

**COLLECTION 26: Papers of Fred Conoway Kennedy, 1952-1990**

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## **Biography**

The Reverend Fred C. Kennedy was born in Houston, Texas in 1931. Dr. Kennedy and his first wife Eleanor founded Woodforest Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas, in 1959. He also published “The Knowledge of God and of Ourselves” from sermons prepared for the Woodforest Presbyterian Church congregation.

Dr. Kennedy earned his B.A. at Pasadena Nazarene College, now Point Loma College (1952-1956); a B.D. (1956-1959) and Th.M. (1966-1967 - cum laude) from San Francisco Theological Seminary; and a D. Min. in “Bible and Proclamation” from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (1976-1977).

Dr. Kennedy pastored Harvest Presbyterian Church from January 1967 until 1969. From September 1969 until March 1974, he taught at Ceres High School. In April 1974, Dr. Kennedy transitioned to St. Stephen’s Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas where he pastored until 1977.

Dr. Kennedy served his Presbytery as chairperson for Evangelism and Enlistment, and Candidates Committee for the gospel ministry. He later served as chairperson for New Church Development and was a member of Synod’s Christian Education Committee. He taught English at El Sereno Junior High School, Los Angeles, California from 1977 until his retirement.

Dr. Kennedy and his wife Eleanor had two children, Sylvia and Kirk. He divorced Eleanor in 1972 and married Elisabeth in 1973.

## **Scope and Content**

The collection contains materials related to Fred C. Kennedy’s education and career. Formats include manuscripts, typescripts, print works, clippings, ephemeral, and pamphlets. Dates range from 1950s-1990.

Materials include syllabi, notes, and papers from studies at Pasadena Nazarene College, San Francisco Theological Seminary and Austen Theological Presbyterian Seminary. Study materials address youth and adult-focused church development and Christian education. Materials also include draft and bound copies of his published work, “Knowledge of God and of Ourselves,” as well as Presbyterian pamphlets.

The correspondence file includes letters from Kennedy’s son Kirk and daughter Sylvia. Kirk Kennedy’s Fuller Theological Seminary School of Psychology dissertation (1990) is included in the collection.

**Subjects:**

Church of the Nazarene  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

## Arrangement

The collection is currently organized into 6 boxes, consisting of 5 series as follows:

*Series 1: Education (Box 1)*

*Series 2: Early years of ministry, in Texas (Box 2)*

*Series 3: Later years of ministry and teaching in California and Texas (Box 2-3)*

*Series 4: Personal history and correspondence, son's dissertation (Box 3-4)*

*Series 5: Collected pamphlets and books (Box 5-6)*

## Series Description

**Series 1: Education (Box 1)**

This includes syllabi, notes and materials gathered for coursework at Pasadena Nazarene College, now Point Loma College (1952-1956); and San Francisco Theological Seminary

**Subseries 1.1: Pasadena Nazarene College**

This consists of notes and papers for classes in Philosophy, Church History, "Francis of Assisi," a paper on Arminius, lecture notes on Romans, Arminius, the Holy Spirit, Hebrew Word Studies, Evangelism, Sects & Cults, and notes on the H. Orton Wiley lectures.

**Subseries 1.2: San Francisco Theological Seminary**

This consists of folders from course work at San Francisco Theological Seminary including notes and papers for Hebrew, Old Testament, History of the PCUSA, the Doctrine of Revelation and Inspiration, Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, Doctrine of the Mediator, Doctrine of God, The Psalms, Protestant Worship materials, Ecumenical Relations and Christian Philosophy, Psychology for Pastors, Biblical Interpretation, the History of the English Bible, Social Ethics, Practical Theology & Preaching, Biblical Theology, Form Criticism, New Testament Interpretation, Prophets, The Historical Period Abraham to the Exile, The Basis of Religious Authority, Survey of Christian Doctrine, The Life and Letters of Paul, the Doctrine of the Church and Biblical Apocalyptic, as well as a collection of articles related to these courses.

**Series 2: Early Years of Ministry, in Texas (Box 2)**

This series contains documents related to Fred Kennedy's Ministry in Texas, including Conferences on Evangelism (1959-60) and Church Planning (1962-1963), Church Bulletins, the Houston Association of Churches, Notes from 1960-1964 Synods, Retreats, and Woodforest Sermon preparation, Devotional helps, and Leadership Manual

**Series 3: Later Years of Ministry and Teaching in California and Texas (Box 2-3)**

This series includes Fred Kennedy's teaching of Senior High Drama and related documents, a Church Officers Training consultation & Planning Conference, Harvest Presbyterian Church services 1967 – 1969, a New Church Development Conference, Clippings, Weddings and Funerals conducted by Dr. Kennedy, Ministerial Applicants, Sermon Preparation and resources, and materials for teaching at Ceres High School,.

**Series 4: Personal History and Correspondence (Box 3-4)**

This series includes biographical materials, documents related to Fred Kennedy's divorce and remarriage; clippings on brain disorders; his application and acceptance to St. Stephens Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, TX; session letters; church newsletters; his application and acceptance to Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary; and documents related to his Doctor of Ministry (DMin) work. The series also includes family correspondence and documents related to Kennedy's lay involvement in Alhambra, CA.

**Series 5: Collected Pamphlets and Books (Box 5-6)**

## Box Inventory

### ***Box 1 – Series 1: Education***

<b>Series 1, Subseries 1.1</b>	
<b>Folder</b>	<b>Course/Lecture</b>
1	Philosophy 3/54
2	Church History, “Francis of Assisi”
3	Bible, paper on Arminius, lecture notes
4	Romans, Arminius, Holy Spirit lectures, J.W. Ellis sermon
5	Hebrew Word Studies
6	Evangelism
7	Sects & Cults
8	H. Orton Wiley lectures
9	Review of D.A. Dowey - “Knowledge of God in Calvinist Theology”
<b>Series 2, Subseries 1.2</b>	
<b>Folder</b>	<b>Course/Topic</b>
10	Wigram’s Key to Hebrew OT words
11	History of the PCUSA
12	Doctrine of Revelation and Inspiration
13	Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, exam
14	Doctrine of the Mediator
15	Doctrine of God ST222, Benjamin Reitz (notes Reist)
16	HS259, The Psalms, Dr. Oxtoby
17	Protestant Worship materials, Dr. Ilion T. Jones
18	Ecumenical Relations and Christian Philosophy, notes, papers
19	Psychology for Pastors, booklets from Mental Health Assoc.
20	Biblical Interpretation, notes
21	History of the English Bible
22	Social Ethics
23	Practical Theology & Preaching
24	Theology – Dr. Surjit Singh
25	Papers relevant to Education and Psychology
26	Papers relevant to Education and Psychology
27	Biblical Theology, Form Criticism
28	New Testament Interpretation
29	Syllabus for OT Studies, Gurdon C. Oxtoby
30	OT Exegesis written for Gurdon C. Oxtoby
31	Ephesians Syllabus
32	OT Studies Syllabus - Earlier Prophets, Dr. Oxtoby
33	OT Studies – Later Prophets, Dr. G.C. Oxtoby
34	OT Studies – The Historical Period Abraham to the Exile
35	Lectures by W.T. Purkiser – The Basis of Religious Authority
36	Arnold B. Come – Survey of Christian Doctrine
37	Jesse H. Baird – The Life and Letters of Paul

38	Doctrine of the Church, Dr. Arnold B. Come
39	Biblical Apocalyptic, Oxtoby
40	SFTS memo 1966: "Keeping the UC's out of politics" & Library guide
41	The Presbyterian Family Connections – a history of union
42	The Highly Effective Individual by D.W. MacKinnon
43	An Outline of Pastoral Conversations by Tado E. van der Brug
44	What Makes Personality Type
45	The Characteristics of a Helping Relationship by Carl R. Rogers
46	The Church and the Outsider by Raymond Swartzback
47	A Case of Mistaken Identity
48	Unbelief and Institution by Martin Marty -Christian Century N.29, '61
49	The Protestant Doctrine of Education by Emerson W. Shideler
50	Communication Blocks from a father's view point

***BOX 2 – Series 2: Early Years of Ministry, in Texas***

***Series 3: Later Years of Ministry and Teaching in California and Texas***

Series 2	
Folder	Item
1	Conference on Evangelism 1959-60
2	Church Planning consultation, 1962-1963
3	Church Bulletins
4	Houston Association of Churches
5	Texas Presbyterians
6	Notes 1960-1964 Synods, Retreats, Presbyter
7	Sermon prep, Devotional helps, Leadership Manual, Hollywood Pres
8	Woodforest 2/64-12/65
9	Woodforest 10/62-2/64
10	Woodforest Pres, 1966 and return visit 1972
11	Devotionals prepared by First Pres. Church, Baytown, Tex.
12	Woodforest Pres, The Mission of the Church
13	Drama - Book Discussion for Senior High Group, Woodforest, 1965-66
14	Drama essays and clippings
15	Church Officers Training consultation
Series 3	
Folder	Item
16	Church Planning Conference – May 25, 1968 – Harvest Pres, Ceres, CA
17	Harvest Pres, Ceres, CA
18	Harvest Pres., 1967
19	Harvest Presbyterian Church services 1968
20	Harvest Presbyterian Church services 1968 – 1969
21	New Church Development Conference
22	Clippings, 1969
23	Weddings and Funerals conducted by Dr. Kennedy

24	Ministerial Applicants 1969
25	Sermon Prep, Hermeneutics
26	Sermon Prep, Scandal of the Gospel
27	Sermon Seeds
28	Advent and Easter celebration ideas, articles, bulletins
29	Ceres High School
30	Ceres High School - African Studies/U.S. History
31	Teaching Style
32	Masonic Lodge Certificate and Information
33	Christmas
34	Church Planning Conference, 1968
35	Covenant United Pres, Ridgecrest, CA
36	Essays on Para church orgs, Glossalalia, Conversion, leading discussions
37	The Church as Pastor
38	Resumes and Biographical data
39	Building Campaign how to's
40	Angela Davis Defense Fund controversy
41	1970 periodicals received – SFTS, Presbyterian Life, Newsweek (to Periodicals department)

***BOX 3 – Series 3: Later Years of Ministry and Teaching in California and Texas (cont.)***

***Series 4: Personal History and Correspondence***

Series 3 (Cont.)	
Folder	Item
1	Controversial issues clippings, 1972
2	Clippings 1972-3 political campaign
3	Applications, rejections and the call to St. Stephens
4	Christian Education catalogues, Resources, Schools, Courses
5	Christian Education
6	Adult Education resources
7	Christian Nurture of Adults – Dr. Roy Fairchild
8	Church Planning Folders, 1972
9	A.D. Bible Series by John F. Jansen – clippings
10	An Introduction to the Bible
11	Exegesis for Preaching
12	Bible Teaching helps, booklet for Bible education planners
13	Missionary Education
14	Church Planning Consultation 1975
15	Youth Ministry resources gathered through the years
16	Elders: ordaining and installing
17	God is Dead sermon, clippings
18	Laymen's School of Religion, Berkeley, CA – brochures
19	Stewardship resources, ideas, examples, letters

<b>Series 4</b>	
Folder	Items
20	Divorce, 1972, remarriage
21	Letters from publishers
22	Clippings on brain disorders
23	St. Stephens Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, TX
24	St. Stephens Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, TX
25	Session letters, 1976
26	Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary application, acceptance
<b>Folders of D.Min. work at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary</b>	
27	Involvement of Laity in the Preaching Enterprise
28	Second Order Communication
29	Second Order Communication
30	New Testament Exegesis and Sermon Design
31	Ethics and Ethical Standards
32	Doctrine of God in Barth and Tillich
33	Preaching: Pastor & People in Dialogue
34	Doctor of Ministry paper on Second Order Communication [[not here]]
35	Exegesis
36	Biblical Interpretation
37	Laity in the Preaching Enterprise
38	Church Newsletters

***BOX 4 – Series 4: Personal History and Correspondence (Cont.)***

Folder	Item
1	Personal History
2	Correspondence
3	Sermons
4	Instroteach Workshop: Instrument for the Observation of Teaching
5	Episcopal Diocese of West Texas Bishop search (& Kennedy's bio.)
6	Moratorium on mission to Africa – Gatu
7	Calendars 1975-1979
8	Catalyst – Tape Talk
9	F.A. Brook – “Developing Liturgical Forms”
10	Family correspondence 1975-1977
11	Family correspondence 1977-1978
12	Leaflets and clippings 1979
13	El Sereno Junior High teaching materials
14	The Divorced Person and the Church by Ray Burchette, 1977
15	Leadership Devel. Consultant position, dossier – Rocky Mt. Presbytery
16	Alhambra
17	Committee on Ministry, 1984 - articles
18	1986 Correspondence with Larry Grimm of Woodforest Pres, Houston
19	PCUSA
20	Presbyterian guidelines for choosing a pastor

21	Curriculum Evaluation
22	St. James Search committee – candidates’ applications
23	Saint James Pres. Annual Reports ’85-’87, budget, calling a pastor
24	Saint James Pres. Session agendas
25	Saint James Pres. Letters, orders of service, bulletins
26	Church Officers and Committees
27	San Gabriel Pres News
28	1988 General Assembly
29	Copied articles on financial topics
30	Medical receipts for the Board of Pensions, PCUSA
31	Clippings – abortion, prostate cancer
32	Revisions of essay on I Thessalonians
33	Manuscript rejection letters, 1973
34	"The Knowledge of God and of Ourselves" by Fred C. Kennedy
35	Financial
36	Pearl Harbor clippings
37	Kirk Kennedy’s Dissertation, Fuller Theological Seminary
38	Kirk Kennedy’s application, acceptance, graduation – Fuller SOP, ‘90
39	Letter of resignation from Jim Guy, Dean of SOP, Fuller
40	Miscellaneous

### ***BOX 5 – Series 5: Collected Pamphlets and Books***

### ***BOX 6 – Series 5: Collected Pamphlets and Books (Cont.)***

Item	Description	Notes
1	United Church of Christ Pamphlets	
2	“Services of the Church,” 8 booklets	1966 & 1969
3	Robert E. Koenig, <i>The Bible in the United Church curriculum</i>	1963
4	National Council of the Churches of Christ publications	
5	Helping your child to know the Bible, Division of Christian Education	
6	The Good News of God: the Nature and Task of Evangelism	1957
7	You Can’t be Human Alone: Handbook on Group Procedures for the Local Church” by Margaret E. Kuhn	1956
8	Pastoral Care of Young Drug Users and their Families, John Spangler	
9	Remember the Church in your Will: 1956-57 Stewardship Facts	
10	“Job for Modern Man,” Today’s English Version	
11	“One Way for Modern Man,” the Gospel of John, , Amer. Bible Society	Phillips
12	Jo Carr, “Advent: a Calendar of Devotions, 1977”	
13	Aids to Worship, Pacific School of Religion, Devotional Life Committee, Lent	1967
14	J.V. Moldenhawer, “Why Read the Bible” Dept of Evangelism, Federal Council of Churches	
15	John Henry Felix, <i>Boardsmanship: the effective Board of Directors in Profit-Making and Non-Profit Organizations</i>	

16	<i>Christianity Today</i> bonus booklets, “Fundamentals of the Faith”	
17	Fred Carl Kuehner, “Heaven or Hell?”	
18	Geoffrey W. Bromiley, “The Holy Spirit”	
19	Johannes Schneider, “Jesus Christ: his Life and Ministry”	
20	Scriptographic booklets	
21	“How the Bible Came to be”	1975
22	“About World Hunger”	1985
23	“Stewardship and You”	1974
24	<i>Historical Maps of Bible Lands</i> , Philadelphia: Westminster Press	
25	Joseph M. Gettys, <i>How to Enjoy Studying the Bible</i> , John Knox Press	1956
26	Rosalind Rinker, “Aids to Conversational Prayer,” Pecos: Dove	
27	“When Death Comes: the Ministry of the Church”	
28	“AFL-CIO Codes of Ethical Practices,”	1957
29	“Union Counseling”	1957
30	“Family Counseling for the Union Member”	1957
31	“Dialogue on Adolescence” U.S. Dept. of Health, Ed. And Welfare	1967
32	“Care of the Back”	
33	“It is Time NOW: some questions and answers on the civil rights bill” Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Washington DC	
34	“Nisience: the Next Step” Ann Ree Colton Foundation (New Age)	
35	“By the Grace of God: Meditations on Commitment,” Geneva: World Alliance of Reformed Churches	1959
36	M. Bushill, “Seed Thoughts for Daily Meditation,” 22 <sup>nd</sup> edition Rochester Rd, Coventry, W.W. Curtis, printers.	1920
37	Curtis Vaughan, ed., “The New Testament from 26 Translations,” Rom.1-5, Zondervan	1967
38	Consultation on Church Union, “An Order of Worship for the Proclamation of the Word of God and the Celebration of the Lord’s Supper, with Commentary” Ohio: Forward Movement Publications	1968
39	Fortress Press Liturgical supplements to the Service Book and Hymnal	1968
40	Easter Vigil	3 c.
41	The Blessing and Procession of Psalms	
42	Good Friday	
43	Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship publications	
44	<i>The Year of Luke: Lent/ Easter, Studies of the texts for Series C of the three-year lectionary</i> , Augsburg	1976
45	<i>Services of the Word: Contemporary Worship 5: Alternate Responses and Te Deum</i>	1972
46	<i>Services of the Word: Service of the Word for Lent</i>	1972
47	Morris Pike, <i>Worship Experiences for Children</i> , United Church Press	1963
48	SFTS, <i>The Public Worship of God</i>	
49	Clarice M. Bowman, <i>Youth at Prayer</i> , Cokesbury	1947

## **Books separated to Main Collection, Hubbard Library**

- Roger L. Shinn, *The Sermon on the Mount: a study book*, Abingdon Press, 1964
- Barbara Bush Foundation, *First Teachers: A family literacy handbook for parents, policy makers, and literacy providers*, Washington DC, 1989
- Arthur G. Reynolds, *What's the Difference in Protestant and Roman Catholic Beliefs? 25 Searching Questions and Factual Answers*, Abingdon, 1954
- Trevor Thomas, *This Life we Take: a case against the Death Penalty*, Washington: Friends Committee on Legislation, 1965
- Richard L. Snyder, *Handbook for Leaders*, United Church Press, 1967
- The Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5,6 and 7*, American Bible Society, for the United Methodist Church, 1968
- Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Conversions Psychological and Spiritual*, IVP, 1959
- Eleanor Nelson Lewis, *Women in your Parish: a Handbook for Today*, National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., 1961
- John Wick Bowman, *Introducing the Bible*, Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1941