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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	6 manuscript boxes, 1 slide box
COLLECTION DATES:	1954-2011
PROVENANCE:	Donald C. Lacy, Muncie, IN, 1995, 2006, 2008-2012
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Donald Charles Lacy (1933-2012), son of Charles William and Marian Marcille (Walradth) Lacy, was born in Stoney Creek Township in Henry County, Indiana on January 4, 1933. He attended elementary school in Blountsville, also in Henry County and later graduated from Wapahani High School in Delaware County in 1954. On November 6, 1959, he married Dorothy Marie Thomas from the Muncie, Indiana area, and together they had four daughters: Ann Marie, Donna Jean, Sharon Elizabeth and Martha Elaine.

Majoring in social science and American history at Ball State University, Lacy received two degrees, a Bachelor of Science in education (1954) and a Master of Arts in education (1958). Lacy became a public school teacher in 1954 and taught English and social studies for three years at the secondary level at Redkey and Dunkirk schools in Jay County, Indiana. He envisioned working either as a college professor in American history, or as an attorney, but his career path took a different course.

Beginning in 1958, Lacy served churches in Indiana as a pastor in the United Methodist Church (UMC). He preached his first sermon to the graduating class of Dunkirk High School that same year, and enrolled in the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. He was granted the Master of Divinity (1961) and the Doctor of Ministry (1976) from that institution. While working on his doctoral project, "Preaching as a Lay/Clergy Event," Lacy served as pastor at First United Methodist Church in Seymour, Indiana.

In addition to holding ministries in churches across Indiana, Lacy wrote over five hundred articles. Beginning with a feature for *The Church and Fine Arts* in 1960, his articles have appeared in a variety of publications, including *Science of the Mind*, *International Christian Digest*, *Evansville Courier*, *South Bend Sunday Tribune*, and the *Indianapolis Star*. He also wrote ongoing columns, "God Loves Us," for the *Hagerstown Exponent* and "Lacy's Logic" for the *Rushville Republican*. His articles have not been limited to religious discussion; they have also dealt with political, social and economic issues. During the bicentennial year of 1976, Lacy wrote a series on the Founding Fathers, which appeared in newspapers across Indiana. His most widely circulated article was a feature on the Virgin Mary published in *Our Sunday Visitor* in 1987.

Lacy also published fourteen books and pamphlets. His first pamphlet, *Methodist Mass* (1971), became a model for current United Methodist liturgical expression. Lacy's goal was to make ecumenism a reality by blending the United Methodist Order for the Administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion and "The New Order of Mass" in the Roman Catholic Church. The other pamphlets that followed, *Daily Food for the Journey* (1983) and *Come, Holy Spirit* (1989), were written as spiritual guides for pastors and congregations to follow for morning worship services.

As an author, Lacy sought to educate the general public as well as pastors on the importance of Christianity. *Called To Be...*, published in 1978 and reprinted in 1980, was

acclaimed as one of the best books of sermons about the Sermon on the Mount. Lacy also stressed the need for Christian unity in several of his books. *Mary and Jesus* (1979) attempts to bridge the gap between non-Catholics and Catholics concerning Mary's place in the church, while *Healing Echoes* (1986) examines texts from Old Testament prophets that discuss the church's quest for Christian unity in a modern world.

Serving as an ecumenist for more than twenty years, Lacy traveled across the United States and met many national and international figures. He headed the Department of Ecumenical Concerns of the Indiana Council of Churches. He also chaired the Commission on Christian Unity in both the South and North Indiana Conferences of the UMC. Because of his participation in Christian unity and Jewish-Christian Dialogue, Roman Catholics, Orthodox Protestants, and Jews all received him as a brother in the cause of world peace. Lacy attended numerous national workshops on Christian unity and Jewish-Christian relations, and in 1984, he presented the "Jewish-Christian Resource Packet" at a workshop in St. Louis, Missouri. In that same year, he led the first statewide workshop on Jewish-Christian dialogue for the UMC church at the Hebrew Congregation in Indianapolis, IN. Lacy appeared on both television and radio to address the need for Christian unity. In 1988, he was keynote speaker for the Day of Christian Unity Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1992 he preached his sermon, "A Plea for Christian Unity," in Boston, Massachusetts. He also founded Lacy and Associates, "A Network of Concerned Individuals Dedicated to the Cause of Christian Unity and Interreligious Dialogue," as well as LIFE (Lacy Institute for Ecumenism). In 2005, *Time* magazine featured Lacy in a discussion of Catholic and non-Catholic views on Mary.

In addition to his religious leadership, Lacy was involved in a number of community organizations, including as President of the Lions and Rotary clubs, and as an affiliate of the Indianapolis Scottish Rite, Columbia Club, and Phi Delta Kappa.

Lacy passed away on February 29, 2012 at the age of 79 after suffering a heart attack.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Donald C. Lacy Collection, comprised of six boxes, contains correspondence, sermons, articles, and books written by Lacy, as well as information on the churches where he served, workshops and retreats he attended, and organizations he established or was involved in. The collection also contains a small number of audio and visual materials. Lacy described his collection in the following way: "It is primarily a literary history with pastoral, ecumenical, and educational histories often interwoven."

The collection is organized into four series. Series one is made up of printed materials. Series two is composed of manuscript materials. Series three is made up of newspaper columns and articles written by or about Lacy, and series four is composed of audio/visual materials.

Series one (printed materials) contains books written by Lacy, as well as periodicals to which he contributed, or in which he is mentioned. Between 1974 and 2010 Lacy had fifteen major works published.

The manuscript materials in series two include photocopies of Lacy's college diplomas, biographical sketches, sermons, information on Lacy's public speaking engagements, and a large amount of correspondence. (Correspondents include church congregants; fellow ministers; Indianapolis Mayors Richard Lugar and William H. Hudnut; Presidents of Purdue University, University of Notre Dame, and other Indiana universities; Governor Otis R. Bowen; NBC news anchor Jane Pauley; editors of various publications; the Indiana Council of Churches; and leaders of the Methodist Church from across the country.) Topics of correspondence include responses to Lacy's books and other writings, the National Workshop for Christian Unity, and ecumenical dialogue. The series two manuscripts also include issues of *Ecumenically Speaking* (an informal publication on ecumenism and interfaith dialogue), a variety of other documents relating to interfaith dialogue in Indiana and the United States, as well as advertisements and reviews of a number of Lacy's published works.

Series three (newspaper columns and articles written by or about Lacy) includes clippings from a variety of Indiana newspapers, such as the *Indianapolis Star*, *Warsaw Times-Union*, the *Muncie Star Press*, the *South Bend Tribune*, the *New Castle Courier-Times*, the *Plymouth and Marshall County Pilot News*, the *Dunkirk News and Sun*, and others.

Series four (audio/visual materials) includes a photographic slide showing Lacy holding his book *Called to Be* and sitting with another man; four VHS and DVDs featuring various interviews with Lacy and church services; and five cassette tapes with similar contents.

*One cassette tape, "Day of Christian Unity," Milwaukee, 3/19/88 is not included in the collection due to inaudibility.

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<i>Indiana Church Councilor</i> , Relevant articles and notes in v. 84, no. 3 (Sept. 1981), v. 86, no. 3 (Sept. 1983), v. 87, no. 2 (June 1984), v. 88, no. 1 (March 1985), v. 85, no. 1 (March 1987)	General Collection BR555 .I6 I53
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Lacy, Donald Charles, <i>Jewels from John: Avenues to Advance the Kingdom</i>	Pam Collection BS2615.2.L255 1992
Lacy, Donald Charles, <i>John Seventeen</i>	Pam Collection BS2615.4.L23 1983
Lacy, Donald Charles, <i>A Taste of Glory: Explorations into John 6:53-58</i>	General Collection BS2616.L33 2000
Lacy, Donald Charles, <i>Reactivating Acts: A Preaching, Teaching Program for the Pentecost Season</i>	General Collection BS2626.L33 1991
Lacy, Donald Charles, <i>Jesus, Our High Priest: A Parish Resource for Studying the Letter to the Hebrews</i>	General Collection BS2775.5.L32 1997

Lacy, Donald Charles, <i>Gems from James</i>	General Collection BS2785.4.L32 1974
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"Devotion to Mary Should Go Beyond Denominations," <i>Marian Helpers Bulletin</i> , Vol. 42, no. 4 (Oct.-Dec. 1987)	Pam Q Collection BT645.D48 1987
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<i>Digest</i> , v. 1, no. 8 (Oct. 1987)	BT645.L33 1987
<i>Sharing</i> , "A journal of Christian healing" Library holdings: v. 57, no. 2 (Feb. 1989)	Pam Collection BT732.5.S4
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<i>Pulpit Digest</i> Library holdings: v. 50, no. 375 (May 1970), v. 59, no. 436 (Mar./Apr. 1979), v. 64, no. 465 (Jan./Feb. 1984), v. 67, no. 487 (Sep./Oct. 1987)	General Collection BV4241.P76
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<i>Christian Unity</i>	BV4300.5.L26 1986
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<i>Mid-stream</i> , "An ecumenical journal" Library holdings: v. 24, no. 1 (Jan. 1985), v. 25, no. 4 (Oct. 1986)	General Collection BX1.M5
<i>Touchstone</i> Library holdings: v. 2, no. 2 (Winter 1988), v. 4, no. 1 (Summer 1990)	Pam Q Collection BX1.T68
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