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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The National Conference of Christians and Jews was founded in 1928, to bring together "individuals from all religious groups who, without compromise of conscience or of their distinctive religious differences, work together for human relations." National headquarters, with a staff of 200, are on Fifth Avenue in New York. There are also 75 regional organizations.

The NCCJ has programs for adults and youth in community relations, the administration of justice, education, intercreedal relations, and equal opportunity for employment. The programs include workshops, training programs, sponsorship of Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week, awards, and a quarterly newsletter.

The Indiana regional organization of NCCJ, in existence since at least 1955, operates with a part-time staff which frequently changes. There is a board of about twenty-five members. A distinct effort is made to balance various groups on the board, which includes well-known civic leaders. Principal sources of revenue are memberships, both corporate and individual, and an annual Brotherhood Dinner which not only gives awards but raises funds.

For adults, the principal NCCJ programs have been organized dialogues between different groups-- Clergy-Business, Black-Jewish, Labor-Management, Interfaith; conferences on subjects like criminal justice, affirmative action, and the Holocaust; and Brotherhood dinners and awards.

For young adults there has been an ongoing program of High School Human Relations Councils and Awards, as well as a Peer Leadership program and a Youth Council. For younger children there is a continuing Green Circle program.

Sources:

Materials in collection. Newspaper file at Indiana State Library Encyclopedia of Associations.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection, filling eight manuscript boxes, consists of minutes, correspondence, circulars, and programs from the period 1962-1980. It is arranged by organization and function, and chronologically within these categories.

Series 1 contain records of the Indiana regional office of NCCJ, from 1964–80 with heavy emphasis on the years 1977-79. Included are board minutes which run from 1969–80. Among the related items are correspondence from 1978-79; monthly program reports for the years 1964–77, and papers from individual conferences and dialogues. There also is a complete account of the membership campaigns of 1978 and 1979. Related items from other Indiana cities include an incomplete file of the regional newsletter, as well as accounts of early activity in Fort Wayne and South Bend.

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