



Guide to the United in Praise Records, 1993-2008

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Summary

Collection Title:

United in Praise records, 1993-2011

Creator:

United in Praise (Musical group : Duke University)

Abstract:

United in Praise (UP), formerly the Modern Black Mass Choir, is a student-run faith-based choir at Duke University. This collection contains materials related to United in Praise and some records of Duke Chapel's Black Campus Ministries (BCM). Materials consist of correspondence, meeting agendas and minutes for various committees, drafts of constitutions, member lists, and materials related to programming and outreach.

Extent:

1 Linear Feet

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English

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UA.31.04.0025

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Background

Scope and Content

Collection contains records related to the history, events planning, and operations of United in Praise. Records include correspondence, meeting agendas and minutes for various committees, drafts of UP's constitution and history, proposals, rosters, flyers, brochures, task lists, notes, and song lists and lyrics. The collection also includes materials for Black Campus Ministries

such as correspondence, BCM's Clarion newsletter, organization flow charts, officer lists and descriptions, a Campus Minister report, and meeting agendas and minutes.

Biographical/Historical

United in Praise (UP), formerly the Modern Black Mass Choir (MBMC), is a gospel choir at Duke University. MBMC was founded in the mid-1960s through a local African American church in Durham, North Carolina. In 1972, MBMC was recognized as a Duke University student organization. During the 1997-1998 academic year, MBMC changed its name to United in Praise in an effort to increase diversity and reflect the organization's commitment to unity and diversity. UP performs and participates in events on Duke's campus as well as throughout Durham.

Sources: United in Praise website, <https://unitedinpraise.weebly.com/>, accessed January 21, 2025

History and mission, United in Praise records, Duke University Archives

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Access note. Some materials in this collection are original audiovisual items that need to be reformatted before use. Contact Research Services for access.

Access note. Some materials in this collection are digitized audiovisual materials that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

Acquisition Information

The United in Praise records were received by the University Archives as a gift from Racquel Gill in 2024.

Processing Information

Processed by April Blevins, January 2025

Accessions described in this collection guide: UA2024-0068

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- Duke University -- Students
- Modern Black Mass Choir (Duke University)
- Duke University. Chapel
- Black Campus Ministries (Duke University)

Collection Inventory

Notes and drafts, 1994-2003

Box 1

Scope and Contents

Consists of drafts of proposals, outlines, and presentations; handwritten notes, surveys, and scripts

Programming, 1994-2008 Box 1

Scope and Contents

Consists of proposals, logo drawings, schedules, and other materials related to planning programs.

Constitution, 1998-2008 Box 1

Agendas and minutes, 1999-2008 Box 1

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Includes agendas and minutes for the Music Committee, Executive Committee, Constitution Committee, Fundraising Committee, and general body meetings.

Roles and responsibilities, 1999-2003, undated Box 1

Promotional material, 1999-2006, undated Box 1

Scope and Contents

Includes flyers, brochures, and articles.

Correspondence, 2000-2007, undated Box 1

Scope and Contents

Includes greeting cards, letters, and email printouts regarding events and outreach.

History and mission, 2002-2003 Box 1

Constitution Committee minutes and agenda, 2002 Box 1

Executive Board minutes, 2002 Box 1

Leading at Duke (binder), 2002 Box 1

Choir information, 2003-2005, undated Box 1

Scope and Contents

Includes contact lists, choir attendance sheets, and sign-up sheets.

Transfer of Leadership Survey, 2003	Box 1
Sunday Night Worship song lists and lyrics, 2006-2011, undated	Box 2
Greater Emmanuel Temple of Grace plaque, 2009	Box 2
To-Do lists, undated	Box 2
Black Campus Ministries- correspondence, 1993-1998	Box 2

Physical Description: 2 folders

Access Restrictions:

Personnel information restricted until 2063.

Black Campus Ministries- agenda and minutes, 1994-1995	Box 2
Black Campus Ministries resources, approximately 1994-1999	Box 2

Scope and Contents

Consists of organization flow charts, officer lists and descriptions, and a Campus Minister report. Also includes a strategic plan for the Mary Lou Willians Center.

Black Campus Ministries- Clarion, newsletter, 1994-1995	Box 2
Black Campus Ministries- mission and vision statements, 1995	Box 2
Black Campus Ministries- calendars and schedules, 1995, 2007, 2008	Box 2
Black Campus Ministries- Long-Range Planning Retreat, 1995	Box 2
Black Campus Ministries- programming and outreach, approximately 1990s-2000s	Box 2

Scope and Contents

Includes flyers, presentations, outlines, correspondence, articles, and other materials related to programming and outreach.

Black Campus Ministries Hymns & Songs of Praise (bound), undated

Box 2

The Takeover Part 1 featuring Hazakim, 2010

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