

# One Columbus Collection (MC 282)

## Organizational Note

According to its website, [One Columbus, Inc.](#) is Columbus' longest standing and most prominent diversity organization. The organization began as a result of the movements and groups that had focused on diversity in the region following the Civil Rights movement, which had, among other achievements, highlighted the need for increased inter-racial interaction and dialogue. One Columbus' goals are focused on building bridges between all segments of society in the Columbus community, including Black, White, Hispanic, Asian and many other minorities. Not limited to race relations, One Columbus has sought to further address all issues concerning diversity through its activities in the area including social class, religion, gender and sexuality and immigration issues. One Columbus started in 1992 with two Columbus church leaders, Rev. J. H. Flakes, Jr. of the Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church and Rev. Charles Roper of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The two leaders moved forward after time to develop a Unity Service. The Unity Service, 'Valley Interaction Ministry involved people from all segments of the Columbus community for informal conversations with the aim of 'building bridges' between racial, economic, religious and social issues. The meetings worked towards diminishing barriers and drawing people together who may have otherwise felt affected by the continuing divisions within the South over the years. Born out of these early community dialogues were many One Columbus meetings, conferences, and events. Most prominently was the 1999 Race Relations Summit, from which One Columbus was directly established. One Columbus, Inc. today is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation. One Columbus programs include events in all segments of the community, from corporate boardrooms to student study circles, prayer groups and public addresses.

## Scope and Content

This collection consists of administrative and program material from One Columbus, Inc. 2000-2010 2 boxes, 2 l.f.)

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## Provenance

Donated by Ken Crooks, the Executive Director of the organization, in 2011.

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