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### Abstract

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After graduating from seminary, he was licensed by the Classis of Holland, Michigan, and ordained into the Reformed Church in America (RCA) by the Classis of Illinois. He served as a pastor for Trinity Reformed Church in Fulton, Illinois, from 1947-1953, and Bethel Reformed Church in Sheldon, Iowa, from 1953-1960. He also served as co-director of Youth Work for the RCA from 1960-1968, secretary of Western Regional Service & Family Life Ministries from 1969-1973, Regional Service from 1973-1981, and Stewardship Development office from 1982-1989. He also had served as treasurer of the International Christian Youth Exchange.

Vander Haar returned to the pulpit as the pastor for Yokohama Union in Yokohama, Japan, from 1989-1991 and completed his ministerial tenure as an assistant minister of pastoral care at Hope Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan, from 1993-1998. In 1998, he and his wife, Trudy, received the Hope College Distinguished Alumni Award.

Vander Haar passed away in Holland, Michigan, on November 15, 2006. He is buried in Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland.

The collection contains materials related to Family Life Ministries, Reformed Church Youth Fellowship, and a 2000 oral history interview.

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Donor:	Delbert J. Vander Haar
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### Biography

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### Container List

#### Box 1

Adult Effectiveness Training Study Guide, 1974  
Articles, 1944-1992  
Audiocassettes  
    Family Festival Tape, Don Griggs, n.d.  
    Covenant and Commitment/Assembly Celebration, Dr. Roy Rodgers, n.d.  
    Sunrise Service, Family Festival, July 1972  
Biographical, 1969, 1973, 1996, 2006, n.d.  
Budgets, 1983  
Certificate, Robert Schuller Institute, 1971  
Church Call List, n.d.  
Correspondence, 1951-1970  
Education Manuals, 1976-1977  
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    Bound Documents, 1967-1976, 1983-1989 (2 folders)  
    Celebration Resources, ca. 1976  
    Family Cluster and Parent-Child Worship, 1968-1973 (2 folders)  
    Marriage Enrichment Workshop Notes, 1970  
    Program Resources, 1971-1974, 1977 (2 binders)  
Handbook, Reformed Church Youth Fellowship, ca. 1962  
Marriage Enrichment Guides, 1974, 1984  
Oral history interview by John Maassen, transcript, floppy disk and audiocassette, 2000  
Publications, Reformed Church Youth Fellowship, 1964-1968  
RCA Caravaners, 1961-1968  
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Resource Materials  
    Marriage Communication Labs, 1970-1973  
    Marriage Enrichment, 1970-1971  
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Box 2

Photograph of Del Vander Haar at the Organizational Meeting of the National Council of Churches in San Francisco, CA, December 1960 (1 image)

Photographs of Del Vander Haar and his publications, 1969 (2 images)

Rolled Photograph, RCA First General Youth Council, n. d. (1 image)

Scrapbook, Reformed Church Youth Fellowship, 1950, 1960-1969 (25 images)

35 mm Film Reel, "Family...A Sharing Together" No. 26, n.d.