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Abstract

Hope College, 1965; Western Theological Seminary, 1969; University of Northern Colorado, 1977; Lutheran School of Theology, 1985; RCA minister since 1969; WTS professor, 1977-1985. Materials include correspondence, clippings, conference information and support manuals. Subjects include church vocations, Western Theological Seminary and Wolfert Conferences.

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Biography

Richard Bennink served as an intern at Central College in Pella, Iowa, during his seminary training at Western Theological Seminary. He caused a flurry of interest, pro and con, when he held a jazz workshop during a chapel service. From 1977 to 1985, he was an assistant professor at Western Theological Seminary. He is currently a hospital chaplain.

The Wolfert Conference on church vocations began in 1965. These were financed by Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Wolfert with a matching grant from Whirlpool Corporation. Their purpose was to inform young people about the church-related vocations available to them. In 1969, the Wolfert Enlistment Center was set up with Richard Bennink as director. All records of the Wolfert Conferences were kept together and donated by Richard Bennink.

Scope and Content

This collection contains personal correspondence and church vocation-related materials of Richard Bennink. It also has correspondence and support information for churches and institutions involved in the Wolfert Conferences.

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Wolfert, Edward R. and Vera, Correspondence, 1965-1970