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Western Theological Seminary

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Abstract

Materials from the 1976-1981 planning, demolition of buildings, and construction of the Cook Center for Theological Research at Western Theological Seminary. Includes construction proposals, correspondence, dedication programs, feasibility/floor/site plans, and photographs and slides of the demolition and construction phases.

Accession No: W88-0750
Provenance: Western Theological Seminary
Donor: Western Theological Seminary
Photographs: 490 images (459 slides)
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History

Founded originally in 1866, Western Theological Seminary reluctantly closed its doors for seven years starting in 1877. It reemerged in 1884 to once again produce theological graduates for the Reformed Church in America. After continued growth through the years, the Seminary faced a space shortage and 1976 began planning for a building project that would become known as the Expand Western campaign in 1978. This project eventually raised over three million dollars toward the construction and endowment of the Cook Center for Theological Research beginning in 1979. Dedicated in 1981, the expanded facility increased the Seminary's square footage 75% for growth into the 21st century.

Scope and Content

Collection contains fundraising newsletters and proposals, site planning drawings, planning committee correspondence, dedication publications, and photographs/slides of the site's demolition, construction, and dedication in 1981.

Container List

Construction/Furnishing Proposals, 1977-1979
Correspondence, 1981
Dedication Events, 1981
Feasibility Study for Western Theological Seminary Expansion Program, 1976 (2 copies)
Floor Plans, n.d.
Fund Raising/Finances, 1962-1981
Ground Breaking Events, 1981
Media Coverage, 1981
Minutes, Committee on the Extension of Building Facilities, 1976-1978
Newsletter
Expand Western, 1979
Photographs, Library Construction/Dedication, 1981 (31 images)
Publications-Expansion Literature, 1981 (2 copies)

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Slides, Library Demolition/Construction/Dedication, 1981 (459 images)