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## **Mid-Atlantic Community Collection**

### **Repository:**

Mercy Heritage Center  
720 Heritage Center Place  
Belmont NC 28012

### **Preferred Citation:**

Mid-Atlantic Community Collection, Mercy Archives, Belmont, North Carolina. Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

### **Creator:**

Mid-Atlantic Community, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

### **Physical Description:**

Approximately 100 linear feet of 172 boxes

Documents

Approximately 10 gigabytes digital files and photographs

Audiovisual materials

### **Dates:**

1990s – 2021

Bulk dates: 2007 – 2021

### **Access:**

Some files may be subject to restrictions. Consult Mercy Archivists for more information. Large parts of the collection are born-digital or exist in both digital/electronic and paper format. Because of the nature of certain archival formats, including digital and audio-visual materials, access will require additional advanced notice. The collection contains materials in English and Spanish. A box and folder list is available upon request.



### **Abstract/ History:**

The Sisters of Mercy, Mid-Atlantic Community was founded January 1, 2007, when five former regional communities of the Sisters of Mercy joined together. They are the Merion Regional Community, Pennsylvania; the Dallas Regional Community, Pennsylvania; the Brooklyn Regional Community, New York; the Hartsdale Regional Community, New York; and the Watchung Regional Community, New Jersey. The administrative center of the Mid-Atlantic Community, located in Merion, Pennsylvania with offices in Hartsdale, NY, Dallas, PA, and Watchung, NJ, governed community life, administrative issues and ministries for Sisters of Mercy located in the region. The community was led by an elected team of five Sisters of Mercy who related to administrative departments and individual Sisters. Although corporately distinct, the Mid-Atlantic Leadership Team related to the national governance structure, the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy, and was responsible to the Institute Leadership Team. In 2019 the Mid-Atlantic Community was canonically suppressed and became synonymous with the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. From 2019 – June 30, 2021 the Mid-Atlantic Leadership Team became Leaders with delegated authority from the Institute Leadership Team, who was based in Silver Spring, Maryland. As of July 1, 2021 all activities in the region are under the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas as fulfillment of the Journey of Oneness.

### **Scope and Content:**

This collection documents the activities of the Mid-Atlantic Community including the minutes and actions of leadership, boards, administration, departments, and ministries. This includes minutes, correspondence, meeting materials, presentations, photographs, policies and procedures and reports. The collection also contains materials relating to the individual lives of members, including biographical, genealogical and professional items.

The collection is divided into seven record groups, organized by provenance, with series and subseries. Membership files contain biographical information, entrance materials, and photographs. Other related materials can be found in the reference collection. Materials related to the merger of the Mid-Atlantic Community and the Journey of Oneness can be found in the Institute Collection.

### **System of Arrangement:**

- 100. Institute
  - 101 Institute Leadership



- 102 Institute Chapters, 2005 – 2017
- 103 Institute Projects and Events, 2008 – 2018
- 104 Apostolic Visitation, 2009 – 2016
- 105 Journey of Oneness, 2011 – 2021
  
- 200. History of the Mid-Atlantic Community 1999-2007
  - 201. Area Leadership Team Meetings 2003 – 2006
  - 202. Formation of the Mid-Atlantic Community 2004 – 2006
  - 203. Committees, Task Forces, and Work Groups, 2004 – 2006
  
- 300. Governance, 2006 - 2021
  - 301. Mid-Atlantic Community, Inc.
  - 302. Community Leadership Team, 2007 – 2011
  - 303. Community Leadership Team, 2011 – 2016
  - 304. Community Leadership Team, 2016 – 2019
  - 305. Leadership Team, 2019 - 2021
  - 306. Life and Ministry Facilitators/Life Coordinators
  - 307. Assemblies
  - 308. Convocations
  - 309. Consultative Gatherings
  - 310. Conversation Circles
  - 311. Committees
  
- 400. Membership
  - 401. Deceased Sisters
  - 402. Withdrawn/Former Members
  
- 500. Administration, 2007 - 2021
  - 501. Aging Services/Retirement
  - 502. Archives
  - 503. Communications
  - 504. Development
  - 505. Finance
  - 506. Justice
  - 507. Real Estate
  
- 600. Community Life, 2007 - 2021
  - 601. New Membership
  - 602. Mercy Associates
  - 603. Events
  
- 700. Ministry
  - 701. Office of Mission
  - 702. Sponsor Council
  - 703. Mercy Foundation, Inc.



- 704. Sponsored Ministries
  - 704.01 Education Ministries
  - 704.02 Social Services Ministries
  - 704.03 Spiritual/Pastoral Ministries
- 705. Non-Sponsored Ministries

- 800. Audiovisual Materials
  - 801. Optical Discs: CDs and DVDs
  - 802. Audiocassettes
  - 803. Videocassettes
  - 804. Computer Drives (thumbdrives, external hard drives)
  - 805. Photographs

- 900. Oversize Materials

Related Material:

Merion/Philadelphia Regional Community Collection,  
New Jersey Regional Community Collection,  
Dallas Regional Community Collection,  
Brooklyn Regional Community Collection,  
New York Regional Community Collection