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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Parker, David Lecour, 1923-2016
Title:	David Lecour Parker papers
ID:	11918965
Date [inclusive]:	1947 -- 1948
Physical Description:	0.25 linear feet 0.25 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	David Lecour Parker was a Union Theological Seminary alumnus and former secretary to UTS President Henry Pitney Van Dusen, as well as a Methodist minister who served congregations throughout New York and New Jersey, and an activist for civil rights and women's rights. The collection contains notes from Parker's UTS coursework from 1947 and 1948.

Preferred Citation

Item description, UTS1: David Lecour Parker papers, 1947-1948, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

David Lecour Parker was born on December 20, 1923 in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up as part of a large family that lived, for most of his childhood, in Ridgewood, New Jersey. Parker studied at both Middlebury College and Hamilton College, although his graduation was delayed when he was drafted into the Army during the Second World War, and subsequently served as a member of the Army Signal Corps in Guam. Using the post-WWII G.I. Bill, Parker enrolled at Union Theological Seminary, where he studied under many Union luminaries, including Reinhold Niebuhr, Paul Tillich, and John C. Bennett. Parker further served for a time as secretary to Union's then-president, Henry Pitney Van Dusen. After graduating from Union,

Parker became an ordained minister in the Methodist Church, which began a long and honored career serving churches throughout New York and New Jersey, in a total of 11 different congregations throughout his life. Parker also sponsored numerous German immigrant families in the United States, whom he housed in his own home, and was an early advocate and activist for women's rights, civil rights, and LGBT rights. Passionate about music since childhood, Parker became both a performer and a composer of religious music, writing numerous religious songs that he featured for his congregations. David Parker retired from active ministry after 54 years of service, and passed away peacefully on April 6, 2016.

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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The following boxes are located offsite: Box 1. Please note that requests for use of boxes held in offsite storage must be made three business days in advance.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The David Lecour Parker Papers were donated to the Burke Library in March 2015.

Custodial History

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Processing Information

Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The finding aid was created by Kevin Windhauser and Rebecca Nieto in 2018 with the support of the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2020.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Clergy
- Parker, David Lecour, 1923-2016 -- : Archives

Burke Library record group:

Union Theological Seminary Archives: UTS 1, papers of faculty and students

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Christian Ethics II: R. Niebuhr, 1947	box 1	folder 1
Systematic Theology: John C. Bennett, 1947	box 1	folder 2
Systematic Theology II: John C. Bennett, 1947	box 1	folder 3
Systematic Theology III: John C. Bennett, 1947	box 1	folder 4
N.T.: Knox, 1947	box 1	folder 5
Field Work: C.L., 1947	box 1	folder 6
Recreation and Vocal, 1948	box 1	folder 7

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