Additions to PTS Archives

**Grace Memorial (Chapter 1)**

1966 letters (mostly Harold Tolliver correspondence, including Dec. 28, 1966 letter announcing crucial January 15, 1967 congregational meeting on proposed merger)
1967 letters on Grace merger efforts with Bellefield and First UP congregations
1968 letters on merger efforts
May 26, 2006 interview with Bruce Swenson
Dec. 15, 2006 letter to COR founders about proposed book, with Bruce Swenson’s replies
Dec. 15, 2006 letter to COR founders about proposed book, with Leon and Carrie McCray’s replies.
Clarke Thomas outline for proposed History of COR
Oct. 11, 2006 interview with Nan Currington, Grace Memorial Church leader
(plus follow-up questions)
Grace Memorial 75 Anniversary program, February, 1943
Early version of Chapter 1 titled “Grace Vote,” later renamed “Grace as Gateway”

**UACM (University and City Ministries) (Chapter 2)**

UACM stationery
Report by Rev. Harold Scott to Pittsburgh Presbytery concerning Charges Against the United Oakland Ministry
June 20, 1968 “Point” article transition from UOM to UACM
Draft resistance program
Post-Gazette article on Dr. Harold Tolliver and church integration
Marriage announcement of Nelson and Veronica Harrison
Brochure and fact sheet on UACM
Highlights of COR (fact sheet)
May 23, 2006 interview with Rev. Sam Gibson
Written material from Bruce Swenson
Draft of UACM chapter
Jan 10, 2007 draft of UACM chapter to Bruce Swenson for review
Jan. 30, 2007 draft of UACM chapter to Bruce Swenson for review
Feb. 2, 2007 draft of UOM Chapter to Bruce Swenson for review
Aug. 21, 2007 rewrite of UOM Chapter
October 2007 revisions of UOM chapter
Comments from Leon and Carrie McCray on UOM Chapter rewrite
Early COR Years (Chapter 3)

List of COR Pastors
Proposed articles of operation, November 1968, titled “Worship and Training Division—U.A.C.M.”
Constitution/By Laws (original form)
Reception of New Members (order of service)
Baptism (order of service)
Summary of Committee Activities, Sept. 1981 to June 1982
Responsibility of Co-Pastors
Directory of Members and Participants, as of June, 1969
Inter-City Youth Group directory, as of Oct. 27, 1969
Inter-City Youth Group—history, board of directors, outline of activities, July 22, 1971
Inter-City Rap (newsletter of Inter-City Youth Group)
1969 issue (Vol. I, No. 1)
January 1970 issue (Vol. II, No. 1)
February 1970 Issue (Vol. II, No. 2)
March 1970 issue (also Vol. II, No. 2)
Budget letter, Nov. 29, 1976, signed by Leon McCray, Chairperson Consistory, and Jim Thomas, Chairperson, Finance Committee.
Budget letter, 12-14-76, signed by Leon McCray and Warren Hollinshead
Letter to February members of the Calendar Club, signed by Liz Scott for the Calendar Clubs.
Page from August 2007 draft of Early COR chapter (eventually Chapter 3, Creating a Complex Congregation), with Jean Thomas’s suggested revisions.
History of the Church—a typed script
The Church. A description of COR
Obituary of Dr. Tolliver, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 6-23-82

Women in Theology (Chapter 4)

An outline of history of Women in Theology Group, written by Joan (Stone) Morris, Feb. 15, 2007
Three copies of the Report and Recommendations of ADhoc Committee on Sexism in the Life of the Community of Reconciliation, Oct. 15, 1980—first one with cover page the rewritten COR Petition and Covenant of Membership with section 7 on gender quality included.
Two copies of Survey form for congregation on gender equality issue (on blue paper)
Letter to COR Members and Participants explaining the rationale for change on the feminism issue.
Ecumenical Affiliations (Chapter 5)

"As Christians Unite," Post-Gazette editorial, Sept. 30, 1982, on ecumenical agreement involving COR.
COR Consistory’s suggestions and comments, Jan. 31 and Feb. 14, 1982, on Plan of Recognition and Union.
Memo to congregation from Bruce Swenson, Consistory chairperson, announcing informal meetings in advance of a special congregational meeting on Sunday, March 28, 1982 to consider the Plan of Recognition and Union (enclosed with memo).
Three copies, January, 1982, of Plan of Recognition and Union.
Five copies, May, 1982, of Plan of Recognition and Union.
Memo, May 26, 1982, announcing Penn West Association, UCC, as first judicatory to give final approval to the Plan of Recognition and Union.
History of COR
Single page outlining COR’s ecumenical stance.
Wikipedia article on the United Presbyterian Church in the USA, August 21, 2007
Article on ecumenism, March 2007, in United Church News (UCC newsletter)

New Building (Chapter 6)

Article in Pittsburgh Presbyterian, January-February, 1988, on COR’s new building, entitled, “COR transcends barriers of race, sex, age, and denomination (with composite picture of old and new buildings) (2 copies).
Chronology of key events relative to the Bellefield Towers project, Pittsburgh Presbytery, and COR. (two copies)
Handwritten letter from Bruce Swenson, including comments on draft of Chapter 6
Explanation of air rights, the device used with Bellefield Towers project
"Recycling a Church: a Stewardship Model," article by Rev. Gail Buchwalter King for The Presbyterian Outlook, May 27, 1983 (plus four drafts)

"Being Good Stewards of Space," letter written by the Rev. Gail Buchwalter King in reply to a Jan 31 (no year date) letter from Mr. Gregory Smith which had objected to plans to raze old UACM Building.

Drafts of Chapter 6
Clarke Thomas’s scribbled notes of information for Chapter 6
Letters from the Rev. Gail Buchwalter King raising questions about arrangements for the new building
Package of materials concerning the COR Mural Wall, a committee chaired by Ms. Barbara Schrading.


File includes various letters between Consistory and Presbytery concerning what was owed by each on razing old building, disposal of pews and stained glass, and costs of new building. Because the matter eventually was settled “out of court,” so to speak, without loss to COR or any damaging of relations with Presbytery, the dispute was not included in “This Far By Faith,” because author Clarke Thomas considered it irrelevant to the main thread of the story.

Celebrations: 5th Anniversary (Ch. 7)

“Pulse,” UACM newsletter, for October, 1973, outlining Fifth Anniversary Plans
Notes from planning meeting of July 26, 1973
News release about Fauntroy as keynote speaker
Program of Events, “Affirming Reconciliation and Diversity”
Program Order and Time
Report of Anniversary
Brochure outlining events
“Fifth Anniversary Potpourri” program, Nov. 3, 1973
Invitation to celebrations
Excerpts from Fauntroy address at Awards Luncheon
Various reports of luncheon, including citations
Sunday Nov. 4 bulletin for church service, starting with copy of Petition and Covenant of Membership
4 clippings—news stories in Post-Gazette and Press about Anniversary events
Letter of thanks to Alfred W. Wishart Jr., Pittsburgh Foundation, including accounting of spending of foundation grant
Other thank-you letters, including one to Clarke Thomas as luncheon M.C.
Seminar information (yellow page)
List of television station contacts
Coverage Request
Letters of invitation and of thanks
Letter of thanks from awardees Dick and Ginny Thornburgh
More outlines of program

Celebrations: 10th Anniversary (Ch. 7)

“We’ve Come this Far by Faith: Oral histories of the beginning,” 10th Anniversary Celebration, April 14-16, 1978

Special Information Piece (1-22-78)
Memo on plans for 10th Anniversary Celebration (undated)
Grant Application to Pitcairn-Crabbe Foundation (ultimately unsuccessful)
Minutes of Public Relations Committee (3-25-76)
Letter to Dr. Martin Marty (12-14-77)
Sunday April 23, 1978, Sunday Service bulletin
Thank you notes to TV officials (KDKA-TV; WTAE-TV)
Accounting of 10th Anniversary Celebration expenses

Celebrations: 25th Anniversary (Ch. 7)

Outline of events in 25th Anniversary Celebration (1993)
Memo to congregation asking preferences for 25th Anniversary Celebration
Minutes of 25th Anniversary Committee Meeting (4-27-92)
News release for Sweet Honey in the Rock Concert (11-12-92)
A COR history as background for Sweet Honey Concert
Flyers for Sweet Honey Concert
Photo of Sweet Honey in the Rock group
Ecumenical Service Recognition of COR from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
The Rev. Bruce Swenson’s history of COR for 25th Anniversary, 1993

Celebrations: 30th Anniversary (Ch. 7)

2 copies of A Program of Celebration in Music, Sunday, Nov. 23, 1997
(one program includes articles about Eugene Lesesne’s 100th birthday)
Letter from Jean Thomas about planning for 30th Anniversary Celebration
Letter from Clarke Thomas to Ruth Bell about 30th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrations: 40th Anniversary (Ch. 10)

Announcement in Winter 2007 CORrespondent
“COR finds new ways to reach out,” Winter 2007 CORrespondent
Suggested Time Line
Program ads committed
“Anne Lamott Lecture was 40th Highlight,” Summer 2008 CORrespondent
Dec. 17, 2008 report from Miriam Rader, chairperson
Pastors
Sam Gibson and Paul Schrading

Pastors (Ch. 8)
Letter of resignation from the Rev. Winston Lawson, 5-26-76
Letter from COR chairperson Leon McCray asking input on parameters for COR pastor, 6-7-76
Form (yellow sheet) about tabulating membership, with information in answers.
Case study, written by Gail King, approximately 1976
1979 Listing of staff, including UACM
Interview by Clarke Thomas, 5-22-06
Letter to Dr. Sam Calian concerning “women in ministry” designation
Testimony on South Africa Policy before City Council, 2-12-85
UACM ethics and Social Policy Colloquium, 5-8-85, including case studies
Observations on strategies for economic development and the role of the religious community, UACM Economic Development Panel, 10-28-86
Post-Gazette op-ed column on business ethics, by Clarke Thomas, 12-29-87
Media Dinner hosted by Ecumenical Urban Ministries, successor to UACM, 2-5-87.
Dedication service for two children, cousins Allison Selby Cook and Lia Hayes Walker, 5-9-88
Outline of activities for EUM
Actions and Strategies for EUM
Gail King’s resignation letters to COR and EUM 7-24-89

Pastors (Ch. 8)
James Faltot era, 1991-1993
EUM Board meeting notes, 9-19-90 and 10-2-90
Announcements or appointment of Dr. James Faltot as executive director of the EUM and co-pastor of COR. 2-4-91
Proposal for a “Fall Open House.”

Pastors (Ch. 8)
Martha Orphe, 1988-91; Kathy Clark, 1991-93
Interview by Clarke Thomas of Pastor Orphe, 5-24-06
Pastor’s Report by Pastor Orphe, (undated, probably 1989)
Interview by Clarke Thomas of Pastor Clark, 5-26-06

Pastors (Ch. 8)
Willis Ludlow era, (1993-98)
“How we believe at the Community of Reconciliation,” a draft statement in 1995 by Willis Ludlow
Flyer: “A Place where Liberal is not a dirty word”
Letter to Executive Committee, 2-5-94
Confidential Memo to Clarke Thomas, 3-14-94
Evaluation form distributed by Claudia Detwiler, chair, Pastor Parish Committee, 5-15-96
Letter to Pastor-Parish Committee, 7-28-96
Letter to Executive Committee about “current crisis in our church,” 8-11-96
Funeral Service for Ellenjane Donohoe, 5-26-94S
Press release for Ronnie Dugger lecture 4-2-97 at COR. written by Linda Stevenson
A letter about congregational differences, 6-5-97
Memorandum on 9-9-97 Unity Rally Reunion, a followup of the 4-5-97 counter-demonstration to Ku Klux Klan rally in Market Square.
Letter 10-25-97 from Pastor Ludlow to congregation about discovery of cancer tumor.
Minister’s report to Consistory, 12-14-97, about his health
Christmas 1997 letter from Josephine Brittain to congregation concerning help given the Ludlows in making from one dwelling place in Regent Square to another.
80th Birthday celebration for Lynnie Mae Harris Taliaferro, 5-30-99

Pastors (Ch. 8)
Denise Mason era, (2000-)
Plan of the Pastoral Search Committee, chaired by Dee Anna Cavinee, starting in 1999.
Outline of qualifications for Pastor of COR
Letter to Consistory from co-chairs Ann Mason and Roger Williams about a meeting with the Rev. Paul Sadler of the United Church of Christ Board of Homelane Ministries, scheduled for 2-6-99.
Profile of Rev. Denise R. Mason
Unanimous recommendation of Pastor Search Committee concerning Rev. Denise Mason
Letter to congregation about Rev. Denise Mason as “our pastoral candidate” (draft and actual 4-10-00 letter)
Press release on installation of Rev. Denise Mason, 10-15-00
Service of installation of Rev. Denise Mason
Brochure/bulletin on Installation of Rev. Denise Mason, 11-11-00
Worship Summit schedule, 11-3-00
Program of Third Annual Summit Against Racism, 1-13-01
Founder’s Day Vespers Service with Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church, 3-4-01 (contains obituary of Eugene Lesesne, who died 2-2-01)
Pastor’s Leave Days report, as of 7-31-04
Notice of Congregational Meeting, 9-19-04, to discuss changes in makeup of Consistory, proposed by Leadership Dialogue Task Group
COR Leadership Criteria, passed 9-04
Theology of Money Committee report to Consistory, 1995
Pastor’s Sabbatical (2005)
Gays (GLBT), including Janet Edwards case (Ch. 9)
Letter to the Editor, Pittsburgh Press, 3-25-84, by Rev. Buchwalter King concerning “Homosexual Issue” in Presbyterian Church.
Packet of material on Gay Issue surfacing in COR in 1994
Announcement of May 26, 2006 congregational meeting to consider “Radically Inclusive” addition to COR’s Covenant of Membership
Copy of revised Covenant of Membership
Biography of the Rev. Janet McCune Edwards
Testimony of Janet Edwards
Sketch of Janet Edwards interview
Clippings of newspaper coverage of Janet Edwards Trial
Janet Edwards interview May 25, 2007, by Clarke Thomas
Holy Pittsburgh (GLBT-style!)
E-mail correspondence in 2006 about Pridefest March and Festival

COR’s Sierra Leone Project (1991)
United Methodist information about the Kono Musunu Project in Koidu, Sierra Leone
Letters pertaining to project to connect COR with Kono Women’s project
Minutes of a Judicatory Relations Committee meeting, 9-28-89, about Sierra Leone
Letter from Clarke Thomas to Mrs. Conteh in Sierra Leone, July 1990 outlining COR plans.
Bulletin of Sunday Worship Service honoring Africa, 7-22-90
Outline of Sierra Leone Project, Aug. 1990.
Letters from Betty Tilman concerning Sierra Leone project
Invitation to Second Annual Sierra Leone Day Worship Service, 10-21-90.
Proposed Budget for Sierra Leone Project, Nov. 1990
Clarke Thomas expense report on Sierra Leone Trip, February 1991
Expense report from Mary Musa and Mary Yamba, managers of Kono Musunu Center in Koidu, Sierra Leone
Sierra Leone Project, pros and cons, 1993
Note: About this time, because of the civil war in Sierra Leone which devastated the Kono Musunu Center and caused staff to flee, the COR project was abandoned.
Report about Kono Musunu Center from Elmira Sellu, coordinator of United Methodist Women’s work in Sierra Leone, 1-21-97
Copy of article about the Amistad and the United Methodist Church
Copy of letter from Dr. Lowell A. Gess to Dr. Richard Bowers, a COR member
Newspaper clippings about Africa and Sierra Leone

Pastor’s Report, October 2005
A Sacred Conversation on Race, Worship Service, 5-18-08
DIRECTORIES
1997-98
2000
2004-05

BIOGRAPHIES OF COR MEMBERS

COR HISTORY MATERIAL
(Miscellaneous)
“Precis of what became “This Far By Faith”
Highlights of the Community of Reconciliation (6-3-77) (golden paper)
Highlights of the Community of Reconciliation (3-8-78) (bluish paper)
A History of COR (probably prepared for ecumenical effort completed in 1982)
A statement on Abortion (4-2-72): (Note: issued before Roe vs. Wade decision of 1973)
Community of Reconciliation—a History (probably prepared for 25th Anniversary, 1993)
Leaflets about the church
“Integrated Oakland church worked to soothe racial divide", news story
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 4-12-08