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**Introduction**

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This accretion to the Metropolitan Community Church of Greater St. Louis (MCCGSL) contains bylaws, correspondence, histories, meeting minutes, photographs and videos, pertaining to the church’s mission to serve and spread the word of Christ to the LGBTQ+ community in St. Louis. Materials of interest include a file on MCCGLS’s AIDS Task Force, which raised money to assist St. Louisans living with HIV/AIDS. The file contains programs for events sponsored by the AIDS Task Force, including *A Celebration of Life: An Affirmation and Celebration of Life Through Music*. Also included in this collection are lectures and exercises by Sue Yarber, MCCGSL’s former pastor of congregational life, developed for a course entitled “recovering from homophobic religion.”

The collection is divided into 11 series and arranged alphabetically, mirroring MCCGSL’s administrative structure. The series includes History, Board of Directors, Senior Pastor, Pastor of Congregational Life, Council on Ministries, Communications, Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches Conferences, Resources, Special Events, Photographs, and audio-visual. The materials in this accession date from 1972 to 2011.

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