

## Detroit Conference United Methodist Archives



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# Methodist Federation for Social Action (Detroit Chapter) Records and Publications, 1946-1954 (1986)

### History Note:

Originally known as the Methodist Federation for Social Service, the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) was founded in 1907 by several Methodist Episcopal clergy to direct church attention to the enormous human suffering among the working class. Immediately the Federation became Methodism's unofficial rallying point for the Social Gospel and achieved in 1908 the adoption of the first denominational social creed. MFSA attained the height of its growth just following World War II, but with the coming of the anti-communist hysteria of the McCarthy period, relations with The Methodist Church became very strained and the Federation came under sharp attack.

### Scope Note:

This small collection, donated by Rev. Edgar Wahlberg with additional publications from the Adrian College Library, contains minutes and membership lists for the Detroit Conference chapter, along with an incomplete set of the national newsletter and other publications focusing on allegations of communist influence in the Methodist Church and other religious organizations.

### Extent:

0.4 linear feet (ca. 800 pages)

### Access Restrictions:

The collection is open to research.

### Restrictions on Use:

Photocopying is handled by the staff and may be limited in certain instances. Before using any material for publication from this collection a formal request for permission to publish is expected and required.

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