

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Holmes, Zan W., 1935-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes,
Dates:	September 14, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:11:14).
Abstract:	Religious leader Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes (1935 -) was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1968 and served as senior pastor of St. Luke Community United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas for twenty-nine years. Holmes was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on September 14, 2017, in Dallas, Texas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_175
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Religious leader Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes was born on February 1, 1935 in San Angelo, Texas. He graduated from L.C. Anderson High School in Austin, Texas, and received his B.A. degree from Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, Texas in 1956, and both his B.Div. degree in 1959, and his S.T.M. degree in 1968, from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

In 1958, Holmes was pastor of the Hamilton Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. He served for ten years; and, in 1968, he became United Methodist district superintendent of the North Texas Conference. The same year, he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives for Dallas County's Fifth District. In 1971, Judge William Taylor of the United States Court for the Northern District of Texas appointed Holmes to serve as chairperson of the Tri-Ethnic Committee, which oversaw the implementation of public school desegregation in the Dallas Independent School District. In 1979, he became senior pastor at St. Luke Community United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas and served until 2002. In 1991, he published *Reaching for Revival* and the following year *Encountering Jesus*. His other publications include; *When Trouble Comes*, and chapters in *Our Time under God is Now* and *Power in the Pulpit: How America's Most Effective Black Preachers Prepare their Sermons*.

In 1991, Governor Ann Richards appointed him to be the first African American to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System, a position he held from 1991 to 1997. Holmes was active in numerous community organizations including the Society for the Study of Black Religion, the American Academy of Homiletics and Black Methodists for Church Renewal. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and an active lifetime member of the NAACP, and founding president of the Dallas African American Pastors Coalition, and past president of The Greater Dallas Community of Churches. He served on the board of directors for the State Fair of Texas and Northpark National Bank.

In 2001, he was recognized as one of the Civil Rights Movement's "Invisible Giants" in the National Voting

Rights Museum and Institute in Selma, Alabama. In 2012, the Dallas Independent School District named the Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. Middle School in his honor. In November, 2014, Southern Methodist University honored him as a Centennial History Maker during its Distinguished Alumni Award dinner. Holmes also holds honorary degrees from Huston-Tillotson University, Dillard University, and Rust College.

Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on September 14, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes was conducted by Larry Crowe on September 14, 2017, in Dallas, Texas, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Religious leader Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes (1935 -) was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1968 and served as senior pastor of St. Luke Community United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas for twenty-nine years.

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Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Holmes, Zan W., 1935-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Holmes, Zan W., 1935- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Religious Leader

HistoryMakers® Category:

ReligionMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes, Section A2017_175_001_001,

TRT: 1:28:20 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes, Section A2017_175_001_002,
TRT: 2:28:41 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes, Section A2017_175_001_003,
TRT: 3:26:44 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes, Section A2017_175_001_004,
TRT: 4:29:22 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes, Section A2017_175_001_005,
TRT: 5:29:29 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes, Section A2017_175_001_006,
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Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Zan Wesley Holmes, Section A2017_175_001_007,
TRT: 7:20:19 ?