Organizational records of the Kansas City branch, an organization dedicated to thoughtful examination and discussion of social issues. Includes treasurers’ files, program Committee information, correspondence, miscellaneous articles, workshop and panel information, cassette tapes, and historical information on the branch establishment.

HISTORY:

The Panel of American Women evolved from an earlier Panel of Americans which began in Kansas City in 1957. At that time, functioning on many college campuses, the National Panel of Americans was composed of student participants from various racial, ethnic and religious groups. Each member told their personal story in a manner designed to create discussion with the audience. Mr. Sidney Lawrence, as Director of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau, was working with the student panel at the University of Kansas City.

Ann Jacobson, program chairman for the Sisterhood of Temple B’nai Jehudah, Kansas City, asked Mr. Lawrence to form a panel of adults modeled on the student Panel of Americans. Through the help of Esther Brown, six women responded. With Brown as moderator, the first adult Panel of Americans gave its initial presentation in February, 1957. Panelists included: Francelia Wu, Chinese-American; Margaret Ruhe, Bahai faith; Louise Bryant, Negro; Ruth Wasserstrom, Jewish; Jane Dick, White Protestant; and Sister Christine Banta, Catholic. From this nucleus, the Panel expanded rapidly to forty participants, including some men.

Esther Brown began to help establish Panels in other cities, leading to development of a nationwide organization. In order to meet the needs of the sudden expansion and growth, the Panel was incorporated and chartered in 1964.
as a tax-exempt educational organization. Esther continued to serve her local Panel, and as National Coordinator until her death in May 1970.

In 1971, the first official National Convention of the Panel of American Women was held in Kansas City. A new Board of Trustees was elected by the membership, a set of bylaws was adopted, and five Regional Coordinators were elected to be responsible for work in their geographical areas. A National office was established in Kansas City, Missouri to provide support for the increasing numbers of local Panels throughout the United States.

Taken from Panel of American Women guidebook 1973
See also: National Panel of American Women Records K0619
Shirley and Stanley Morantz Papers KA1747

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of the organizational records of the Panel of American Women. Included are Treasurers’ files, Program Committee information, correspondence, miscellaneous articles, workshop and panel information, Chapter
Establishment information, historical information and other materials related to the operation of the organization.

See also K0619 for the National Panel of American Women Records.
See also KA1747 Shirley and Stanley Morantz Papers.

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