



Guide to the William L. Wipfler papers, 1890-2018, bulk 1964-1994

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Summary

Collection Title:

William L. Wipfler papers, 1890-2018, bulk 1964-1994

Creator:

Wipfler, William Louis

Source:

Human Rights Archive (Duke University)

Abstract:

William L. Wipfler (1931-2018) was an Episcopal priest and human rights advocate. The William L. Wipfler papers span 1890 to 2018, with emphasis on the period between 1964 and 1994, and consist of materials produced or collected in the course of Wipfler's career as a priest, missionary, and human rights advocate. Much of the collection stems from Wipfler's tenure at the National Council of Churches (NCC) and reflects ecumenical efforts to bring attention to political repression throughout Latin America, and includes: documents, serials, and bound volumes as well as some audiovisual materials created by the NCC and other organizations; writings and presentations by Wipfler; correspondence addressed to him; and a small number of photographs. Publications, documents, and presentations connected to Wipfler's graduate studies and to his missionary, pastoral, and broader advocacy work are also present.

Extent:

15 Linear Feet

5.3 Gigabytes

Language:

Materials in English and Spanish. A small quantity of materials in Portuguese is also present.

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Background

Scope and Content

The William L. Wipfler papers span 1890 to 2018, with emphasis on the period between 1964 and 1994, and consist of materials produced or collected in the course of Wipfler's career as a priest, missionary, and human rights advocate. A large proportion of the collection stems from Wipfler's tenure at the National Council of Churches (NCC) and reflects ecumenical efforts to bring attention to the repressive practices of US-backed military regimes throughout Latin America, chiefly in Central America, the Southern Cone, and Brazil. This includes: varied documents, serials, and bound volumes as well as some audiovisual materials created by the NCC, the World Council of Churches (WCC), their ecumenical affiliates in Latin America, and precursor organizations to the Washington Office on Latin America; writings and presentations by Wipfler; correspondence addressed to him; and a small number of photographs. Publications, documents, and presentations connected to Wipfler's graduate studies and to his missionary, pastoral, and advocacy work in the Episcopal Church and the Office of the Anglican Observer are also present.

Many documents contained in the collection were received as loose papers, or in unlabeled folders and binders. Most folder titles were devised by archivist, while a small number of original folder titles appear in quotation marks.

Materials originally contained in binders are designated as such in folder titles, and represent aspects of Wipfler's career in a manner likely determined by Wipfler himself or spouse Pauline Wipfler.

Biographical/Historical

William (Bill) L. Wipfler (1931-2018) was an Episcopal priest and human rights advocate critical of the National Security Doctrine promoted by the United States and implemented by repressive military regimes throughout Latin America from the 1950s to the 1980s.

Wipfler was ordained in the Episcopal Church in 1955, the same year he completed a Bachelor of Theological Studies in Church History at the General Theological Seminary in New York City and commenced work as an Episcopal Missionary, first in La Romana, Dominican Republic (1955-1963) and then in San Jose, Costa Rica (1964-1966). Wipfler's time in the Dominican Republic coincided with the final years of the military dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo, who ruled from 1930 until his assassination in May 1961. This context informed Wipfler's subsequent political engagement and his graduate research on Dominican church history, which culminated in a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary (1978).

After concluding his missionary assignments, in 1967 Wipfler assumed the role of Director of the Latin America Department at the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC or NCCCUSA), an ecumenical organization dedicated to generally progressive social causes. In this role Wipfler liaised with ecumenical organizations spanning the US, Latin America, and the Caribbean, and participated in a series of collaborative efforts focused on state repression in Brazil and Chile that led to the establishment of the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) in 1974. In 1977, he became the founding director of the NCC's Human Rights Office, focusing largely on issues of political violence and repression in El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Panama. In March, 1980, Wipfler was in El Salvador with an ecumenical delegation in support of Salvadoran human rights activist Archbishop Óscar Romero when Romero was assassinated; proximity to this event led Wipfler to provide testimony during the prosecution of Romero's killer by a US District Court in 2004 and to attend Romero's beatification in 2015.

After resigning from the NCC in 1988, Wipfler served as Deputy to the Executive for World Mission Office in the Episcopal Church (1989-1991) and then as Associate for Human Rights at the Office of the Anglican Observer at the United Nations (1992-1994). In retirement, Wipfler assumed a pastoral role at St. Matthias Church in East Aurora, NY and remained involved in human rights advocacy through speaking engagements and service on selection committees for the Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Award, of which he was a 1980 recipient.

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Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

The William L. Wipfler papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift in 2019 and 2020.

Processing Information

Processed by Will Runyan, November, 2024

Accessions described in this collection guide: 2019-0115; 2020-0015

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Related Materials

Related Material

Related collection: National Council of Churches Records, 1948 - 1973, The Burke Library Archives, Columbia University Libraries, Union Theological Seminary, New York

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Names and Subjects

- Chile -- Politics and government -- 1973-1988
- Latin America -- Foreign relations -- United States
- Human rights advocacy -- Latin America
- Human Rights -- Central America
- Brazil -- Politics and government
- Ecumenical movement

- Missions -- Latin America
- Dominican Republic -- History -- 1961-
- Romero, Óscar A., Saint (Óscar Arnulfo), 1917-1980
- World Council of Churches
- Episcopal Church
- Human Rights Archive (Duke University)
- National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America

Collection Inventory

Subject Files

Scope and Contents

Consists of documents, print materials, and audiovisual materials predominantly concerned with ecumenical and general advocacy work linked to social justice and human rights issues throughout Latin America, particularly in the context of repression under military dictatorships supported by the United States. These include: documents related to information gathering efforts by the National Council of Churches (NCC), largely reports by ecumenical delegations to Latin American countries and correspondence with affiliates in those countries; documentation and communications produced by precursors to the Washington Office on Latin America; publications of the NCC and the World Council of Churches (WCC) including partial runs of Christianity and Crisis and Background Information; books describing the role of Christian institutions in social justice activism within and across Latin American countries; conference proceedings; and materials related to the assassination and legacy of Salvadoran Archbishop Óscar Romero. Outside of Central America, the greatest emphasis is on Chile, with some materials relating to Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Colombia. Additional topics well represented in this series include general human rights advocacy by nonprofits and religious organizations, notably the Office of the Anglican Observer, and the social, political, and religious history of the Dominican Republic.

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- Agrarian reform in Latin America: Reforma Agraria by Antonio García and Aníbal Quejano , 1972 Box 1
Physical Description: bound volume
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- Articles on Latin America, US foreign policy, church, 1966-1981 Box 1
-
- Center for Justice and Accountability delegation to El Salvador for the 25th anniversary of the Jesuits massacre, 2004, 2014 Box 1
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- Central America solidarity publications, 1981-1985 Box 1
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- "Forum '83 Central America Conference: Thomas Dodd", 1983 Box 9 > Audio-cassette
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Physical Description: audio-cassette
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- "Forum '83 Central America Conference: Richard Clinton", 1983 Box 9 > Audio-cassette
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- "Forum '83 Central America Conference: Lars Schoulz", 1983 Box 9 > Audio-cassette
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Physical Description: audio-cassette
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- Chilean society: No Peaceful Way: The Chilean Struggle for Dignity by Gary MacEoin , 1974 Box 12
Physical Description: bound volume
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- Chilean society: Post-coup commemorative literature, 1987-1989, 2003 Box 1
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- Clergy conference sermons: Father Wylie, 1965 Box 1
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- Church and society in Latin America: Vida y Pensamiento, 1988 Box 1

Church and society in Latin America: Faith and Ideology in Latin American Perspective, 1972	Box 1
Physical Description: bound volume	
Church and society in Nicaragua: Iglesia: Manipulación o Profecía? by Rosa María Pochet and Abelino Martínez , 1987	Box 12
Physical Description: bound volume	
"Church in Cuba / Mision de la Iglesia en Cuba", approximately 1990s	Box 10 > Video-cassette RL13098-VHS-0008
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Churches and Change in Latin America conference, 1987 May 2	Box 1
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Columbus Day by Jimmie Durham , 1983	Box 1
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Dominican and Costa Rican political booklets, approximately 1960s, 1961, 1965	Box 1
Dominican Church: "Republica Dominicana, Meeting with Bishop Holguin, San Pedro de Marcoris, Centro Buen Pastor, Escuela Santa Cruz (Santa Fe); Accommodations", 1992 June	Box 10 > Video-cassette RL13098-VHS-0010
Physical Description: video-cassette	
Dominican Church history: Emigración de libertos norteamericanos a Puerto Plata en la primera mitad del siglo XIX: la iglesia metodista wesleyana by José Augusto Puig Ortiz , 1978	Box 1
Physical Description: bound volume	
Dominican society: Denunciation of Trujillo regime terror, approximately 1960	Box 8
Dominican society: CLIO: Órgano de la Academia Dominicana de la Historia No. 117 , 1960	Box 1
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Dominican society: "Eyewitness to the Dominican Republic Nightmare", 1965	Box 1
Dominican society: Historia de Santo Domingo Vol. 1, Antonio del Monte y Tejada , 1890 Physical Description: bound volume	Box 1
Dominican society: Historia de Santo Domingo Vol. 3, Antonio del Monte y Tejada , 1890 Physical Description: bound volume	Box 1
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Dominican society: La Gulf + Western en República Dominicana by José del Castillo et al. , 1974 Physical Description: bound volume	Box 12
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Ecumenical advocacy: Asia-Latin America Encounter, 1987-1988	Box 1
Ecumenical advocacy: Central America, 1981-1988	Box 1
Ecumenical advocacy: Central America: The Globalization of Hope: Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean in the New Millenium edited by Ann Butwell et al. , 1998 Physical Description: bound volume Scope and Contents "EPICA's 30th Anniversary Anthology Volume 1"	Box 1
Ecumenical advocacy: Central America: ¡Queremos la Paz! Documentos de Organizaciones y Grupos Cristianos sobre la	

Paz en Centroamérica edited by Guillermo Meléndez , 1984

Box 12

Physical Description: bound volume

Ecumenical advocacy: Chile, 1973-1977, 1985, 2001-2003, 2013

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Ecumenical advocacy: Chile: El Imperativo de la Solidaridad by Cristián Precht , 1986

Box 11

Physical Description: bound volume

Ecumenical advocacy: Chile: Para una Memoria Histórica de la FASIC, 2003

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Ecumenical advocacy: Christianity and Crisis, 1970-1993

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Ecumenical advocacy: Colombia: A Problem of Power (documentary film) , 1970

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Digital-materials RL13098-SET-0003 > Video-file
RL13098-F16-0001.mkv

Physical Description: 16mm film

Scope and Contents

Commissioned by the Department of Education for Mission, National Council of the Churches for Christ in the USA. Produced by the Center for Mass Communication of Columbia University Press under the direction of Sumner Jules Glimcher.

Ecumenical advocacy: Colombia: A Problem of Power (documentary film) , 1970

Box 10 > Dvd RL13098-DVD-0001

Physical Description: dvd

Scope and Contents

Commissioned by the National Council of Churches and produced by the Center for Mass Communication at Columbia University, with Sumner Jules Glimcher as director.

Ecumenical advocacy: Dare to Adventure:
Reflections of Jorge Lara-Braud, approximately
1999 Box 2

Physical Description: bound volume

Ecumenical advocacy: East Timor: "Church in
East Timor, INT.TV", 1994 Box 10 > Video-cassette
RL13098-VHS-0005

Physical Description: video-cassette

Ecumenical advocacy: "East Timor: Santa Cruz
massacre", 1991 November Box 10 > Video-cassette
RL13098-VHS-0006

Physical Description: video-cassette

Ecumenical advocacy: East Timor: "Yorkshire
TV: Timor", 1992 January 7 Box 10 > Video-cassette
RL13098-VHS-0007

Physical Description: video-cassette

Ecumenical advocacy: El Salvador, 1979-1986,
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Ecumenical advocacy: El Salvador: "Massacres
in El Salvador" (audio recording), approximately
1980s Box 9 > Audio-cassette
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"Side A - Assassination; Side B - Funeral." Published by NCC Cassettes.

Ecumenical advocacy: General, 1978-1987,
1993-1999, 2015 Box 2

Physical Description: 2 folders

Ecumenical advocacy: General: Background
Information , Commission of the Churches on
International Affairs , 1981-1998 Box 2

Physical Description: 3 folders ; bound volumes

Ecumenical advocacy: General: "Human Rights Day / NCC" (audio recording), 1977 December 9 Box 9 > Audio-cassette
RL13098-CS-0020

Physical Description: audio-cassette

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"475 Human Rts. Celebration Dec 9, 1977 / Robt. M. Brown, Muhammed Kenyata, Bob Mann, Peggy Billings, Gustavo Gutierrez / Bill Wipfler presides"

Ecumenical advocacy: General: "Henri Nouwen: St. Briget's Church" (audio recording), 1983 September Box 9 > Audio-cassette
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Physical Description: audio-cassette

Ecumenical advocacy: General: Venga Tu Reino: Perspectivas Misioneras by Consejo Mundial de Iglesias , 1982 Box 12

Physical Description: bound volume

Ecumenical advocacy: Guatemala, 1978-1982 Box 2 > Box 8

Ecumenical advocacy: Latin America, 1970-1981, 1989-1994, 2015 Box 2

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Ecumenical advocacy: Latin America: "Anglican Opportunities in South America", 1963 March Box 2

Ecumenical advocacy: Latin America: Chasms in the Americas , edited by Dana S. Green. , 1970 Box 11

Physical Description: bound volume

Ecumenical advocacy: Latin America: Signos de Lucha y Esperanza: Testimonios de la Iglesia en América Latina 1973-1978 , edited by Dana S. Green. , 1978 Box 12

Physical Description: bound volume

Ecumenical advocacy: Latin America: Treinta Años de Compromiso Ecuémico, 2003 October Box 2

Physical Description: bound volume

Ecumenical advocacy: Latin America: Una Lectura de Puebla by Comisión Evangélica

Latinoamericana de Educación Cristiana
(CELADEC) , 1980 Box 12

Physical Description: bound volume

Ecumenical advocacy: Nicaragua, 1976-1987,
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Episcopal Church: Annual Convocations of the
Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic,
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Episcopal Church in Dominican Republic and
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Episcopal Church in Haiti / James T. Holly,
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Evangelical Church in Dominican Republic
pamphlet, approximately 1950s Box 2

Human rights: Chile: Para una Historia de
los Derechos Humanos en Chile: Historia
Institucional de la Fundación de Ayuda Social
de las Iglesias Cristianas FASIC 1975-1991 by
Mario Garcés and Nancy Nicholls , 2005 Box 11

Physical Description: bound volume

Human rights: Colombia: Perfil Sociopolítico de
Jesús María Valle Jaramillo: Vigencia Histórica
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Humanos by Carlos A. Ruíz , 2006 Box 11

Physical Description: bound volume

Human rights: El Salvador: Les Enfants du
Salvador Dessinent, 1981 Box 8

"The Struggle Against Metallic Mining in El
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Minería Metálica en El Salvador", 2014 Box 10 > Dvd RL13098-
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Physical Description: dvd

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Published by Glen Percy Productions.

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- Human rights: General: Juntas United!, 1978 Box 2
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- Human rights: General: Light Among Shadows:
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Moffitt, and Heroes of the Human Rights
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- Human rights: General: Out of the Silence:
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Published by Chuck Olin Associates.
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- Human rights: General: "Universal Jurisdiction,
Human Rights, and the Immunity of
Government Officials: Pierre d'Argent", 2002
April 9 Box 10 > Video-cassette
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Physical Description: video-cassette
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- Human rights: General: War, Genocide, Torture:
Reconciliation, at What Price? by International
Federation of Action by Christians for the
Abolition of Torture (FIACAT) , 1998 Box 11
Physical Description: bound volume
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- Human rights: Guatemala: "ACAFADE en
solidaridad con el grupo de apoyo mutuo, San
José" (audio recording), 1985 April Box 9 > Audio-cassette
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- Human rights: Guatemala: Los Derechos
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- Human rights: Latin America: Opresión: Tortura
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Human rights reports: Chile: "The Impact of the IMF Policies on the Preservation of Human Rights: A Case Study of Chile 1970-1984", 1984	Box 3
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Koll research on US Christians and Central America, 1999	Box 3
Liberation theology, 1967-2015	Box 3
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Liberation theology: La Reforma y la Teología de la Liberación by Richard Shaull , 1993	Box 12
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Maya Arts and Crafts of Guatemala / Artes y Artesanías Mayas de Guatemala coloring book , 2000	Box 3
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Office of the Anglican Observer at the UN, 1993-1998	Box 3
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Paraguayan society: Mi Voto por el Pueblo y Otros Comentarios Vols. 1 and 2 by Alcibiades González Delvalle , 1984-1985	Box 12
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Religious Human Rights Conference, Emory University, 1989, 1993-1994	Box 3
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Religious Human Rights Project supplementary readings, 1993 April	Box 3
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Archbishop Óscar Romero background information and clippings, 1980	Box 8

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Archbishop Óscar Romero: Book materials from WCC archives, 1980-1982, 2000	Box 3
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Salvadoran society: Relatos de la Guerra by Eduardo Espinoza "Felipe Dubón" , 2007 Physical Description: bound volume	Box 12
US foreign policy: Penthouse reporting on US intervention abroad , 1975-1978	Box 3
US foreign policy: US Policy on Human Rights in Latin America (Southern Cone): A Congressional Conference on Capitol Hill, 1978	Box 3
US foreign policy in Chile: The Execution of Charles Horman: An American Sacrifice by Thomas Hauser , 1978 Physical Description: bound volume	Box 11
US foreign policy in El Salvador: FOIA material on "the Richardson Case", approximately 1982	Box 3
US foreign policy in Panama: "José I. Salas y Otros Contra los Estados Unidos de América", approximately 1996	Box 3
US foreign policy in Panama: Panama Invaded: Imperial Occupation Versus Struggle for Sovereignty by Philip E. Wheaton , 1992 Physical Description: bound volume	Box 11
Washington Office on Latin America: "Latin America and the US Churches: WOLA as a Case Study in Mutual Defense", approximately 1991	Box 3
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2005

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Writings and Speeches

Scope and Contents

Comprised mainly of articles, essays, lectures, graduate theses, books, sermons, and other materials authored by Wipfler throughout his career, chiefly on the history of Christian institutions in the Dominican Republic, the role of Christian institutions in struggles for social change across Latin America, and issues of human rights and US foreign policy in the region. Additionally includes audio and video recordings of speeches and interviews given by Wipfler on a similar range of topics. Some of these materials are present as electronic records.

Access Restrictions:

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Church and human rights, 1980-1988, 1995 Box 4

Church and human rights: Central America, 1976-1986, approximately 1993 Box 4

Church in Latin America: "The Historical Background and the Present Conditions of Protestant-Roman Catholic Relations in Latin America", 1963 Box 4

Church, mission, and human rights in Latin America, 1963-1988 Box 4

Physical Description: 2 folders

Church, mission, and human rights in Latin America: Flowering of the Prophetic Word in

the Americas: Unmasking US Imperialism and Religious Fundamentalism, 2010	Box 4
Physical Description: bound volume	
Congressional testimony, 1979-1981	Box 4
Covenant for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation, Geneva (presentations and notes), 1987	Box 4
Dominican Church: "The Catholic Church and the State in the Dominican Republic, 1930-1960" in Christianity in the Caribbean: Essays on Church History, 2001	Box 11
Physical Description: bound volume	
Dominican Church: The Churches of the Dominican Republic in the Light of History: A Study of the Root Causes of Current Problems (thesis) , 1964	Box 4
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Dominican Church: The Churches of the Dominican Republic in the Light of History: A Study of the Root Causes of Current Problems (thesis, photocopy) , 1964	Box 4
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Dominican Church: The Churches of the Dominican Republic in the Light of History: A Study of the Root Causes of Current Problems, 1966	Box 4
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Dominican Church: The Churches of the Dominican Republic in the Light of History: A Study of the Root Causes of Current Problems (annotated excerpt) , approximately 1965	Box 4
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Dominican Church: Power, Influence and Impotence: The Church as a Socio-Political Factor in the Dominican Republic (dissertation, bound) , 1978	Box 4
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Dominican Church: Poder, Influencia e Impotencia: La Iglesia como Factor Socio-Político en República Dominicana, 1980	Box 5
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Human rights: "Perspectives: Human Rights in Latin America: Wipfler, Smith, Crahan", 1977 April	Box 9 > Audio-cassette RL13098-CS-0003
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Human rights issues in the United States, 1987-1988	Box 5
Human rights issues in the United States: "Refugees and Human Rights" in Sanctuary: A Resources Guides for Understanding and Participating in the Central American Refugees' Struggle, 1985	Box 5
Human rights issues in the United States: "'Sanctuary': Oplevelserne i USA med kirken som asyl" in Kritisk forum for praktisk teologi No. 49 , 1992 October	Box 11
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"Mbareté: La Otra Ley del Paraguay" in Paraguay: Un Desafío a la Responsabilidad Internacional, 1986 Box 11
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Physical Description: audio-cassette

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"My Files 1" (floppy) [Prayers and services; sermons; speeches, lectures; spiritual direction, wisdom], undated Folder 1 > Disk RL13098-
FL3-0001

Access Restrictions:

Technical Access Note. As of November 2024, the carrier is damaged and its contents cannot be accessed. Contact Research Services with questions.

"My Files 2" (floppy) [Addresses; backup; concerts; diocese; humor; Pauline; prayers and services; sermons; speeches/lectures; wisdom; AOL address book/saved file], 2000 Digital-materials RL13098-
SET-0001
Folder 1 > Disk RL13098-
FL3-0002

Physical Description: 0.6 Megabytes
84 files

Scope and Contents

Includes documents files

Office of the Anglican Observer at the United Nations, 1987-1994 Box 5

Pastoral work at St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 2000-2007 Box 5

Presentation notecards, 1969-1981 Box 5

Physical Description: 2 folders

The Religious Community and Human Rights in Latin America conference, approximately 2006 Box 6

The religious right in the United States, 1990, 1997 Box 6

Archbishop Óscar Romero: "Powerpoint Presentation and videos, Fr. William Wipfler, Archbishop Romero Beatification" (DVD-R), 2015 Digital-materials RL13098-SET-0002
Folder 1 > Optical-disc
RL13098-OP-0001

Physical Description: 3 Gigabytes
8 files

Scope and Contents

Includes video and document files

Archbishop Óscar Romero: Presentations, 1980, 2000, 2015-2018 Box 6

Archbishop Óscar Romero: "Romero" (audio recording), approximately 1980s Box 9 > Audio-cassette
RL13098-CS-0008

Physical Description: audio-cassette

Archbishop Óscar Romero: "Romero Trial Note" (floppy), 2004 Digital-materials RL13098-SET-0001
Folder 1 > Disk RL13098-FL3-0005

Physical Description: 0.01 Megabytes

2 files

Scope and Contents

Includes document files

"Sermons 1" (floppy), 2007

Digital-materials RL13098-
SET-0001
Folder 1 > Disk RL13098-
FL3-0003

Physical Description: 1 Megabytes
69 files

Scope and Contents

Includes document files

"Sermons 2" (floppy), 2004

Digital-materials RL13098-
SET-0001
Folder 1 > Disk RL13098-
FL3-0004

Physical Description: 0.4 Megabytes
18 files

Scope and Contents

Includes document files

Theology, faith, and social justice, 1978-1982,
1992-2007

Box 6

Theology notes, 1971, approximately 1990

Box 8

US foreign policy: General human rights,
1978-1980, 1992, 2005-2010

Box 6

US foreign policy in Latin America (writings,
notes, clippings), approximately 1978,
1984-1985, 2015

Box 6

US foreign policy in Latin America: "Chile
Evening: Bill Wipfler speech" (audio recording),
1976 December 5

Box 9 > Audio-cassette
RL13098-CS-0019

Physical Description: audio-cassette

US foreign policy in Latin America: "Dr.
William Wipfler: Who Makes US Policy in

Central America? Somerset Hills Peace" (audio recording), 1983 May

Box 9 > Audio-cassette
RL13098-CS-0016

Physical Description: audio-cassette

US foreign policy in Latin America: "Dr. William Wipfler: Who Makes US Policy in Central America? Unedited Tailout 20'" (audio recording), 1983 May

Box 9 > Audio-cassette
RL13098-CS-0017

Physical Description: audio-cassette

US foreign policy in Latin America: "Forum '83 Central America Conference: William Wipfler" (audio recording), 1983

Box 9 > Audio-cassette
RL13098-CS-0012

Physical Description: audio-cassette

US foreign policy in Latin America: "Interviews with the Rev. Dr. William L. Wipfler for the 2013 Commemoration of the Assassination of Charles Horman in Chile", approximately 2013

Box 10 > Dvd RL13098-
DVD-0003

Physical Description: dvd

Scope and Contents

Published by the Charles Horman Truth Foundation.

US foreign policy in Latin America: "Panama Canal Interview: Final Edited Copy" (audio recording), approximately 1970s-1980s

Box 9 > Audio-cassette
RL13098-CS-0015

Physical Description: audio-cassette

Scope and Contents

Note on cassette: "Bill, yours to keep"

US foreign policy in Latin America: "Rev. William Wipfler: El Salvador Study Day, NYC", 1981 February 28

Box 9 > Audio-cassette
RL13098-CS-0010

Physical Description: audio-cassette

US foreign policy in Latin America: "The US and Human Rights in the Southern Cone,

Wipfler" (audio recording), approximately
1970s-1980s Box 9 > Audio-cassette
RL13098-CS-0018

Physical Description: audio-cassette

"Briefing" (audio recording), approximately
1980s Box 9 > Audio-cassette
RL13098-CS-0002

Physical Description: audio-cassette

"Stacy Taylor with Rev. Dr. Wipfler" (audio
recording), approximately 1980s Box 9 > Audio-cassette
RL13098-CS-0001

Physical Description: audio-cassette

Scope and Contents

Information printed on label: "WLS Talk Radio 890AM" (Chicago)

Bill Wipfler Interviews, 2013 Digital-materials RL13098-
SET-0002
Folder 1 > Optical-disc
RL13098-OP-0003

Physical Description: 1.85 Gigabytes
6 files

Scope and Contents

Includes video files.

"Bill Wipfler" sides 1 and 2 (audio recording),
approximately 1980s-1990s Box 9 > Audio-cassette
RL13098-CS-0004

Physical Description: audio-cassette

"Bill Wipfler" sides 3 and 4 (audio recording),
approximately 1980s-1990s Box 9 > Audio-cassette
RL13098-CS-0005

Physical Description: audio-cassette

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Personal Materials

Scope and Contents

Contains correspondence, photographs, conference programs, newspaper clippings, awards, diplomas, resumes, and other documents related to roles Wipfler held throughout his career, with significant emphasis on his tenure at and resignation from the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCC).

Access Restrictions:

Access note. Series contains electronic records that require special equipment. Contact Research Services with questions.

Access note. Series contains fragile audiovisual formats that may need to be reformatted before use. Contact Research Services for access.

Biographical materials, 1981-2008 Box 6

Physical Description: 2 folders

"Biography", 1973-1981, 2011 Box 6

Bishop Franklin's Visit & Father Bill's Birthday
Celebration, 2011-05-14

Digital-materials RL13098-
SET-0002
Folder 1 > Optical-disc
RL13098-OP-0002

Physical Description: 569 Megabytes
159 files

Scope and Contents

Includes still image files

Brown/Columbia Brazil Seminar awards, 2013 Box 6

"Chavkin award" (video recording),
approximately 2000s

Box 10 > Video-cassette
RL13098-VHS-0009

Physical Description: video-cassette

"D'Youville", 2006 Box 6

Degrees, honors, and certificates, 1955,
1975-1997, 2008

Oversize-folder 1

Eightieth birthday celebration binder, 2011 Box 6

Federación Evangélica de México panoramic
photograph, 1970 November

Oversize-folder 1

"Film: Howard Dratch", 1995-2000	Box 6
"Future plans: correspondence, ideas, etc.", 1962-1963	Box 6
General awards, honors, certificates, 1980-2015	Box 6
General career highlights binder, 1974-2015	Box 6

Scope and Contents

Includes: photographs of Wipfler, colleagues, and associates, including Latin American human rights activists; assorted correspondence; and a range of certificates and event programs.

General Theological Seminary: Support for honorary doctorate, 2006	Box 6
Global Citizens Awards Ceremony, Boston Research Center for the 21st Century, 1996	Box 6
Latin America career highlights binder, 1965-1981	Box 6

Scope and Contents

Includes: statements before congressional committees; publications related to Wipfler's missionary assignments; writings by Wipfler; and news clippings.

"Latin American Colleagues WLW-CRH", approximately 1980s-1990s	Box 6
Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Award, 1977-1981, 2015-2017	Box 6
Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Award medal, approximately 1980s	Box 13
NCC career highlights binder, 1967-1981	Box 6

Physical Description: 2 folders

Scope and Contents

Consists primarily of correspondence, mainly letters of appreciation connected to public presentations and other professional activities. Notably includes three letters from Hortensia Bussi de Allende, widow of Salvador Allende, and a letter sent by a priest (Fernando Salas) imprisoned in

Santiago, Chile. Also includes some news clippings, press releases, and event programs.

NCC resignation, 1988-1991 Box 6

NCC resignation binder (letters), 1988-1990 Box 6

Scope and Contents

Consists of letters of appreciation for Wipfler's work at the NCC from varied colleagues and associates.

News clippings and photographs, 1978-1983, 2014 Box 8

Ordination and work in Dominican Republic, 1955-1962 Box 7

"Personal correspondence", 1976 Box 7

"Personal dossiers", 1976-1979 Box 7

Personal records: letters and photographs, 1979-1984 Box 7

Archbishop Óscar Romero binder, 1980, 2004, 2015 Box 7

Speaking engagement programs, fliers, and keepsakes, 1967-2015 Box 7

Physical Description: 2 folders

Union Theological Seminary, 1975-1978 Box 7

Union Theological Seminary 50th reunion, 2015 Box 7

Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) tenth anniversary poster, 1984 Oversize-folder 1

Wipfler lecture / Centro de Planificación y Acción Ecuμένηca (CEPAE) eleventh anniversary poster, approximately 1980 Oversize-folder 1

World Council of Churches (WCC) human rights poster, approximately 1980s Oversize-folder 1

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