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Abstract

Women’s organization of Western Theological Seminary. Materials include minutes, newsletters, handbooks, correspondence, programs, and surveys of the Adelphia Society. Also includes materials on the Good Samaritan Center in Holland.

History

The Adelphia Society was organized in the 1950s as a counterpart to the all male Adelphic Society. The membership was originally comprised of the students’ wives and the wives of faculty members, but it now includes female students and faculty/staff members as well. The purpose of the organization is to “help deepen an understanding of ministry through fellowship and outreach.” The group holds full meetings and small group meetings in members’ homes, coordinates some of the fellowship activities at the seminary, and contributes to local outreach organizations.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of minutes, newsletters, handbooks, constitutions, correspondence, surveys, programs, and President’s reports from 1957-1989. The minutes, newsletters, and President’s reports detail most of the activities of the Adelphia Society. The main drawback of the collection is that the minutes and the handbooks are not complete. The folders are arranged alphabetically.

Container List

Box 1

Adelphia Newsletter, 1979-1989
Clipping, 1974
Good Samaritan Center, 1989, n.d.
Handbooks, 1958-1989 (2 folders)
Minutes
  Adelphia Society, 1957-1989 (2 folders)
  Circle I, 1965-1966
  Circle II, 1965-1966
  Circle III, 1965-1966
  Circle IV, 1965-1966
  Executive Committee, 1965-1988

Box 2

  Officer’s Responsibilities and Job Descriptions, 1979-1989, n.d.
  President’s Reports, 1972-1988, n.d.
  Treasurer’s Book, 1968-1986
  “Women and Change...Water for the Journey” Retreat, 1988