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3. COLLECTION NAME:

The Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries Collection

4. COLLECTION DATES: 1977-2017, bulk 1988-2006
5. NUMBER OF CONTAINERS AND SIZE (in linear feet): 7 boxes, 7 linear feet
6. TYPE OF MATERIAL: Organizational materials that document the activities of the Extraordinary Candidacy Project and Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministries, which became Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries. These include newsletters, bulletins, correspondence, internal documents, photographs, videos and other materials. The collection includes the 2000 documentary “Call to Witness” about their conflict with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
7. SOURCE AND DATE: The collection was received by the Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion in November 2016 from Amelia Vagts, Executive Director of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries.
8. RESTRICTIONS (if any): None.
9. BIOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM) represent the efforts of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Lutherans to support the theology of their denomination and support like oriented ministers.

The ELM is a 2007 merger of two organizations, Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministries, founded in 1990, and the Extraordinary Candidacy Project, founded in 1993.

Two San Francisco Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregations, St. Francis Lutheran Church and First United Lutheran Church, joined together to form Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministries (LLGM) in 1990. They called a gay man and a lesbian couple to become their pastors. However, as these qualified ministers were sexually active, this violated the ELCA rule that same sex-oriented ministers be celibate. After a grueling fight, this led to both churches being expelled from the ELCA in 1996.

The Extraordinary Candidacy Project was formed in 1993 to credential openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons to be ministers in the Lutheran Church. The preparation matched the process by the ELCA. The focus was to assist ministerial candidates who had been denied commissioning and ordination due to their sexual orientation or who had been removed because of their sexual orientation.

In 2009, the ELCA voted to admit gay and lesbian pastors into the clergy, sending an apology and invitation to reunite with the two San Francisco congregations. St. Francis voted to rejoin in 2009. First United rejoined in 2012.

10. SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The arrangement follows the original order: Series 1, Board of Directors; Series 2, Extraordinary Candidacy; Series 3, Outreach; Series 4, Official Statements; Series 5, Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministries; Series 6, Newspaper and other clippings; Series 7, Correspondence; and Series 8, Internal Documents; and Series 9, Stoles, t-shirts, and other miscellaneous materials.

11. PREFERRED CITATION:

Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries Collection; Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion, Pacific School of Religion (Graduate Theological Union Archives, Berkeley, California)

12. SUBJECTS:

Homosexuality -- Religious aspects -- Lutheran Church
Single people -- Sexual behavior
Lutheran Church -- Doctrines
Sex -- Religious aspects -- Lutheran Church
Ordination -- Lutheran Church
Gay clergy
Lesbian clergy
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America -- Clergy

13. NAMES AS SUBJECTS (ADD AUTHOR):

First United Lutheran Church (San Francisco, Calif.)
Saint Francis Lutheran Church (San Francisco, Calif.)

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15. CONTENTS OF CONTAINERS:

Series 1, Board of Directors

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Initial Correspondence	1988 September 1
1	2	Organizational Chart	1989
1	3	Steering Committee-A	1989 January-May
1	4	Steering Committee-B	1989 June-December
1	5	Articles of Incorporation	1990 July 20
1	6	Board of Directors	1991 October 14
1	7	ELCA General Assembly	1995
1	8	Meeting Notes Board of Directors	1997
1	9	Minutes of correspondence of LLGM Board	1998
1	10	Board of Directors-Meet Mission Partners	1999 January 17
1	11	LLGM and ECP agreement	1999 January 17
1	12	10th Anniversary of LLGM	2000 January 16
1	13	Minutes	2001
1	14	Minutes	2002 January
1	15	Minutes	2002 October
1	16	Minutes	2003 January
1	17	Minutes	2003 October
1	18	Minutes- A	2004 January
1	19	Minutes- B	2004 January
1	20	Minutes	2004 May
1	21	Minutes -A	2004 September
1	22	Minutes -B	2004 September
1	23	Minutes -C	2004 September
1	24	Mission Partners	2004
1	25	Minutes-Executive Committee	2004 December
2	1	Minutes - A	2005 January
2	1a	Minutes-A	2005 January
2	2	Minutes - B	2005 January
2	3	Minutes - C	2005 January
2	4	Minutes - D	2005 January
2	5	Minutes - E	2005 January

2	6	15th Anniversary	2005 January 20
2	7	Minutes	2005 March
2	8	Minutes - A	2005 May
2	9	Minutes - B	2005 May
2	10	Minutes	2005 September
2	11	Minutes - A	2006 January
2	12	Minutes - B	2006 January
2	13	Minutes	2006 April
2	14	ECP and LLGM Visionary Steering Committee	2006 June 17
2	15	ECP and LLGM Visionary Steering Committee	2006 October
2	16	ECP and LLGM February Meeting	2007 February

Series 2, Extraordinary Candidacy

Box	Folder	Title	Date
3	1	Ordination Frost, Johnson and Zillhart	1990 January 20th
3	2	Board Meetings	1993
3	3	Formation Documents	1994
3	4	Board Meetings	1994
3	5	5th Anniversary	1995
3	6	By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation	1995 December 8
3	7	Conference	1996 July 9
3	8	Reorganization	1998 October 16
3	9	Twin Cities Panel	1999
3	10	Blank Candidate Profile Forms	1999
3	11	Plans for merging	2000
3	12	Printed Website	2001
3	13	Historical Overview	2001
3	14	Philadelphia Panel/ Regions 7 and 8	2002
3	14a	Retreat Camp Meeker	2003 January 19-22
3	15	Board Meeting	2003
3	16	Board Meeting (includes Out of the Ordinary Benefit Album)	2004
3	17	Northeast Panel Foundation	2004 April 28
3	18	Policy Manual, Articles of Incorporation	2004 March
3	19	Chaplain	2004
3	20	Training Materials	2004 October
3	21	Expectations of Ordained Ministers	2004 October
3	22	Candidacy Manuel of the ELCA	2004
3	23	Reports from Ordained Ministers	2004

3	23	Board Meetings	2005
3	24	Extraordinary Candidacy	2007
3	25	20th Anniversary of Ordinations	2010 February 13
3	26	Informational Brochures	2014
3	27	Jodi Barry (photographs of ordination and house party)	No date
3	28	Extraordinary Candidacy: Lyle J. Beckman	2001 May 20
3	29	Pamela Gilbert-Snyder	2010 July 10
3	30	Lura Groen	2008 July 26
3	31	Anita Carol Hill	2001 April 28
3	32	Daniel M. Hooper	2004 May 2
3	33	Jeff Johnson Celebrations of Ministry	1988-1999
3	34	Lionel Ketola	2008 May 16
3	35	Jennifer Mason	2004 April 18
3	35	Loss of status of Ross Merkel	1994 March 25
3	36	Craig Minich	2001 February 18
3	37	Ned O'Donnell	1999 October 3
3	38	Pieter Oberholzer	1999 May 24
3	39	Jennette Lynn Rude	2007 November 17
3	40	Dawn Marie Rogenski	2007
3	41	Steve Sabin	2001 May 6th
3	42	Donna Jeannette Simon	2000 October 28
3	43	Sharon Sue Stalkfleet	2002 May 12
3	44	Jay Alan Weisner	2004 July 25
3	45	Jay Wilson	2008 December 6
3	46	Roster of publicly-identified LGBTQ Lutheran leaders and seminarians	2011
3	47	Roster of publicly-identified LGBTQ Lutheran leaders and seminarians	2012
3	48	Roster of publicly-identified LGBTQ Lutheran leaders and seminarians	2013
3	50	Roster of publicly-identified LGBTQ Lutheran leaders and seminarians	2014

Series 3, Outreach

Box	Folder	Title	Date
4	1	Abiding Peace Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO	2000-2005
4	2	AIDS Foundation of San Francisco	2004
4	3	Bethany Lutheran Church	2004

4	4	Call to Witness. Film Project - A	2000
4	5	Call to Witness. Film Project - B	2000
4	6	Central City Lutheran, San Bernardino, CA-A	2004
4	6a	Central City Lutheran, San Bernardino, CA-B	2004
4	7	Christ Church Lutheran	2000-2001
4	8	Church of All Saints	1999-2004
4	9	Continuing Reformation Conference	1995
4	10	Creating Our Sacred Space Lesbian Gathering	1990
4	11	A Cruise to Remember	1990 March 25th
4	12	ELCA Assembly 2005	2005 August
4	13	First United Lutheran Church, San Francisco, CA	1988- 2004
4	14	Gay and Lesbian Christian Outreach South Africa	2000
4	15	Gay Freedom Day Parade 1990	1990
4	16	Hymn Festival with Michael Burkhardt Fundraiser LLGM	2002-January-20th
4	17	goodsoil.org	2005-September
4	18	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Houston, Texas	2000
4	19	“Here I Stand” Conference	1998-October
4	20	Hollywood Lutheran Church	2004
4	21	Inclusive and Affirming Ministries	2005
4	22	Inter-religious Coalition on AIDS	1990
4	23	Joel Raydon Workin Memorial Scholarship Fund	1995?
4	24	The Knutson Conference	1997
4	25	Lord of Life Lutheran Church	2000-2001
4	26	Lutherans for Full Participation	2002-2005
4	27	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer	2004-2005
4	28	Lutheran Community Foundation	2004
4	29	Lutherans Concerned	1990
4	29a	Lutherans Concerned Gathering	2004
4	30	ONE Voice	2006
4	30a	Gathering Momentum event, Claiming Our Wholeness for Fifteen Years	2005
4	31	Pastor’s Retreat Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministry	1990 -1997

4	32	Pastor's Emergency Response Team	1997
4	33	Prism Ministries	1997-2000
4	34	Sanctuary Project Partnership	No date
4	35	Soulforce- A False Focus on My Family	2004
4	36	St. Francis Lutheran Church	1989-2000
4	37	St. Mark's Lutheran Church	2006 November
4	38	St. Matthews Lutheran Church	2000
4	39	St. Paul - Reformation Lutheran Church	1990-2000
4	40	St. Paul - Oakland, California	2000
40	40a	St. Paul – Denver	
4	41	“The Trial” documentary plans	No date
4	42	University Lutheran Church, Berkeley, CA	1999-2000
4	43	WOW “Witness Our Welcome” Conference	2000
4	44	Whosoever Online Magazine	1997?

Series 4, Official Statements

Box	Folder	Title	Date
5	1	Historical Overviews of actions by the Lutheran Church regarding homosexuality	2001
5	2	Sex, Marriage and family: A Social Statement (LCA)	1970
5	3	Statement on Homosexuality to the House of Bishops, C. Kilmer Myers	1977
5	4	Human Sexuality and Sexual Behavior (ALC)	1980
5	5	A Study of Issues Concerning Homosexuality (LCA)	1986
5	6	Resolution on Human Dignity (Northern California and Northern Nevada Synod)	1989
5	7	Issues of Conscience, Rev. James DeLange (ELCA)	1989 April 15
5	8	Sierra Pacifica Synod ELCA-Homosexuality	1989 May 25
5	9	Church statements, Synod of Northern California and Northern Nevada	1989
5	10	Statements of the Episcopal Church on homosexuality	1989
5	11	Synod of Northern California and Northern Nevada	1990

5	12	ELCA Disciplinary Proceedings, St Francis Lutheran Church and First United Lutheran Church, San Francisco	1990 July 18. June 29
5	13	Expectations of Ordained Ministers, James A. Lokken	no date
5	14	Responses of congregations to disciplinary proceedings	1990
5	15	Letters to support St. Francis Lutheran Church	1990
5	16	Supplemental witness statement	1990 July
5	17	Letter to officials of the court by Rev. Phyllis J. Zillhart	199- September 12
5	18	Personal Reflections on the Trial-6 Months Later, Rev. James DeLange	1991 January 24
5	19	Social Statement: The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective	1991 September 4
5	20	Sexual Issues and Sexual Dilemmas for the Counseling Pastor	1991
5	21	Claiming Our Voices: A docudrama Based on a Disciplinary Hearing of Two Churches, Naomi Frost	1992
5	22	The Church and Human Sexuality: A Lutheran Perspective	1993 October
5	23	An Open Letter from the Bishops of ELCA	1996 March 22
5	24	Statement to the Assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod	1995 May 20
5	25	Policies and Procedures of the ELCA for Addressing Social Concerns	1997
5	26	ELCA Studies on Sexuality Report	2002
5	27	ELCA Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions	2003 November
5	28	Report and Recommendations from the Task force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality	2005 January 2005
5	29	Questions ELCA Church Council Members Might Ask	no date
5	30	Ordinary Moments: Ordinary People Blessed by God, Paul Tidemann	2006

Series 5, Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministries;

5	31	Brochures and General Information	1990s-2000s
5	32	The Newsletter (Vol 1:No 1-7)	1989

5	33	The Newsletter (Vol 2:No 1-2), Voice of Vision (Vol 2 No 2-7)	1990
5	34	Voice of Vision (Vol 3 No 1-5)	1991
5	35	Voice of Vision (Vol 4 No 1-4)	1992
5	36	Voice of Vision (Vol 5 No 1-3)	1993
5	37	Voice of Vision (Vol 6 No 1-2)	1994
5	38	Newsletters and other documents	1995
5	39	The Mission and other documents	1996
5	40	The Mission and other documents	1997
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5	54	The Mission	2011
5	55	The Mission	2012
5	56	The Mission	2013
5	57	The Mission, Annual Report, Stanley Edward Olsson memorial	2014
5	58	Annual Report	2015
5	59	The Mission	2016
5	60	The Mission	2017

Series 6, Newspaper and other clippings

Box	Folder	Title	Date
6	1	Aids in the Heartland	1987
6	2	Clippings	1988
6	3	Ordination issues	1989 March 16
6	4	Clippings	1989
6	5	Media contacts	no date
6	6	Media planning guide	no date
6	7	Timeline for gay and lesbian ordination in Lutheran Church	1989

6	8	Press releases-San Francisco churches	1990
6	9	Press Release-Bill Kunish	1990 March 7
6	10	Print media-Part 1	1990
6	11	Print media-Part 2	1990
6	12	Media	1990
6	13	Media	1990
6	14	Freedom Day Parade	1990
6	15	Freedom Day Parade-newspapers	1990
6	16	Print media	1993
6	17	Print media	1996
6	18	Press Release	2000 July 27
6	19	Print media	2001
6	20	Print media	2004
6	21	Print media	2005 January
6	22	Print media	2006
6	23	Print media	2008
6	24	Print media	2009
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Series 7, Correspondence

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7	1	Correspondence	1989
7	2	Correspondence-Covenant of Support	1989-1990
7	3	Correspondence-Part 1	1990
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7	5	Correspondence-Part 3	1990
7	6	Correspondence-Part 4	1990
7	7	Correspondence-Part 5	1990
7	8	Correspondence	1991
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7	10	Correspondence, support documentation	1992
7	11	Correspondence	1993
7	12	Correspondence	1994
7	13	Correspondence	1997
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Series 8, Internal documents

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7	15	Internal documents, suggested readings	1991

7	16	Internal documents, sermons, bulletins	1993
7	17	Internal documents, sermons, bulletins	1995
7	18	Internal documents	1996
7	19	Internal documents	1998
7	20	Internal documents	1999
7	21	Internal documents	2000
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7	23	Internal documents, photos	2001
7	24	Internal documents	2002
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7	27	Internal documents	2004
7	28	Internal documents, insurance	2004
7	29	Internal documents	2005
7	30	Internal documents	2006
7	31	Grant-writing agreement	no date
7	32	Mission statements	no date
7	33	Tax exempt	1990-1991
7	34	Speeches concerning LGBTQ issues	no date

Series 9, Stoles, t-shirts, and other miscellaneous materials

A box of garments and vestments, along with some miscellaneous ephemera:
 7 stoles, some handmaid; 1 oatmeal color robe made by C.M. Almy and Son; 3 black shirts made by Friar Tuck (15 ½); 1 “Call to Witness” t-shirt; 1 “...we are all baptized into one body...1 Corinthians 12:13a” (front) and “Lutheran alliance for full participation” (back) t-shirt; 3 white collars and stays; one badge, Rev. James W. Delange, St. Francis, San Francisco, Conference 9, Suspended; Certificate of Recognition, Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministries, 15th Anniversary, California Legislature Assembly, January 15, 2005.