

SOCIETY FOR PASTORAL THEOLOGY.

Society for Pastoral Theology records, 1985-2005

Emory University
Pitts Theology Library
1531 Dickey Drive, Suite 560
Atlanta, GA 30322
404-727-4166

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Society for Pastoral Theology.
Title: Society for Pastoral Theology records, 1985-2005
Call Number: Record Group No. 052
Extent: 1.85 cubic feet (5 boxes)
Abstract: Consists of minutes, financial reports, correspondence, newsletters, membership lists, and other records dating from the Society for Pastoral Theology.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

Unrestricted access.

Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

All requests subject to limitations noted in departmental policies on reproduction.

Citation

[after identification of item(s)], Society for Pastoral Theology Records, Archives and Manuscript Dept., Pitts Theology Library, Emory University.

Processing

Processed by Aimee Morgan, 2006; Brandon Wason, 2016.

Collection Description

Biographical Note

The Society for Pastoral Theology was founded in 1985. According to its mission statement, the Society is “a community of scholars, teachers, and practitioners of care committed to enriching the discipline of pastoral theology and advancing its role in equipping people for ministry.”

Emory Libraries provides copies of its finding aids for use only in research and private study. Copies supplied may not be copied for others or otherwise distributed without prior consent of the holding repository.

A Steering Committee provides leadership to the SPT. The group holds an annual conference each June. Since 1991, the Society has published the *Journal of Pastoral Theology*. It also maintains study groups on topics in pastoral theology, including the Church and Christian formation, faith and health, religious practices and commitment, and theological anthropology.

Scope and Content Note

This record group contains minutes, financial reports, correspondence, newsletters, membership lists, and other records dating from the Society's founding in 1985 through 2005. Of particular interest are the two files of formal papers by Society members on pastoral theology topics.

Most correspondence in this record group is from the office of Dr. Andrew Lester, who served as treasurer of the Society in the mid 1990s. This correspondence covers both financial matters and membership inquiries.

The majority of Society records are arranged alphabetically by document type. Several historical files in which multiple record types were intermingled have been retained in their original order.

Audiovisual materials are located at the end of box 4. These include two VHS videocassettes and a photograph of the founding members of the Society. The photograph was taken at the Society's first business meeting in 1985. A complete list of founding members and a photographic negative of the image accompanies the photograph. The videocassettes contain recordings of sessions on the history of pastoral theology and the history of the Society. The sessions took place at the Society's annual conference in June 2005.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Annual Conferences, 1993-1997
1	2	Annual Conferences, 1998-2001
1	3	Annual Conferences and Business Meetings, 2002-2004
1	4	Bibliography Project, 1999-2000
1	5	Brochure, 2000-2001
1	6	Business Meetings, Minutes, 1997-2001
1	7	By-laws, circa 1998
1	8	Correspondence, Leister, Andrew, 1994
1	9	Correspondence, Leister, Andrew, 1995-1996
1	10	Correspondence, Leister, Andrew, 1996
1	11	Expenses, 1998-2001
1	12	Financial Records, undated
1	13	Financial Reports, 2002-2004
1	14	Formal Papers, 1985-1988
2	1	Formal Papers, 1985-1988
2	2	Graduate Programs Directory, circa 1999
2	3	Graduate Student Profiles, 2001
2	4	Historical File, 1985-1986
2	5	Historical File, 1986-1987
2	6	Historical File, 1988-1989
2	7	Historical File Compiled by Rodney J. Hunter, 1984-1989
2	8	Historical File Compiled by Rodney J. Hunter, 1990-1993
2	9	Journal of Pastoral Theology, 1999-2000
2	10	Legal Documents, 2000-2001
2	11	Meeting, Denver, Colorado, 1985
2	12	Membership Lists, 1985-1993
2	13-14	Membership Lists, 1994-1997
3	1-2	Membership Lists, 1994-1997
3	3	Membership Lists, 1997-1998
3	4	Membership Lists, 1999-2002
3	5	Membership Lists, 2002-2004
3	6	Mission Statement and Contact Information, 2002-2003, undated
3	7	Newsletters, 1996-2004
5	1	Paper Topic Ideas, 1986
3	8	Policies and Procedures, 2001
3	9	Quick Reference Sheets, 1998-2001

5	2	Record of Society Presenters, 2000
4	1	Steering Committee, 1993-1996
4	2	Steering Committee, 1996
4	3	Steering Committee, 1997-2001
5	3	Steering Committee, 2000-2002
4	4	Steering Committee, 2002-2004
4	5	Study Groups, 1996-2000
4	6	Wabash Conference, 1999
4	7	Wabash Conference, 2000
4	8	Website, 1999-2000

Audiovisual Materials

4	9	Photograph, Society for Pastoral Theology founding members, 1985
4	10	VHS Videotapes: "History of the Society." Panel discussion by Jim Poling, Nancy Ramsay, Larry Graham, and Peggy Way. Moderated by Jim Lapsley. Approximate running time: 90 minutes. 2005 June 16
4	10	VHS Videotapes: "History of the Field." Presented by Rod Hunter, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Approximate running time: 60 minutes. 2005 June 16
