

Title: Geoffrey Wainwright Collection

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Collection Summary

This collection contains documents created and collected by Geoffrey Wainwright (1939-2020), a British Methodist minister and theologian who spent nearly three decades at Duke Divinity School as a professor of Christian theology. The collection spans Wainwright's career from his time as a student at Barnsley Holgate Grammar School to his 2012 retirement from Duke.

Wainwright wrote extensively throughout his career, publishing numerous books, articles, essays, chapters, and reviews. The majority of the folders in the collection contain materials related to these writing projects, collecting materials related to his various publishing commitments. These documents include copies, drafts, and proofs of Wainwright's texts, as well as corrections by himself and his editors. Folders also include correspondence between Wainwright and his publishers and collaborators, which details preparations for publication.

Other subjects include Wainwright's training and service as a minister; academic conferences, symposia, and discussions Wainwright attended or participated in; and Wainwright's work towards ecumenism through international fellowship. Related materials include correspondence, sermons, lectures, work by peers, and drafts created throughout the span of Wainwright's career.

Of particular biographical interest are materials from Wainwright's education, especially at the University of Cambridge and the Bossey Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies. These documents include course notebooks, essays, and syllabi with notes from Wainwright and his professors, as well as admission booklets, class awards and honors, and correspondence.

Biographical/Historical Information

Geoffrey Wainwright was born on July 16, 1939 in Yorkshire, England. He attended the University of Cambridge from 1957-1962, studying modern languages then theology. He received his Dr. Theol. from the University of Geneva in 1972 and returned to Cambridge in 1987 to receive his D.D.. After training in ministry, Wainwright served as a circuit minister in Liverpool from 1964-1966. He was ordained as a British Methodist minister in 1967. That same year, he joined the Protestant Faculty of Theology at Yaoundé, Cameroon as a missionary pastor and teacher. He returned to England in 1973 to teach

scripture and doctrine at Queen's College in Birmingham. In 1979, Wainwright and his family moved to New York, where he taught at Union Theological Seminary's as the Roosevelt Professor of Systematic Theology. In 1983, Wainwright began teaching at Duke Divinity School, where he became the Robert Earl Cushman Chair of Christian Theology. Wainwright stayed at Duke until his retirement in 2012.

Wainwright's most significant book remains his 1980 systematic theology *Doxology: The Praise of God in Worship, Doctrine, and Life* (OUP). A dedicated ecumenist, Wainwright was a member of the World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission from 1976-1991, where he chaired the final redaction of the Lima text on "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" in 1982. He served as the president of Societas Liturgica from 1983-1985, and he co-chaired the Joint Commission for Dialogue between the World Methodist Council and the Roman Catholic Church from 1986-2011. In 2005, he received the Johannes Quasten Medal for excellence in scholarship from the Catholic University of America. Wainwright died on March 17, 2020 in North Carolina.

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