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**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN INDIANA
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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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RELATED HOLDINGS: Church Women United in Indiana Records, M0547;
Church Women United in Indiana Records, M0738;
Various other publications written by Church Women United

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Church Women United is an ecumenical service organization that has both state and local chapters. The Indianapolis chapter traces its founding to 1898 when a group of church women led by Mrs. J. D. Forest and Mrs. W. H. H. Shank formed a Missionary Social Union similar to those in emerging in other cities around the country. The organization was designed to be an umbrella organization for city's evangelical women's societies. In 1929, the organization was instrumental in sponsoring the Missionary Education Institute in Indianapolis. A statewide association formed around this time and two years later both became part of the Council of Federated Church Women.

The name was altered to United Church Women around 1940, and in 1950 they became part of the National Council of Churches. After a 1966, national reorganization that separated the United Church Women from the National Council of Churches, the association became known as Church Women United. In the early 1970s, a state reorganization took place that divided Indiana into eleven areas, each of which elected a member to a state board, which in turn sent members to the National Assembly.

The group's participation has included World Day of Prayer (dating from 1922), World Community Day (dating from 1944), May Fellowship Day (dating from 1956), and Spring and Fall forums. They have also supported International Women's Year, Women in Community Service, and local Indianapolis charities such as Flanner House, Goodwill Industries, and Wheeler Mission Ministries.

Sources:

Church Women United in Indiana Records: 1916–1998 (M0738; OMB 0078)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection has been organized into eight series: History, Local Units, Minutes and Reports, Events, Annual Assembly and Reports, Newsletters, Yearbooks, and Other Papers. Each series has been arranged chronologically.

Series 1: History includes documents pertaining to the history of Church Women United in Indiana. It also includes records about their use of the Indiana Religious History Association, the Women's History Archives, and documents about how the women tried to make the CWU more appealing to younger members.

Series 2: Local Units pertains to information about local CWU units found across the state of Indiana. It includes documents on how to lead a local unit and ideas on how to enhance these units for increased participation.

Series 3: Minutes and Reports includes all documents relating to meeting and board minutes, and various committee reports. It also contains documents about committee job roles and descriptions.

Series 4: Events pertains to the many events hosted each year by the CWU, including World Day of Prayer, World Community Day, and other celebrations.

Series 5: Annual Assembly and Reports includes booklets attendees received outlining the assembly agenda and other pertinent information. Some booklets solely include the meeting agenda, while others include annual reports.

Series 6: Newsletters contains the various newsletters shared by the CWU national branch and the Indiana branch. Newsletters included are: The Church Woman and the Indiana Church Woman.

Series 7: Yearbooks include member yearbooks, a list of state officers, and state directories. It also includes a list of "Who's Who" at Common Councils.

Series 8: Other Papers contains all other documents. This includes correspondence, news clippings, member memorials, and various awards.

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