

**LANTZ, J. EDWARD, 1911-1991.**  
**J. Edward Lantz papers, 1929-1989, undated**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Lantz, J. Edward, 1911-1991.  
**Title:** J. Edward Lantz papers, 1929-1989, undated  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 380  
**Extent:** 4.50 cubic ft. (9 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Contains correspondence, writings, office files, and printed material related to the career of J. Edward Lantz.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Born in Edgerton, Ohio in 1911, J. Edward Lantz earned his B.A. degree from DePauw University prior to masters degrees from both Yale Divinity School and the University of Michigan. During the 1960s, Lantz served as the Executive Director of the Southern Office of the National Council of Churches. In his eleven year tenure, Lantz worked with church leaders in the southeastern United States and was in contact with civil rights leaders including Martin Luther King, Jr. Lantz later served as Associate Professor of Communications and Ecumenics at the Interdenominational Theological Center, a consortium of six predominantly African American denominations and is now the largest African American theological school in the United States.

An author or editor of eight books, Lantz also wrote over 100 articles, essays, and major book reviews throughout his career. After his retirement as a minister of the United Methodist Church in 1976, he served for five years as the president of the United Nations Associations, Atlanta Chapter. In 1984, he and his wife Ruth Cox Lantz established the John Edward and Ruth Cox Lantz Chair in Christian Communications at Yale Divinity School.

J. Edward Lantz died on June 10, 1991 in Atlanta.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The J. Edward Lantz Papers contains several typescript articles written by Lantz throughout his career, with topics ranging from Easter and Christmas candlelight services, to the current state of affairs in the Middle East. The bulk of the collection consists of reports and meeting minutes from organizations in which Lantz was an active member, including the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the US, National Council of Churches, annual reports from the Ecumenical Institute in Atlanta, DeKalb Community Council on Aging, among others. Also included are collected articles related to Methodism, course material from when Lantz was Associate Professor at the Interdenominational Theological Center, correspondence, conference files, and other office files.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged alphabetically by material type.

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## Container List

### Correspondence

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	General, 1945-1946
1	2	General, 1947-1948
1	3	General, 1949
1	4	General, 1950-1951
1	5	National Council for the Churches of Christ, (1 of 2), 1956-1963
1	6	National Council for the Churches of Christ, (2 of 2), 1956-1963
1	7	Yale Divinity School, 1983-1989, undated

### Writings

1	8	Writings by Lantz, A-Z, 1953, undated
1	9	"A Christmas Candlelight Service," undated
1	10	"An Easter Candlelight Service," undated
1	11	"Middle East," 1973-1974
1	12	"Speaking in the Church, A Twelve Month Reading Course," 1948-1949
1	13	"The Call to Christian Living," 1946
1	14	"The Good Olde Days," page proofs, circa 1941
1	15	"Where Does the Hope Lie?" study by unknown author, undated
2	1	"World Peace and Development," book format, undated
2	2	Yale Divinity School, Journal of Letters, Class of 1938, 1941
2	3	Yale Divinity School, Journal of Letters, Class of 1938, 1942
2	4	Yale Divinity School, Journal of Letters, Class of 1938, 1943
2	5	"1962 Yearbook of the Committee on Freedom of Speech of the Speech Association of America," 1962 December
2	6	Writings of others, 1946-1958

### Office Files

2	7	Budget of Projected Needs, National Council for the Churches of Christ in the USA, 1957
2	8	Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, meeting minutes, 1975
2	9	Consultation on Church Union files, 1968-1975, undated
2	10	DeKalb Community Council on Aging, 1975
2	11	Group discussion and leadership files, 1959, undated
2	12	"Louisiana," 1963-1964
3	1	Meeting minutes, 1954-1965
3	2	National Council of Churches, news bulletins, 1957-1958
3	3	National Council of Churches, reports, 1959-1960

- 3 4 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the US, interpreters manual, 1961
- 3 5 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the US, pronouncements, 1951-1955
- 3 6 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the US, pronouncements, 1956-1959
- 3 7 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the US, pronouncements, 1960-1963, undated
- 3 8 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the US, pronouncements (filed alphabetically), 1951-1961
- 3 9 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the US, reports (1 of 2), 1953-1965, undated
- 3 10 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the US, reports (2 of 2), 1953-1965, undated
- 4 1 Policy statements and resolution documents, 1965-1968
- 4 2 Proposals, 1955-1960, undated
- 4 3 "Reading Aloud the Word of God, charts" (1 of 2), 1955, undated
- 4 4 "Reading Aloud the Word of God, charts" (2 of 2), 1955, undated
- 4 5 Report, "Racial Discrimination in the Church," 1960 April 21
- 4 6 Reports, resolutions, and statements, 1954-1965, undated
- 4 7 Reports, unsorted, 1956-1965
- 4 8 Speeches by Lantz, 1946, undated
- 4 9 The Stained Glass Association of America, 1956
- 4 10 United Church Women, 1939-1961
- 4 11 University of Tennessee, Nashville Extension Center (1 of 2), 1949-1950
- 4 12 University of Tennessee, Nashville Extension Center (2 of 2), 1949-1950
- 4 13 Unsorted papers, 1946-1966

### **Printed Material**

- 5 1 "A Portion of the Plan for Union of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church," 1966 November
- 5 2 "A Study of Current Developments in the Teaching and Preaching in American and the United Kingdom," by Edward Stasheff and Kenneth E. Andersen," 1963
- 5 3 Booklet, "Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story," undated
- 5 4 Digest of the Proceedings of the Eighth Meeting of the Consultation on Church Union, 1969 March 17-20
- 5 5 Ephemera, 1939-1942
- 5 6 "Great Decisions '76," 1976
- 5 7 "Howard Hi-Lights," Howard High School annual, 1929
- 5 8 International Journal of Religious Education, 1940-1943
- 5 9 "Learning for Life," 1952 October-December

- 5 10 Mademoiselle, 1949 July
- 5 11 Magazines and promotional publications (1 of 2), 1949-1969, undated
- 6 1 Magazines and promotional publications (2 of 2), 1949-1969, undated
- 6 2 Michigan Christian Advocate, 1939-1942
- 6 3 Newsletters, 1960-1967
- 6 4 Newspapers, unsorted, 1945-1966
- 6 5 Programs, 1946-1966, undated
- 6 6 "Religion in Life, a Christian Quarterly," 1945
- 6 7 Report of the Second Annual Ecumenical Institute, 1957 June 2-7
- 6 8 Report of the Third Annual Ecumenical Institute, 1958 July 20-25
- 7 1 Report of the Fourth Annual Ecumenical Institute, 1959 July 19-24
- 7 2 "Report of the Second National Conference on Weekly Religious Education,"  
1964
- 7 3 "Report on Governing Structure of the National Council of the Churches of  
Christ in the USA," reprint, 1963 February
- 7 4 Reprint, "Reading Aloud the Word of God," from The Religious Digest, 1947  
August
- 7 4 Reprint, "Reading Aloud the Word of God," from The Bible School Journal,  
1949 June
- 7 5 "Suggested 'Homework' for the Participants in the White House Conference on  
Education," undated
- 7 6 The Christian Advocate, 1942 April 16
- 7 7 The Ecumenical Movement, by Lee E. Dirks, 1969
- 7 8 The New Christian Advocate, 1959 September
- 7 9 "The Pulpit, a Journal of Contemporary Preaching," 1953 September
- 7 10 "The Speaker of Tau Kappa Alpha," 1952 May
- 7 11 The United Witness of the Churches in a Changing World, 1960 December 5
- 7 12 Other printed material, 1945-1956

### **Conference Files**

- 7 13 General, 1948
- 7 14 "Family Camp, Central Kansas Conference," 1947-1948
- 8 1 Kentucky Youth Assembly, Winchester, Kentucky, 1948 June
- 8 2 Story Paper Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, 1951
- 8 3 "Student Regional Conference," circa 1947-1948
- 8 4 "Student Regional Conference, Lake Junaluska" (1 of 2), 1948
- 8 5 "Student Regional Conference, Lake Junaluska" (2 of 2), 1948
- 8 6 Work document prepared for delegates to the 1964 Methodist General  
Conference, 1964

### **Other Material**

- 8 7 Biographical information, 1942, undated
- 8 8 Dale Carnegie Courses, Fall's Business College, 1950 November 28
- 8 9 Christmas files, undated
- 8 10 "Fifth Ecumenical Institute, Registrants by State," undated
- 8 11 Notes and unsorted material, 1975, undated
- 8 12 Photograph, unidentified, undated
- 8 13 Pin, National Committee of Black Churchmen, undated

**Course Material**

- 8 14 Contemporary Ecumenical Movements, syllabus, 1974 Spring
- 8 15 Essays and critical comments by Lantz, undated

**Restricted Material**

- 9 1 Student papers, examinations (1 of 2), 1948-1950
  - 9 2 Student papers, examinations (2 of 2), 1948-1950
  - 9 3 Student Papers, papers and presentations (1 of 2), 1967-1973
  - 9 4 Student Papers, papers and presentations (2 of 2), 1967-1973
  - 9 5 Student Papers, outlines, forms, and other papers, 1955, undated
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