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Before Committees In Congress

Baptist Joint Committee director C. Emanuel Carlson testifies before Congress in 1964.

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Summary
Main Entry: Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Collection

Date Span: 1957-2011

Abstract: Collection includes addresses, clippings, informational files on legislation related to religious liberty and church-state issues, pamphlets and promotional materials, reports and minutes, programs, and papers from the BJCPA’s annual religious liberty conferences.

Size: 1.5 linear ft.

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Historical Sketch
The Baptist Joint Committee began in 1936 as the Committee on Public Relations. In 1946, the committee established offices in Washington, D.C. and became the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. In 2005, the BJC name changed to the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty to more accurately reflect the singular focus on religious liberty issues. The BJC serves several Baptist denominations in the United States and has worked for more than 70 years in promoting religious liberty and upholding the principle of church-state separation.


Scope and Content Note
The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Collection consists of 1.5 linear feet of material (54 folders contained in three document boxes) documenting some of the activities of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs from 1957 to 2011. The bulk of the collection dates from the 1960s to 1980s. The collection includes addresses, clippings, informational files on legislation related to religious liberty and church-state issues, pamphlets and promotional materials, reports and minutes, programs, and papers from the BJCPA’s annual religious liberty conferences.

Arrangement
The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.
Provenance
Artificial collection compiled by the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, 1989 and 2012.

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Access Restrictions
None

Subject Terms
Carlson, Carl Emanuel, 1906 –
Dawson, Joseph Martin, 1879 – 1973
Walker, J. Brent,
Wood, James Edward, Jr., 1922 –
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs – History.
Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty.
Church and education
Church and state – Baptists.
Church and state in the United States.
Prayer in public schools – United States.
Religion in the public schools.
Religious Liberty Conference.
Religious Liberty – United States.
Southern Baptist Convention. Public Affairs Committee.
Women’s rights.

Related Materials
SBHLA MF # 6894.
Parry, Pam. On Guard for Religious Liberty: Six Decades of the Baptist Joint Committee.
Report from the Capital, 1946 –


Container List

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1.2 Baptists and the American Experience: A National Bicentennial Convocation, 1976
1.3 Church & State (Russia’s Established Religion), October, 1977
1.4 Clippings, 1963 – 1990
1.5 Correspondence – Dunn, James M., 1990 – 1997
1.6 Correspondence – Wood, James E., Jr., 1976
1.7 Donations to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, 1988 – 1989
1.8 Equal Employment Opportunity Act, 1972
1.9 Fact Sheet on Watergate Towne Project (C. Emanuel Carlson)
1.10 Flyers
1.11 Laws Passed by Congress Dealing with Sex Discrimination and Women’s Rights, 1971 – 1974
1.12 Pamphlets – Contributions of the Baptist Joint Committee, 1980 – 1990
1.13 Pamphlets – First Amendment
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1.15 Pamphlets – Prayer in Public Schools
1.17 Paper – Walker, J. Brent – “BJC = JMD2: The Contributions of Joseph M. Dawson and James M. Dunn to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs” (Baptist History and Heritage Society annual meeting), 2006
1.18 Pastors’ Study Outline for Analysis of the Becker Amendment, 1964
1.19 Proposal for Center for Research and Continuation Studies
1.20 Proposed Program Structure – Public Affairs Committee, 1960
1.21 Religious Liberty Conference (Religious Liberty and Baptist Organizations), 1957
1.22 Religious Liberty Conference (The Biblical Basis of Religious Liberty), 1958
1.22a Religious Liberty Conference (The Church and American Tax Policies), 1960
1.23 Religious Liberty Conference (Church-State Aspects of the Church’s Involvement in Human Need), 1961
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 Education), 1966
2.5 Religious Liberty Conference (The role of the Christian Through Church and the State in Human Welfare), 1967
2.6 Religious Liberty Conference (Emerging Patterns of Rights and Responsibilities Affecting Church and State), 1969
2.7 Religious Liberty Conference (Taxation and the Free Exercise of Religion), 1977

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3.1 Religious Liberty Conference (Affirming Baptist Identity), 1983
3.2 Religious Liberty Conference (Intersecting Values), 1986
3.3 Religious Liberty Day, 1981
3.4 Religious Liberty in the 21st Century
3.5 Report, 1997
3.6 Report from the Capital, 1952 – 1964 (scattered)
3.7 Report from the Capital, (75th Anniversary Edition), September, 2011
3.8 Resume of Significant Events in the History of the Public Affairs Committee, 1857 – 1986
3.9 Script – Fearheiley, Don – “Foundation of Our Baptist Heritage,” 1962
3.10 Some Resources Concerning the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Relations, 1986
3.11 Staff Reports, 1963
3.12 Staff Reports, 1964
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3.19 Statement on the Baptist Joint Committee by Stan Hastey, 1989
3.20 Statement on the Tax Reform Act of 1986
3.21 Supreme Court Cases – Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty v. Ewlad B. Nuquist, et. al, 1972
3.23 Testimony Before Congress by Emanuel Carlson, 1964