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NATIONAL FARM WORKER MINISTRY: MOBILIZING SUPPORT FOR MIGRANT WORKERS, 1939-1985



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The National Farm Workers Ministry (NFWM) began in earnest in 1920 as the California Migrant Ministry (CMM) and acted as a charity service aimed at providing migrant workers with aid in procuring medical services, day care, clothing and food. During the 1960's, The United Farm Workers Union leader, Cesar Chavez, urged the various religious and spiritual communities to alter the message from ministry to justice. In response, the NFWM brought together national religious denominations, state councils of churches, religious orders, congregations and all concerned individuals to support fundamental changes in the life and working conditions of migrant farm workers.

Description of Records

The papers of the California Migrant Ministry (successor name is National Farm Worker Ministry) were acquired by the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in April, 1969.

The California Migrant Ministry is an agency of the Southern and Northern California Councils of Churches and is affiliated with the Migrant Ministry of the National Council of Churches. It carries on a direct and active ministry of service to farm workers and their families education, health services, worship, recreation, literacy classes, voter registration, community development, and vocational counseling and training. It also assists local clergy and congregations in their relationships with farm workers.

In addition, the CCM has played an active role in the organization of farm workers, in promoting national and state legislation, and in lending support to striking farm workers.

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