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## **Biography**

The oldest son of Dr. Albert B. Cleage, Sr. and Mrs. Pearl Cleage, Albert B. Cleage, Jr. was born June 13, 1911 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He grew up in Detroit, where his father had migrated to become the first Black city physician.

A graduate of Northwestern High School, Cleage attended Fisk University for a year before receiving his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University. He earned the equivalent of a doctoral degree from Oberlin's Graduate School of Theology in 1943, and did post-doctoral studies at the University of California. Before entering the seminary, Cleage was a social case worker with the Detroit Department of Public Welfare. With his divinity degree, Cleage led congregations in Lexington, Ken.; San Francisco, Cal.; and Springfield, Mass. before returning to Detroit in 1951 to become pastor at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church.

At St. Mark's, Cleage became concerned about the church's role in community affairs and the social issues of the time. In dispute with his denomination, Cleage left the church in 1953 taking with him 300 members who would become the core for a new church, St. Mark's Congregational Church. In 1954, St. Mark's would become Central Congregational Church.

Until 1954, Cleage and his parishioners held services at the Crossman School, but with a growing congregation he negotiated purchase of a mansion at 2254 Chicago Blvd. which would serve both as a parsonage and place to hold all church activities. The Church soon outgrew this location and the need to secure a large church became a major concern of the membership. The Brewster-Pilgrim Church located at 7625 Linwood was purchased in June 1957 with occupancy taking place in September of the same year.

As the Congregation grew, the membership under Cleage's leadership became increasingly involved in problems touching the lives of the African American community. Emphasis was placed on political involvement which was nurtured through the publication, beginning in 1960, of the *Illustrated News*, a newspaper devoted to the issues confronting the black community.

From the pulpit, Cleage began preaching sermons calling for the creation of a new black theology, and a new Black church to articulate that theology. Between 1967 and 1970 the church began restructuring the rituals, programs and structures of the traditional black church to conform to the Black Christian Nationalist philosophy. The name of Central Congregational Church was officially changed to the Shrine of the Black Madonna in 1970 by which time the first book written by Rev. Cleage was released. *The Black Messiah* published in 1968 was a series of powerful sermons introducing to the world a new Black theology. In 1972 Rev. Cleage published his second book, *Black Christian Nationalism: New Direction for the Black Church*. This book presented the complete program, position and philosophy of the black Christian Nationalist Movement. Around this same time, Cleage and other members began taking African names to distinguish themselves from the names given to them as slaves in bondage. Cleage would become Jaramogi Abebe Agyeman.

The decade of the 70's was a time of rapid expansion of the Shrines of the Black Madonna. Early in 1974 a small College Cadre of young men and women moved to Atlanta, Georgia to enroll in Atlanta University and to begin the organization of a shrine. The following year in April fifteen buses and many cars transported hundreds of members to Atlanta for the BCN Convention marking the opening of Shrine Nine and the Southern Regional Office.

In 1977 the next expansion cadre opened Shrine Seven taking the BCN Program to Kalamazoo, Michigan. In that same year, selected men and women from Shrine One in Detroit and Shrine Nine in Atlanta agreed to go to Houston, Texas to open and operate what would become Shrine Ten and the New Southwest Regional Offices and Training Center. The first Pan-American Synod was held in Houston, Texas in 1978 and it here that the Shrine of the Black Madonna was established as a new denomination and adopting the name Pan-African Orthodox Christian Church. Over the next two decades, under Cleage's leadership, the denomination would hold conventions of the Synod and annual leadership conclaves, the purpose of which was to bring together the different geographic shrines for discussion of the church's theology and programs.

The 1980s and 1990s saw continued growth and the development of new programs. In 1981, began raising funds to purchase farmland in South Carolina to be used to develop a network of independent Black farms and which could also be used for youth and adult retreats and training. In 1999, 2600 acres of land was purchased in Abbeville County, South Carolina. The property was known as the Beulah Land Farm. Members from Detroit and elsewhere made decision to relocate there. Among them was Jaramogi Abebe Agyeman.

In his life, Albert Cleage / Jaramogi Abebe Agyeman was married, had two daughters, and later divorced. He died at Beulah Land Farm on February 20, 2000.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection has been divided into four series: Albert B. Cleage, Jr.: Correspondence, Sermons, and Writings, the files of the Shrine of the Black Madonna in Detroit, Michigan, Church Leaders, and the files of the Shrine of the Black Madonna National Office.

The **Albert B. Cleage, Jr.: Correspondence, Biographical, Sermons, and Writings** series documents Cleage's importance as a clergyman and as a leader locally within Detroit's African American community and nationally as a spokesman for Black pride. The correspondence file spans the years 1954 to 1978 and details Cleage's interactions with both religious and civil rights leaders across the country, as well as within Detroit. This series also includes sermons from the early 1950's through 1983, giving a detailed look at Cleage's views and thoughts. Finally, there are manuscripts of Cleage's two books, *Black Messiah* and *Black Christian Nationalism*, along with a third, unpublished work, *Nothing Is More Sacred Than the Liberation of the Black People*.

Much of the **Shrine of the Black Madonna Detroit** series is comprised of an alphabetical topical file drawn together from different portions of Cleage's files and other miscellaneous church files. The series dates from the early 1950's to 2005. The bulk of the material dates from the late 1960's to the mid 1970's and documents the transformation of St. Mark's to the Church of the Black Madonna and the development of the Black Christian Nationalist (BCN) denomination. The BCN files include administrative information and documentation of the denomination's spiritual underpinnings, as presented in bible study sheets and African history lessons.

From this series, Albert Cleage is shown to be deeply involved in both civil rights and the problems facing the city of Detroit. He served on numerous committees and commissions, ran for public office several times, and was deeply interested and involved with the Detroit Public School System, the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice, and the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization.

Other important files contain Sunday bulletins from church services. These are from all time periods (with the majority being either from the 1970's or the first decade of the new millennium). There is also membership information (often including addresses and family information) from the 1950's to the 1970's.

The **Church Leaders** series consists of files maintained by individuals, within the church who assisted Cleage in his ministry. These include Cardinal Aminifu (Woodrow Smith), Kokayi Enharo (Carl Ware), and Colonel Kwesi.

The **Shrine of the Black Madonna National Office** series consists of two separately maintained topical files, covering the period of 1968 to 1973 and 1977 to 1979. These files provide a glimpse into how the Shrines worked on a day-to-day basis, and how the Council of Cardinals exerted its influence over the direction of the movement on both a national and regional level, as well as on the personal lives of BCN members. This series also includes publications of the Shrines organization relating to the Black Christian Nationalist movement. In addition to programs from their annual

conventions, this set of files includes policies and procedures, basic doctrinal statements, information for new members, a Bible study workbook, and history background of the church.

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**Albert B. Cleage, Jr.: Correspondence, Biographical, Sermons, and Writings**

**Roll 1**

Correspondence  
1954-1959  
1960-1962  
1963  
1964-1965  
1966  
1967  
1968 (2 folders)  
1969 (3 folders)  
1970  
1971  
1972-1977  
1978  
Undated  
Biographical, political, early career  
Biographical Data, 1969  
Memorials, obituaries, tributes to Jaramogi Abebe Agyeman, Feb. 2000  
Articles about Cleage and his church, 1950-2004  
Detroit Board of Education candidacy, 1966

**Roll 2**

Detroit City Council candidacy, 1965  
Congressional candidacy, 1966  
Cartoon with image of Cleage confronting a Detroit businessman/politician, undated  
St John's Congregational Church, Springfield, Massachusetts, 1949-1950  
Sermons (mimeographed)  
1970  
Harlem Message, August 11, 1970  
1977  
Two Worlds, August 4, 1977  
Two Worlds, August 11, 1977  
A New Heaven and a New Earth, December 11, 1977  
End of an Era: We Are the Messianic Hope of the Twentieth Century, December 25, 1977  
1978  
A New Era: January 8, 1978  
New Church for a New Era, January 15, 1978  
Acting for God, January 22, 1978  
The Community of Jesus... Today's Messianic Hope, January 29, 1978  
Fruits of the Spirit, February 5, 1978  
Sign of Jonah in This Day, February 12, 1978  
Fragmentary, April 2, 1978  
Discipline: Second in Series, May 14, 1978  
Discipline: Third in Series, May 21, 1978

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**Albert B. Cleage, Jr.: Correspondence, Biographical, Sermons, and Writings (cont.)**

Sermons (mimeographed) (cont.)  
1978 (cont.)

**Roll 2 (cont.)**

- Prelude to a New Era: Between God and the Devil, June 23, 1978  
Prelude to a New Era: The New Fantasy, June 25, 1978  
Prelude to a New Era: No Options: Third in Series, July 2, 1978  
Prelude to a New Era: Discipline: Fourth in Series, July 9, 1978  
Prelude to a New Era: KUA: Fifth in Series, July 16, 1978  
Climbing Jacob's Ladder, August 13, 1978  
Theology of the Group Experience, September 24, 1978  
The Revolutionary Mysticism of Jesus, October 1, 1978  
Anniversary Month, October 22, 1978  
The Church as a Transforming Community: Conversion #2,  
November 5, 1978  
The Church as a Transforming Community: Response to the  
Holy Spirit, November 12, 1978  
Christianity and the Consciousness Revolution, November 19,  
1978
- 1979  
The Black Dilemma: Drifting, March 11, 1979  
The Black Dilemma: You Can't Lie to God, March 18, 1979  
The Black Dilemma: KUA, March 25, 1979  
The Black Dilemma: A New Perspective for the Black Struggle,  
April 1, 1979  
The Black Dilemma: The Triumphal Entry, April 8, 1979  
The Black Dilemma: And They Believed Them Not, April 15,  
1979  
The Fall of Man, June 3, 1979  
Orientation Lecture, June 4, 1979  
Beyond Rational Consciousness: You Need to Study KUA, June  
10, 1979  
Orientation Lecture, June 11, 1979  
Beyond Rational Consciousness: Spiritual Encounters-You Need  
to Study KUA, June 17, 1979  
Beyond Rational Consciousness: The Group Experience, June 24,  
1979
- 1981-1990  
Surviving the 80's Through Christian Service: The Unity of  
Believers, November 19, 1981  
Transcendence & Transformation Through the Experience of  
God: Is There No Balm In Gilead?, April 22, 1982  
The Abundant Life: The Art of Living, May 25, 1982  
God Is Power, November 13, 1983  
Transforming Community: Struggle for Change #2, March 1,  
1984  
Transforming Community: Genesis II – The Recreation of Man,  
May 6, 1984

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**Albert B. Cleage, Jr.: Correspondence, Biographical, Sermons, and Writings (cont.)**

Sermons (mimeographed) (cont.)  
1981-1990 (cont.)

**Roll 2 (cont.)**

An Introduction to BCN Theology: Personal Change: The Key To Black Liberation, August 5, 1984  
An Introduction to BCN Theology: 2<sup>nd</sup> in a Series, August 12, 1984  
An Introduction to BCN Theology: The Black Man's Inner Conflicts, 3<sup>rd</sup> in A Series, August 19, 1984

**Roll 3**

The Black Nation Israel, Pt. 1, December 2, 1990  
Advent Sermon Series: The Messianic Expectations, December 9, 1990  
Advent Sermon Series: The Ministry of Jesus, December 16, 1990  
Advent Sermon Series: The Celebration of Christmas, December 23, 1990  
1995-1997 miscellaneous  
Sermons – drafts and notes  
Drafts  
1951-1953  
1960's  
Undated  
Notes, 1970-1983  
Rough drafts  
1967  
1968  
1960's (2 folders)  
ca. 1970  
1979  
Undated

Writings

Black Christian Nationalism (manuscript) (2 folders)

**Roll 4**

Black Messiah (manuscript) (2 folders)  
Nothing is More Sacred than the Liberation of the Black People (manuscript)  
Poetry: Holy Crusade 1984 Words of Inspiration: Poems of Jaramogi

**Shrine of the Black Madonna – Detroit** (also records of its predecessor Central Congregational Church)

Bulletins of church services, 1953-2007 (many gaps)  
1953-1969  
1970-1973  
1974-April 1976

**Roll 5**

May 1976-May 1978

<b>Box No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
	<b>Shrine of the Black Madonna – Detroit (also records of its predecessor Central Congregational Church)</b> Bulletins of church services (cont.)
<b>Roll 5 (cont.)</b>	1982 January February March April May June July August September October November December
	1980's
<b>Roll 6</b>	1990's 2000's (2000-2007) Miscellaneous
<b>Roll 7</b>	Central Congregational Church Administrative Articles of Association, 1955 Calendars, 1960, 1961, 1964 Executive Committee 1954-1955 1957-1961 1967-1971 Financial 1957-1962 1963-1970 Trustees James C. Trimble and John W. Estes, Jr. (complaint against Cleage to the Congregational Association of Detroit), 1964 Monthly Narrative Reports, 1958-1960 Stewardship Reports Miscellaneous Topical file Accord, Inc. (Common Housing Corporation), 1968 Action Council, 1968-1969 Action Groups, 1971 Action Group #5 Action Group #6 Activity Regulations, 1970-1972 Alkebu-lan Academy and Nursery
<b>Roll 8</b>	Annual Meeting 1972 1973

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**Shrine of the Black Madonna – Detroit (cont.)**

Topical file (cont.)

**Roll 8 (cont.)**

Annual Report

1953

1959

1960

1964

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1968

1969

1970

1971

1972

Articles of Association: Pan African Orthodox Christian Church,  
1978

Ashanti Co-op/Black Star Co-op Supermarket, 1968-1969

Benevolent and Protective Order of the Black Madonna

Black Christian Nationalism

Bible Study

1976

1997-2000

Church Policy

College Cadre, 1973

First Annual Convention, 1970

Second Annual Convention, 1971

BCN Report to the Nation, 1973

Third Biennial Convention, 1975

History

Information Packet, 1992

Jubilee, 2003

Office and Cultural Center Management, 1972

Official Documents

Players, 1972

Poems, Songs, and Cheers

Relationship with Christian Churches, 1967

Rituals

Communalism Rituals, 1982

Rite of Passage

Shrine Newsletter, 1970

Student Movement, 1970-1972

Training Center and Residence Hall, 1970-1975

Black Ecumenical Council, 1967, 1970

Black Messiah Reviews, 1969

Black Manifesto – Responses

**Roll 9**

Black Nation News, 1969-1977

Black Slate

Black Teachers Workshop

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**Shrine of the Black Madonna – Detroit (cont.)**

Topical file (cont.)

**Roll 9 (cont.)**

Building Fund and Relocation Committee, 1955  
Camp Talahi, 1959  
Catholic Clergy Conference on the Interracial Apostolate, 1968  
Center City Association  
Chanza  
Citywide Citizen's Action Committee, 1967-1968  
Commission for Racial Justice (United Church of Christ), 1969-1971  
Committees, 1970's  
Congregational Association of Detroit, 1956  
Cooperative Services, Inc.  
"Crockett Incident," 1969  
Cultural Centers  
Detroit Public Library, 1967  
Economic Development Corporation, 1967-1969  
Education, 1968  
Federation for Self Determination, 1967-1968  
Flyers announcing church services  
1954-1960 and undated  
1957-1961  
1968-1971  
1972-1974  
1975

**Roll 10**

1976  
1977  
1978  
Flyers  
Drafts  
1979 (10 folders: Jan.-Oct.)  
1970s miscellaneous  
1980 (9 folders: April-December)  
1981 (12 folders: Jan.-Dec.)  
1982 (12 folders: Jan.-Dec.)  
1983 (4 folders: quarterly)  
1984 (4 folders: quarterly)  
1985-2006

**Roll 11**

Undated (3 folders)  
Freedom Now Party, 1964  
Funeral Obsequies  
History, Draft 1968  
Illustrated News, 1964  
ICOC  
Inner City Mutual Insurance Company, 1969  
Inner City Organizing Committee, 1967-1968

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**Shrine of the Black Madonna – Detroit (cont.)**

Topical file (cont.)

**Roll 11 (cont.)**

Inner City Parent's Council, 1968  
Inner City Shopping Centers  
Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO),  
1969, 1970  
KUA Small Group Devotionals, 1992  
Layout, 1972 Booklet  
Locke – The Detroit Riots of 1967  
Maccabee Training Materials, undated  
Marriage Rituals, 1970-1974  
Mass Media Study Committee, 1969  
Ministers for Racial and Social Justice, 1969

**Roll 12**

Miscellaneous (5 folders)  
Miss Black America Beauty Pageant, 1970  
MTG  
Operation Connection, 1968  
Order of Nzinga  
Photographs  
Preliminary Self Study #2, 1961  
Programs and Special Events  
St Mark's Presbyterian/Independent/Congregational Church, 1952-  
1954  
Shrine #9 Internal Documents  
Shrine #10, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Sudan Club, 1977  
Synod 2000  
Training Group # 11, 1972  
Westminster, 1954  
Webster, John, Forum Committee, 1969  
White Critiques, 1968  
Youth  
    Youth Fellowship  
        1954-1955  
        1956  
        1961  
Notes and Names  
Youth Miscellaneous

**Roll 13**

Membership Information/Guest Books  
    Saint Mark's Community Church Membership Information Flyers,  
        1951-1953 (Includes family information)  
    Every Member Canvass, 1955  
    Every Member Canvass, 1956-1957  
    Members and Guests of Central Church, 1957-1959  
    Members, Miscellaneous, 1951-1961

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**Shrine of the Black Madonna – Detroit (cont.)**

Membership Information/Guest Books

**Roll 13 (cont.)**

Members, Miscellaneous, undated  
 Canvass, 1963  
 Membership list, pre-1972  
 Membership list, June 1972  
 Members by Geographic Location, 1972  
 Book of Prospective Members, 1967-1969  
 Names – From Files of Kokayi Enharo (undated)  
 Pledge Cards, 1967 Special Building Fund  
 Application for Membership, 1972-1973 (not microfilmed)  
 Application for Membership, 1952-1953 (not microfilmed)  
 Guest books  
     September 1957-January 1959  
     March 1959-October 1967  
     June 1969, April 1970, May-November 1972, January 1973

**Roll 14**

May-October 1973  
 October 1973-May 1974  
 May 1974-January 1975

**Church Leaders**

Cardinal Aminifu (Woodrow Smith) files (Cardinal Aminifu was director of the Health and Social Services Bureau, Pan-African Orthodox Christian Church)

Bulletins and Bible Study – Shrine #9  
 Bible Study, 1978  
 Roots of African History, 1994  
 Sermons, Shrine #9, 1989-1995  
 “The African Orthodox Church and Garveyism,” 1971

Kokayi Enharo (Carl Ware) files (Head of Maccabees)

BCN Songs  
 COR  
 Correspondence, 1986-2003 (1 folder)  
 Clippings  
 Doctrine and Positions  
 Flyers and Miscellaneous  
 Maccabees  
 Obsequies and Obituaries  
 Security, areas of responsibility  
 Weekly Squad Accountability Reports  
 Y2K (2 folders)

**Roll 15**

Youth  
 Colonel Kwesi files  
     1964  
     1966  
     1969

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**Shrines of the Black Madonna – National Office (Detroit)**

Topical files, 1977-1979 (Includes some earlier material)

1977

**Roll 15 (cont.)**

Chanza reports and minutes  
Cultural Center and other reports

1978

Administration Minutes  
Alkebu-lan Academy Minutes  
Alkebu-lan Nursery, Nursery Staffing  
ATG 1 MOR Fact Sheet  
Black Christian Nationalism Study Guide  
Central Index  
Chanza Minutes and Reports (2 folders)  
Choir Report  
Communal Budget Listing  
COR Reports  
Cultural Center #2 Bi-Weekly Reports  
Disciplinary Action  
Executive Council Meeting  
Financial Procedures  
Group Transfers and Reorganization  
Group Meetings  
Houston Cadre Encounter  
Institutional Reports  
Kalamazoo Finance Reports (Communal Budget)  
Maccabee Daily Highlights  
Interdepartmental Communications, Missionary Outreach  
MOR Minutes  
Music Department  
Security Report for Administrative Council  
Shrine #1 MOR Behavioral Fact Sheet  
Shrine #7 Kalamazoo  
Shrine #10 Houston  
Switchboard Operator's Report Administration Meeting  
Transportation – Nation Fleet  
Treasurer's Reports (Weekly)

1979

Alkebu-lan Academy Memos  
Alkebu-lan Nursery  
Chanza Process  
Chanza Reports  
Shrine #1  
Shrine #2  
Shrine #3

**Roll 16**

Chanza Minutes  
Communal Budget

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**Shrines of the Black Madonna – National Office (Detroit)**

Topical Files, 1977-1979 (cont.)  
1979 (cont.)

**Roll 16 (cont.)**

COR

Communication

Reports

Kitchen

Miscellaneous

MOR

Securing Trips

Out of Town Teams

Goals and Quotas

Communications

Topical File, 1968-1973

Accord, Inc., 1968-1969

Action Council Organizing Committee, 1969-1970

Action Group Meetings (Monthly), 1968 and 1971-1972

African-American Teacher's Association

African World Bookshelf, 1969

Afro-America, Inc. (Yale University), 1970

Alice Strauther Memorial Committee, 1969-1970

American Civil Liberties Union, 1970-1972

American Orthopsychiatric Association, Inc., 1970

Archdiocese of Detroit, 1969

BCN Leadership Cadre, 1970

Benevolent and Protective Order Constitution, 1968

Black Action Movement (University of Michigan), 1970

Black Action Training, Irv Joiner, 1970

Black Affairs Council, 1969

Black Christian Nationalist Convention, 1970

Black Christian Nationalist Convention (Second), 1971

Black Christian Nationalist Convention Correspondence, 1970

Black Christian Nationalist Marriage Service

Black Christian Nationalist Student Movement (High School Level),  
1970-1972

Black Heritage Tea, 1970-1971

Black Media List

Black Messiah, 1968

Black Nationalism

Black Star Market, 1968

Black Studies – Graduate Studies, 1971

Black Teacher's Caucus, 1970

Board of National Missions, 1969

Board of Education, 1968-1973

Book Reviews

Book – Quest for a Black Theology, 1970-1971

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**Shrines of the Black Madonna – National Office (Detroit) (cont.)**

Topical File, 1968-1973 (cont.)

**Roll 16 (cont.)**

Campaign Literature, 1970  
 Charge to New Members and Libation  
 Chicago Theological Seminary, 1969  
 Choir, 1970  
 Christian Century – Dean Peerman, 1971  
 Colgate Divinity School – Rochester, New York, 1968-1970  
 Columbia Radio and Television, 1968-1969  
 Commission for Racial Justice – Cobb, 1968-1971  
 Commission on Religion and Race – United Methodist Church,  
 1969-1970  
 Commitment Campaign, 1970  
 Communications, 1971  
 Congress of African People, 1971  
 Co-op Buying, 1971  
 Core, 1971-1972  
 Cornell University, 1969  
 Contracts on Books, 1970

**Roll 17**

Detroit Free Press – Hiley Ward, 1969  
 Detroit Industrial Mission, 1968  
 Detroit Metropolitan Association of the United Church of Christ,  
 1968-1969  
 Detroit Metropolitan Association, 1970-1973  
 Draft Information – Selective Service, etc., 1969-1975  
 Duke University, 1970-1973  
 Economic Development Corporation, 1969-1970  
 Elmhurst College, 1968  
 Federation, 1967  
 Fisk University, 1969  
 Fites Bottom Improvement Campaign, 1968  
 Garrett Theological Seminary – Rev. Hycel Taylor, 1971  
 Graymoor Ecumenical Institute, 1969  
 Heidelberg College, 1968-1969  
 Heritage Committee  
 Inner City Organizing Committee, 1968  
 IFCO, 1968-1970  
 In-Service Ministerial Training Program, 1970  
 Joint Strategy and Action Committee, 1970  
 Legal Aid, 1967-1968  
 Letters from Inmates, 1967-1972  
 Macomb County Community College, 1970  
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library and Center, 1968-1970  
 Men's Club, 1969-1971  
 Methodist Grants – Bishop Loder, 1969  
 Michigan Conference – Duane Vore, 1974  
 Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ, 1969-1971  
 Michigan State University, 1968

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**Shrines of the Black Madonna – National Office (Detroit) (cont.)**

Topical File, 1968-1973 (cont.)

**Roll 17 (cont.)**

Mini Shopping Centers, 1969-1970  
 General  
 National Board  
 Areas  
 Ministers for Racial and Social Justice (Rev. Edmonds), 1969-1971  
 Minutes of Meetings, 1969  
 Miscellaneous Handouts and Literature, 1969  
 Miss Black America Beauty Pageant, 1970  
 Morris, Ronald – Norfolk State College, 1971  
 Morrow and Company, Inc. Publishers, 1971-1972  
 Dan Johnson  
 Book Reviews  
 National Association of Black Students, 1970  
 National Conference of Friends, 1968-1969  
 National Committee of Black Churchmen, 1968-1971  
 National Council of the Churches of Christ – Delta Ministry, 1970-1971  
 National Staff Requests, 1972  
 National Training Center  
 NCC (Charles Spivey) Department of Social Justice, 1969-1970  
 News Media, 1968  
 Newsome, Dr. Moses, 1970  
 Norfolk Committee for the Improvement of Education, Inc., 1970  
 North Carolina Central University, 1970-1971  
 Oakland Community College, 1969  
 Oberlin College, 1969-1972  
 Ohio State University, 1969-1971  
 Ohio Wesleyan University, 1970  
 Order of Chaka, 1968  
 PAC (Pan-African Congress, USA), 1970-1972  
 Panther's Den Youth Organization, 1969-1970  
 Parsons, Donald, 1971  
 Permission for Publication, 1970  
 Plymouth Congregational Church (Kalamazoo-Grand Rapids), 1970  
 Political, 1968  
 Princeton Theological Seminary, 1969  
 Procedures, policies, etc.  
 Rand McNally and Company, 1969  
 Random House, 1970  
 Republic of New Africa, 1970-1972  
 Reviews, 1972  
 Ripon College, 1969-1970  
 Second Book Correspondence, 1970  
 Saint John's Congregational Church, Massachusetts, 1969  
 Saint John's United Church of Christ, 1969  
 Sanford, Warner, 1970

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**Shrines of the Black Madonna – National Office (Detroit) (cont.)**

Topical File, 1968-1973 (cont.)

**Roll 17 (cont)**

Sarah Lawrence College, 1970  
School of Black Studies, 1970  
Security and Safety for Nation Proposal, 1968  
Seminary Students, 1969  
Sheed and Ward, Inc., 1968-1971  
Southern Regional Newsletter (2 folders)

**Roll 18**

Financial Drives, 1979  
New Regional Drive  
Last Chance Drive  
Born Again Drive  
First Step Drive  
Anniversary Drive  
Holy Crusade Drive  
BCN Interdepartmental Communications, 1980-1983  
BCN Official Publications  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Spring Forum Series" 1970  
Basics of BCN, 1972 (include policies, Creed, regulations)  
Basics of BCN for Membership, 1993  
BCN Catalogue, 1973-1974  
Bible Study Student Workbook no. 4, The Pre-Christian Era, 1995  
Books of prayers, 1989-1991 & undated  
Central Congregational Church publications  
Church History Presentation, 1993  
Closer: Weekly Accountability Report, September, November 1997  
Convention Program (Biennial),  
1972  
1975  
Honoring Rev. Albert B. Cleage, Jr., 1963  
KUA Group Devotionals  
National Pan African Synod programs  
1993  
1996

**Roll 19**

2000  
Shrine #10 (Houston), 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1987  
Shrine #10 (Houston), 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1992  
Shrine of the Black Madonna  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary calendar, 1983  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program, 1993  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee, 2003  
Shrine of the Black Madonna Cultural Center & Book Store review  
December 1992  
August 1995  
Signs and Symbols guides, 1994, 2002  
Spiritual Retreat Handbooks, 1994, 1995