

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Hicks, Sherman Gregory, 1946-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks,
Dates:	October 4, 2021
Bulk Dates:	2021
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:26:02).
Abstract:	Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks (1946 -) served as bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) from 1988 to 1995. He also served as mission director and coordinator of the ELCA's African American/Black Outreach Strategy and executive director of the ELCA's Multicultural Ministries. Hicks was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 4, 2021, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2021_003
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks was born on June 22, 1946, in Brooklyn, New York, to Sarah Mae (Rollins) and Charles Hicks, Sr. He received his B.A. degree in political science in 1968 from Wittenberg University, in Springfield, Ohio, and his M.Div. degree in 1973 from Hamma School of Theology, in Springfield, Ohio (now Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University, in Columbus, Ohio). He also attended the University at Buffalo School of Law.

Hicks became pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in Buffalo, New York, in 1973 and co-pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in East Orange, New Jersey, in 1977. In 1979, he was assigned assistant to the bishop of the Illinois Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. In 1988, Hicks was elected bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). From 1996 to 2003, he served as senior pastor of First Trinity Lutheran Church in Washington, D.C. In 2003, he became the mission director and coordinator of the African American/Black Outreach Strategy in the Division for Outreach of the ELCA. In 2005, Hicks was elected executive director of Multicultural Ministries of the ELCA, from which he retired in 2014. He also served as an adjunct faculty member at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (Gettysburg Seminary), in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and as mission director for the ELCA Delaware-Maryland Synod and ELCA Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod.

Hicks has served as president of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless, the Council of Religious Leaders, and the AIDS National Interfaith Network, as president of the board of Third World Social Services, as a trustee of Carthage College, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and on the boards of the Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, the Mission Resource Institute, the Leadership Council of the Metropolitan Open Community, Lutheran Housing Services, Lutheran Services in America, National Mosaic Allied Voice, Bethphage Mission, Wartburg College,

and as a member of the National AIDS Fund and the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Hicks was named one of the “Outstanding Young Men in America” by the United States Junior Chamber, received an alumni citation from Wittenberg University, in Springfield, Ohio, and was an honoree for the religion award at the tenth American Black Achievement Awards. Hicks has received honorary doctorates of divinity from Carthage College, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, Elmhurst College (now Elmhurst University), in Elmhurst, Illinois, and Wittenberg University, in Springfield, Ohio.

Hicks lives in Chicago, Illinois, and was married to Anna (Ann) Marie (Peck) Hicks. They have three children: Christopher Hicks, Geoffrey Hicks, and Andrea Hicks-Jones.

Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on October 4, 2021.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks was conducted by Larry Crowe on October 4, 2021, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks (1946 -) served as bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) from 1988 to 1995. He also served as mission director and coordinator of the ELCA’s African American/Black Outreach Strategy and executive director of the ELCA’s Multicultural Ministries.

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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:

Hicks, Sherman Gregory, 1946-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Hicks, Sherman Gregory, 1946---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Occupations:

Bishop

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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks, October 4, 2021.
The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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 Dr. Sherman G. Hicks, Section A2021_003_001_001, TRT: 1:29:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks, Section A2021_003_001_002, TRT: 2:29:39 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks, Section A2021_003_001_003, TRT: 3:29:41 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks, Section A2021_003_001_004, TRT: 4:28:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks, Section A2021_003_001_005, TRT: 5:29:08 ?

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Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Dr. Sherman G. Hicks, Section A2021_003_001_009, TRT: 9:29:48 ?