

Collection Summary

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Title: Reba Place Fellowship

Extent: 6 Folder(s)

Span Dates: 1977-2017

Language: English

Geographic Location: Evanston, Illinois

Abstract: This collection consists of newsletters and general information.

Historical Notes: In 1957, a group of Mennonites, led by John Miller, a Goshen College faculty member, purchased a house at 727 Reba Place in Evanston, Illinois. They established an intentional Christian community that sought to ameliorate urban social problems. Gradually, they added more houses, eventually encompassing about 150 members in the Reba Place neighborhood, although numbers have more recently declined. Many members work at outside jobs and contribute their earnings to the common treasury. In 1980, the fellowship began admitting noncommunal members, but the communal core continues, and Reba Place continues to embrace strong faith and extensive social-service programs. **Sources:** Miller, Timothy. *The encyclopedic guide to American intentional communities*. 2nd ed. Clinton, New York: Richard W. Couper Press, 2015. pg. 368.

Selected Search Terms

Subjects: Communal Living; Collective Settlements; Housing, Cooperative; Intentional Communities; Collective farms; Commune

Administrative Information

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