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Rodney Romney

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Creator: Rodney Romney

Title: Rodney Romney Collection

Dates: 1954 – 2001

Quantity: 10 boxes

Summary: The Rodney Romney Collection contains sermons, personal memorabilia, and personal journals that give insight on his career and contribution to the Baptist community.

Repository

Jereld R. Nicholson Library

Linfield University

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McMinnville, OR 97128

Reference Number: 503-883-2734

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Language: English

Biographical Note

Rodney (Rod) R. Romney dedicated almost 40 years of his life preaching the word of God and welcoming all with open arms. He is most notable for his time in Oakland, California where he preached at the Lakeshore Avenue Church for 20 years. During his leadership, the church integrated in the mid 1960's during the height of racial tensions in this country. The next 20 years he was senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Seattle, a large downtown church with around a thousand members. He enjoyed 20 years at the church before retiring to Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The third of three sons, Rod was born in Arco, Idaho on January 17, 1931. He would stay in Arco until he graduated from Butte High School in 1947. Afterward he would attend

Linfield University and have a very successful collegiate career. He participated in choir where he was song leader and drama. He also was the respected president of both Theta Chi fraternity and other organizations. While excelling at activities he was also active in the classroom by making honor roll multiple times during his tenure with Linfield. He graduated in 1954 with a Bachelors degree. In later years he would be the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Linfield on May 31, 1987 and join the board of trustees where he would be an active member from 1990 to 2008.

After a successful, academic, and spiritual life, Rodney Romney would pass away at the age of 81 in his home of Idaho Falls, Idaho on June 30, 2012. He was survived and remembered by the large community of friends, students, and co-workers who he helped, mentored or inspired along the way.

Content Description

This collection contains Rodney Romney's personal memorabilia from his time at Linfield which includes a yearbook, paddle, coffee mug, photos, and various pamphlets. A majority of the Rodney Romney collection consist of both recorded and paper copies of his sermons from 1980 to 2001. There also is documentation of both Rodney Romney and Bernie Turner's sermons through personal journals of unknown churchgoers.

Restrictions on Access

Access is by appointment only. Please contact the archivist to make an appointment.

Preferred Citation

Rodney Romney Collection. Jereld R. Nicholson Library. Linfield University, McMinnville, Oregon. Gift of Ellen Bowman, May 11, 2021.

Provenance

Ellen Bowman donated Rodney Romney Collection to the Linfield University Archives on May 11, 2021.

Location of Originals

Jereld R. Nicholson Library, Linfield University

Processing Information

Processed by archives technician Juston Rogers, with the assistance of archivist Rich Schmidt.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 10 boxes with folders separating each year. Box 4 and 5 contains artifacts. Box 6 is separated in folders named "Misc, Bernie Turner, Rodney Romney".

Artifacts

1. Paddle
2. Coffee Mug
3. Choir Pictures
4. Journalism Yearbook
5. Linfield Pamphlets

Box 1:

Paper Sermons, 1980-1989

Box 2:

Paper Sermons, 1990-1994

Box 3:

Paper Sermons, 1995-2000

Box 4:

Paper Memorabilia, 1954-1987

Folder 1 (Linfield Choir Record 1984)

Folder 2 (Linfield Memorabilia 1954)

Folder 3 (Linfield Memorabilia After Graduation 1984-1987)

Box 5:

Paddle and Coffee Mug

Box 6:

Churchgoers Journals, Bernie Turner Sermons, Miscellaneous

Box 7:

CD Sermons, 1986-1989

Box 8:

CD Sermons, 1990-1993

Box 9:

CD Sermons, 1994-1998

Box 10:
CD Sermons, 1999-2000