

James R. Crumley Jr. Archives

Records, c. 1939-2015, of Rev. Dr. Leonard H. Bolick, former bishop of the North Carolina Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

The records of Rev. Dr. Leonard H. Bolick were donated by the North Carolina Synod, ELCA, August 2015 and January 2016.

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Creator: Rev. Dr. Leonard H. Bolick

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Biographical Sketch:

Rev. Dr. Leonard H. Bolick was the bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, North Carolina Evangelical Lutheran Synod. He grew up a few miles south of Blowing Rock on family land that dated back to 1927, and, from a young age, attended St. Mark's Lutheran Church, where his mother was an organist and his father a Sunday School treasurer.

As an undergraduate, he studied history at Appalachian State University, though he admits to have sensed a call to ministry as early as junior high school. Prompted by this, he went on immediately after college to receive a master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Later, he also received a doctorate in ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary, a doctorate in ministry from the Graduate Theological Foundation, and a doctorate of Divinity from Lenoir–Rhyne University.

He was first ordained at First Lutheran Church in Greensboro, NC on June 4, 1972. He served as a pastor at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Concord, North Carolina for 12 years, then at St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina for two years, before becoming involved in youth ministry and evangelism as a member of the Bishop of North Carolina's personal staff and of the Synod's transition team. He was consecrated as bishop of the North Carolina Synod on February 2, 1997, and is perhaps best known for his efforts involving ecumenical reconciliation and improving relations with the Roman Catholic Church in North Carolina.

After having served for 18 years, Bishop Bolick retired in 2015, and is succeeded by Bishop Timothy Smith.

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Scope and Content

Bishop History and ELCA Ministry (1 box):

This series contains biographical information on Bishop Leonard Bolick, several years of correspondence and records from Bishop Michael McDaniel, ELCA guidelines, ministries, rites, and general documentation.

N.C. Parishes and Synods (2 boxes):

This series contains information on three N.C. parishes, Calvary Lutheran, Redeemer Lutheran-Charlotte, and St Luke's- Monroe. It also contains material on Region 9 synods and their various task forces.

Evangelism and Ecumenism (2 boxes):

This series contains general information on evangelism and outreach ministries and task forces, the Carolina Evangelism Conference, and ecumenical dialogue among Lutheran bodies and Protestant and Catholic Church.

ELCA Worship and Social Issues (2 boxes):

This series contains programs and bulletins from ELCA worship services, record, including correspondence, on social issues such as the ELCA Church's position on human sexuality and abortion.

Publications, Media, and Ephemera (2 boxes):

This collections contains various publications, including the "Synod Servant" (both e-news and newsletter), one issue of "The Lutheran" (1939), and the "N.C. Lutheran". A few photographs of Bishop Bolick have been preserved, as well as two c.d.s, and decorative chalice and plate.

Inventory Note: Collection arrived with the following items, which are not parts of the Bolick Collection proper, but have been added to existing collections: North Carolina Synod Council Minutes (1999-2014); duplicated North Carolina Assembly Proceeding Minutes; pre-arranged and foldered files belonging to Bolick's predecessors, Bishop McDaniel and Bishop Menees; Deceased clergy files including Stephenson, J., Springer, C., Sanford, B., Kaylor, R., Koiner, J. Glass, J. Ehlers, E., Ridenhour, E., Gerhard, S.

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- 2) Four photographs
- 3) Three C.D.s: “We Have a Dream” (n.d.), and two copies of “Covenant Service” (2011)