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**INDIANA NETWORK FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
MINISTRIES
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indiana Network for Higher Education Ministries (INHEM) traces its roots to a series of discussions held between the Lilly Endowment, Inc., the Indiana Commission for United Ministries in Higher Education (ICUMHE), and the Indiana Newman Foundation (INF) in the early 1970s regarding the state of campus ministry in Indiana. As a result of these discussions, interested members of the clergy organized an Indiana Interfaith Conference on Campus Ministry in 1974 that outlined several areas of "ecumenical cooperation" that would be beneficial to the development of campus ministries across the state.

Continuing discussions on how to proceed settled on the creation of an Office of Campus Ministry within the Indiana Council of Churches (ICC) as the best way to carry forward the work of the conference, whose activities would then be terminated. In 1975, the ICC secured funding from the Lilly Endowment for a consultant who would guide the office and develop a project plan. The ICC's search committee hired the Reverend Erv Bode to serve as their consultant, and his general model of consultation, leadership development, research, and fundraising set the outline of services that the Indiana Office of Campus Ministry (IOCM) and its successors would follow for the next 40 years.

The IOCM would incorporate as an independent, not-for-profit organization in 1982, with a minor name change to the Indiana Office for Campus Ministries as a result. The IOCM continued under its original acronym until 2000, when the board selected the name Indiana Network for Higher Education Ministries (INHEM) to better reflect its mission and focus. IOCM, and later INHEM, produced a number of resources for the field of campus ministry, including a newsletter, a directory, and a series of published conference and workshop papers, in addition to providing consultations to campus ministers and internships to students interested in ministerial careers.

In 2015, the INHEM board elected to suspend operations due in part to difficulties in raising funds and the vast changes in ecumenism and faith expressions on college campuses since the organization's founding in 1975.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection, filling 5 manuscript boxes, consists of board minutes, correspondence, and publications from the period 1973 to 2015. It is arranged in series by organization and function as assigned by the organization, then chronologically within the series.

Series 1 contains the records of the IOCM governing council, later known as the governing board, and the records of the INHEM governing board. Materials include board agendas, meeting minutes, budget reports, and supporting reports, handouts, and correspondence from 1990 to 2015.

Series 2 contains the papers of IOCM/IMHEM, arranged chronologically as a history file. Materials include correspondence, pamphlets, and papers related to the organization's programs, workshops, and research from 1973 to 2015. Additional files include strategic planning documents, working plans, program planning documents, and reports.

Series 3 contains the publications of IOCM/INHEM, including the *Resource*, a member newsletter mailed between 1990 and 2014, the *Indiana Campus Ministries Directory* compiled between 1983 and 1991, annual reports published between 2011 and 2013, and a series of booklets published for sale between 1990 and 2002.

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