

**Title:** Northcott Neighborhood House Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-0982

**Inclusive Dates:** 1962 – 1986

**Quantity:** 0.4 cu. ft.

**Location:** GV, Sh. 039

**Abstract:** Northcott Neighborhood House, sponsored by the Women's Society of the Methodist Church, opened in September 1961. It is a multi-service center similar to the old Settlement House located in Milwaukee's black community. Its goal is to cultivate grass roots leadership at the neighborhood level. It developed programs in group social work, individual counselling, day care, a re-sale shop, volunteer work for teenagers, discussion groups for adults and sponsors 20 clubs for children. It relies on volunteers to maintain its work.

The Reverend Lucius Walker served as the first director of the Northcott Neighborhood House from 1961-1967. While there, he was active in various ecumenical and social welfare groups, lectured in urban sociology and social welfare at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and was one of the leaders in the fight for civil rights. He left Northcott in September 1967 for a position in Harlem. (A detailed biography can be found in the collection's personal correspondence file.)

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of correspondence, proposal reviews, reports, memos, notes, and clippings.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Arrangement:**

<b>Folder Heading</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>File #</b>
Correspondence, Jan. 1962-Sept. 1967 (photocopies)	1	1
Clippings & Correspondence re Lucius Walker's arrest; report, Jan. 1964-May 1967	1	2
Reviews of Proposals, 1965-1967 (photocopies)	1	3
Proposals and related material, 1965-1967	1	4
Correspondence, clippings, notes and memos re Rev. Walker arrest, 1967	1	5
Correspondence, 1962-1967 (personal correspondence & clippings)	1	6
Reports & Proposals, 1963-1980 (activities & history of Northcott House)	1	7
Clippings, 1965-1970 (photocopies)	1	8
Program/Reports: 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, 1986	1	9