
b. 3, f. 26	NIC / WSCF Church Relations Committee	1983
b. 3, f. 27	NESC II: letter to participants: "Building a multi-racial movement: resolutions"	1983
b. 3, f. 28	NESC II: preparatory material for participants: application, "Background Information"	1983
b. 3, f. 29	Proposal for formation of National Ecumenical Student Christian Council (NESCC)	1983
b. 3, f. 30	Post NESC correspondence re. formation of NESCC	1983-1984

b. 3, f. 31	NESCC Statement of Purpose and administration	1983
b. 3, f. 32	Reports from related movements	1983
b. 3, f. 33	WSCF Universal Day of Prayer for Students	1983
b. 3, f. 34	WSCF: "North American Region - Comments on Ten Years of Regionalization" by Judy Skinner in consultation with John Huot	n.d.
b. 3, f. 35	Korea Exchange - NESCC - EYC (Ecumenical Youth Council)	1984
b. 3, f. 36	NESCC Central Committee correspondence and minutes	1983 Nov - 1984 Jul
b. 3, f. 37	NESCC Central Committee correspondence and minutes	1984 Aug - Dec
b. 3, f. 38-40	Regional activities: North Carolina Student Christian Movement	1984
b. 4, f. 41	Regional activities: Summer work programs, etc.	1981-1984
b. 4, f. 42-44	NESCC financial records	1985-1986
b. 4, f. 45	NESCC Central Committee - crisis; NESCC Advisory Committee	1985 Jan - May
b. 4, f. 46	NESCC Planning Committee	1985 Jun- Sep
b. 4, f. 47	NESCC General Assembly	1985 Jul 31 - Aug 4
b. 4, f. 48	Proposals, notes, corres. re. structure of NESCC	1985-1986
b. 4, f. 49	List of Regional / Organizational Contact Persons	1986 Feb
b. 4, f. 50	Correspondence of Gayla Spicknall, NESCC staff person	1986 Jan - Sep
b. 4, f. 51	Letter from Gayla Spicknell to Bill Ellis re. history and status of NESCC, enclosing Constitution	1986 Oct 15
b. 4, f. 52, 53	NESCC Leadership Development Conference Planning Committee	1985 Nov- Dec
b. 4, f. 54	NESCC Leadership Development Conference	1986 Feb 12-16
b. 5, f. 55-60	NESCC Leadership Development Conference	1986 Feb 12-16
b. 6, f. 61	NESCC Denominational and Church Agency meeting	1986 Oct 1-2
b. 6, f. 62	NESCC Reports / Program proposals	1986
b. 6, f. 63	NESCC Newsletter	1986
b. 6, f. 64	NESCC correspondence of Gayla Spicknell and Ruth Harris; WSCF NA correspondence of John O'Brien	1986
b. 6, f. 65	NESCC meetings; Lutheran Student Movement national assembly	1986
b. 6, f. 66	NESCC Financial records, budget	1986
b. 6, f. 67	Resources from the Student Christian Movement of Canada: Bible Studies	1970s - 1980s
b. 6, f. 68	Resources from the Student Christian Movement of Canada: Development manual	1970s-1980s

**Series II: "Celebrate" Conferences**

Pre-Celebrate		
b. 6, f. 69	WSCF-U.S. Churches Celebration, New York City	1985 Nov 17-18
Celebrate 1990-1991		
b. 6, f. 70	Celebrate - 1988 planning meeting (New York) incl. pre-meeting correspondence	1988 Sep 30- Oct 1
b. 6, f. 71	1989 planning meetings (Illinois, Tennessee, Kentucky)	1989 Jan, Apr, Oct
b. 6, f. 72	1990 planning meetings (Illinois)	1990 Jan, Oct, Dec
b. 6, f. 73	Planning: reports from CESCO Steering Committee	1990 Sep 27-28
b. 6, f. 74	Planning: WSCF: memos and correspondence, participants, Friends mailing list	1989-1991
b. 6, f. 75	International orientation	1990 Dec 28
b. 6, f. 76	Registration packet (Disciples of Christ)	1990
b. 6, f. 77	Denominational promotions: American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Lutheran	1990
b. 6, f. 78	Denominational promotions: Moravian, Presbyterian, United Methodist, United Church of Christ	1990
b. 6, f. 79	Ecumenical workshop application	1990
b. 6, f. 80	Worship Committee, incl. resources re communion	1990-1991
b. 7, f. 81	Bible study development	1990-1991
b. 7, f. 82	Bible study	1990
b. 7, f. 83	Program booklet for "Celebrate" - A National Ecumenical Gathering of Student Christian Conference - December 28, 1990 through January 1, 1991 at the Galt House, Louisville, Kentucky	1990
b. 7, f. 84	Financial records	1988-1991
b. 7, f. 85	Funding: pre-grant correspondence	1990
b. 7, f. 86	Funding: Lilly proposal	1990
b. 7, f. 87	Funding: Lilly correspondence	1990
b. 7, f. 88	Funding: correspondence, payments, receipts	1990-1991
b. 7, f. 89	Funding: Friendship Press proposal, correspondence	1990-1991
b. 7, f. 90	Funding: final report to Lilly	1991 Apr 30
b. 7, f. 91	Evaluation meeting (Chicago)	1991 Feb



## Celebrate 1990-1991 (continued)

b. 7, f. 92	Publications: study booklet - correspondence and editing	1990
b. 7, f. 93	Publications: video - correspondence and editing	1990
b. 7, f. 94	Press: "Rattling the Dry Bones of the Student Christian Movement" by Donald G. Shockley, from <i>The Christian Century</i>	1989 Nov 22
Celebrate 94 Ecumenical Student Conference		
b. 7, f. 95	Press, correspondence, program booklet: "Gathering at the Crossroads - A National Ecumenical Christian Students Gathering - December 28, 1994 through January 1, 1995 in St. Louis, Missouri	1993-1995
Celebrate III		
b. 7, f. 96	Publicity, workshop information, program booklet: "back 2 faith: Faithful Living in a New Millennium - A National Ecumenical Christian Student Gathering - December 30, 1998 through January 3, 1999 in Ridgecrest, North Carolina	1998-1999

**Series III: Administrative Files**

CESCM in Formation		
b. 8, f. 97	CESCM Constitution, Statement of Purpose, Roles and Relationships	n.d.
b. 8, f. 98	Development of CESCM	1985-1987
b. 8, f. 99	Planning Committee: minutes, correspondence	1987
b. 8, f. 100	Meetings of NESCC staff, Denominational and Church Agency staff, WSCF NA staff	1986
b. 8, f. 101	"Campus Ministry / Global Ministry / WSCF NA Meeting" (Feb), "CESCM meeting (Nov), materials re. Presbyterian Church USA National Student Conference; CESCM Planning Consultation	1987-1988
Partners group		
b. 8, f. 102	CESCM Partners meetings; address list for CESCM Partners	1988 Apr, Sep
b. 8, f. 103	Partners meetings, financial reports, correspondence	1989
b. 8, f. 104	Partners meetings, Steering Committee meetings, staff reports, Report of the Project Team, budget	1990
b. 8, f. 105	Administrative Committee meetings, Partners meetings, Planning and Coordinating Committee meeting, meeting and proposals re. CESCM structure	1991
b. 8, f. 106	Special CESCM meetings: Jean Francois Deltiel; Structure Committee	1991
b. 8, f. 107	Partners' meetings, Staff reports, CESCM colloquy, Gayla Spicknall correspondence	1992
b. 9, f. 108	Partners' meetings, Gayla Spicknall correspondence	1993
b. 9, f. 109-116	Partners' meetings	1994-1999
Steering and Administrative Committees		
b. 9, f. 117-118	Meetings	1987-1988
b. 9, f. 119	Meetings; Proposal for a 1989 CESCM National Ecumenical Leadership Development Program for Students	1989
b. 10, f. 120-122	Meetings	1990-1993
Financial Records		
b. 10, f. 123	NESCC WSCF North America Account	1986
b. 10, f. 124	Audit for United Ministries in Education, which provided treasury services for CESCM	1987
b. 10, f. 125	Letter re. United Methodist funds; CESCM financial report	1987
b. 10, f. 126	CESCM budget, reports	1988

## Financial Records (continued)

b. 10, f. 127-128	Memo to denominational campus ministry executives re. CЕСSCM funding; financial reports	1989-1990
b. 10, f. 129	Memo to CЕСSCM Partners re. funding; financial reports	1991
b. 10, f. 130	Memos from Episcopal Church; CЕСSCM budget, financial reports	1992
b. 10, f. 131	Memo to CЕСSCM Partners re. funding; financial reports	1993
Staff Reports		
b. 10, f. 132	Reports from Gayla Spicknall; proposal re. conference	1987
b. 10, f. 133	Report from Gayla Spicknall; Report from Allan Burry, CЕСSCM representative at WSCF Executive Committee meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe	1988
b. 10, f. 134-137	Reports from Gayla Spicknall	1989-1992
Program Activities		
b. 10, f. 138-140	European Student Chaplains' Conferences	1989-1992
b. 11, f. 141	European Student Chaplains' Conference	1993
b. 11, f. 142	CЕСSCM Colloquy	1992 Oct
b. 11, f. 143, 144	Solidarity Brigade to Cuba	1993
b. 11, f. 145	Ecumenical Global Gathering of Youth and Students (EGGYS) - updates, correspondence	1990-1992
b. 11, f. 146	EGGYS - reports, background papers	1991-1993
b. 11, f. 147	EGGYS - minutes of planning committee	1989-1993
b. 11, f. 148	EGGYS - reports	1993
b. 11, f. 149	EGGYS - newsletters	1993
CЕСSCM Publications		
b. 11, f. 150	CЕСSCM web site printouts: CЕСSCM homepage, "History of the SCM in the USA", CЕСSCM brochure, list of CЕСSCM partners, other links; CЕСSCM printed brochure	1995-2000
b. 11, f. 151	CЕСSCM web site printouts: WSCF information, WSCF directory,	2000
b. 11, f. 152	CЕСSCM web site printouts: Reports on the Work and Gatherings of the WSCF and its Member SCMs	2000
b. 11, f. 153	CЕСSCM web site printouts: Past and Present Celebrate Conference Information	1999-2000
CЕСSCM Correspondence Files		
b. 12, f. 154-158	Correspondence primarily to/from Gayla Spicknall	1987-1988
b. 12, f. 158a	Financial Correspondence	1989
b. 12, f. 159-162	Correspondence primarily to/from Gayla Spicknall	1989

## CESCM Correspondence Files (continued)

b. 13, f. 163-166	Correspondence primarily to/from Gayla Spicknall	1990
b. 14, f. 167-173	Correspondence primarily to/from Gayla Spicknall	1991 Jan-1992 Mar
b. 15, f. 174-176	Correspondence primarily to/from Gayla Spicknall	1992 Apr-Dec
b. 15, f. 177	Correspondence primarily to/from Gayla Spicknall re. WSCF Regional office	1992

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Church work with students  
College students -- Religious life  
Educators  
Universities and colleges -- Religion

### **Corporate Body**

Council for Ecumenical Student Christian  
Ministry