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Introduction

This finding aid describes the records of the Sabbath School Committee, the Committee on Young Peoples' Societies, the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and the Board of Christian Education. The collection comprises approximately 4 metres mainly of publications, periodicals and other printed material. The records were deposited in the Archives by various unknown donors at various times and were recatalogued and listed by Elspeth Reid between October 1988 and January 1989.

Related material can be found in the records of the Presbyterian Young Peoples' Societies (FA-PYPS), the Board of Congregational Life (FA-BCL) and the Committee on Sabbath School Publications and Presbyterian Publications (FA-PRPUB).

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Historical Sketch

Christian Education has been an important part of the work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada since its inception in 1875 when the first General Assembly appointed a Committee on Sabbath Schools. In 1895 a Committee on Young People's Societies was established, following overtures from Presbyteries requesting that the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavour which were being formed in congregations, be brought under the control of the General Assembly. In 1912 these two committees of Assembly were amalgamated to form the Committee on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. The Committee was re-named the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies in 1913.

The Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies was retained after the 1925 re-organization of the administration of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Board was mainly responsible for the production of resources for the teaching of children and young people in Sabbath schools and youth organizations but it also participated in discussions on the place of religious teaching in the public school systems of different provinces and it produced a variety of periodicals. The Board was re-named the Board of Christian Education in 1952 as a result of the growing involvement of the Board in adult lay Christian education. Young People's Societies had developed their own curriculum and national organization but remained the responsibility of the Board of Christian Education. The Board of Christian Education also shared with the Women's Missionary Societies (Western and Eastern) the oversight of all the national and inter-denominational programmes set up for children and youth. The Board therefore participated in the inter-church committees which developed programme materials and resources for organizations such as the Canadian Girls in Training, Tuxis, Trail Rangers and Explorers. In 1973 The Board of Christian Education was merged into the Board of Congregational Life (Accession #1988-1007).

Archival Arrangement

This finding aid describes the records of the Committees and Boards responsible for Christian education until 1973, when Christian education became one of the responsibilities of the Board of Congregational Life. The records of the Sabbath School Committee comprise only one issue of a periodical issued in 1897. The records of the Committee on Young Peoples' Societies comprise approximately 10 cm. of publications published between 1904 and 1910. The records of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples' Societies consist of approximately 1 cm. of printed records and 10 cm. of publications, c. 1920-1951, and 2 m. of periodicals, 1926-1951. The Board of Christian Education records consists of approximately 10 cm. of ephemera and printed records, 20 cm. of publications and 1 m. of periodicals.

Within the different record groups, publications and periodicals are listed in alphabetical order by title, with a chronological order of issues. Other records, which are primarily ephemera, are listed in chronological order.

Sabbath School Committee

Periodicals

1897 Jan.

Home Study Teachers' Quarterly

Committee on Young People's Societies

Publications

1973-1054-1-4

1910

Canadian Problems (ed.) W.R. McIntosh
1910; 168pp.

1973-1054-1-3

1908

Harvests in Many Lands: Fruitage of
Canadian Presbyterianism (ed.) Rev. W.S.
McTavish
1908; 312pp.

1973-1054-1-2

1907

Missionary Pathfinders: Presbyterian
Labourers at Home and Abroad (ed.) Rev.
W.S. McTavish
1907; 272pp.

1973-1054-1-1

1904

Reapers in Many Fields: A Survey of
Canadian Presbyterian Missions (ed.) Rev.
W.S. McTavish
1904; 285pp.

Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies

1973-1018-1-15

1942

Statistical Report. Presbytery of London
Statistical report on Sabbath schools

1973-1018-1-14

Orders of Service
Includes special orders of service issued
for Children's Day

Publications

1973-1018-1-5

n.d.

Among the Bhils
n.d.; 30pp.

1973-1018-1-10

1950

The Church of Jesus Christ
1950 (?); 160pp.; ,Presbyterian Young
Peoples' Societies Study Book, 1950-51

1973-1018-1-3

1919

The Conservation of Young Life
1919; 8pp.

1973-1018-1-17

1940

Go - Teach W.M. Kannawin
1940; 80pp.

1973-1018-1-8

1940-1941

Handbook for Presbyterian Young Peoples'
Societies
1940; 22pp.

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1973-1018-1-12	n.d.	<u>Jesus Christ is Our Lord</u> n.d.; 125pp.; Presbyterian Young Peoples' Societies Study Guide
1973-1018-1-11	1951	<u>Jesus Christ - The Living Word</u> 1951; 153pp.; Presbyterian Young Peoples' Societies Study Guide. 1951-52
1973-1018-1-9	n.d.	<u>Manual for Presbyterian Young Peoples' Societies</u> n.d.; 62pp.
1973-1018-1-4	1946; 1951	<u>My First Communion</u> 1946; 31pp.; 1951; 31pp.
1973-1018-1-13	n.d.	<u>The Order of the Burning Bush</u> n.d.; 11pp.; Ceremonial for Teenage Boys
1973-1018-1-16	1935	<u>Our Church</u> W.M. Kannawin 1935; 142pp.
1973-1018-1-1	1935-1943	<u>Presbyterian Memory Course</u> n.d.; 8pp.; 1923; 19pp.; 1935; 8pp.; 1943; 10pp.
1973-1018-1-2	c. 1944	<u>The Presbyterian Uniform Bible Lessons</u> n.d.; 8pp.; Leaflet showing 5 year cycle of lessons
1973-1018-1-6	1920	<u>Report on Religious Education with Forward Movement Continuation Policy</u> 1920; 9pp.; Report to General Assembly
1973-1018-1-7		Pamphlets <u>Circular</u> 1920; 1p. <u>For the Young Folk's Sake</u> 1942; 2pp. <u>The Meaning of Baptism and the Duty of Parents</u> n.d.; 8pp. <u>Reformation Sunday</u> 1951; 1p. <u>A Suggested Constitution for as Young Peoples' Society</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>Through-the-week-Activities for Teen Age Boys and Girls</u> n.d.; 6pp.

Periodicals

1929 Oct.-Dec.	<u>The Challenge</u> Quarterly
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1930 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Challenge</u>
1931 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Challenge</u>
1935 Oct. 1,13,20,27	<u>The Challenge</u> Weekly
1935 Nov. 3,10,17,24	<u>The Challenge</u>
1935 Dec. 1,8,15,22	<u>The Challenge</u>
1936 Jan. 5,12,19,23	<u>The Challenge</u>
1936 Feb. 2,9,16,23	<u>The Challenge</u>
1936 Mar. 1,8,15,22,29	<u>The Challenge</u>
1936 Apr. 5,12,16,26	<u>The Challenge</u>
1936 May 3,10,17,24,31	<u>The Challenge</u>
1936 June 7,14,21,28	<u>The Challenge</u>
1936 July 5,12,19,26	<u>The Challenge</u>
1936 Aug. 2,9,16,23,30	<u>The Challenge</u>
1936 Sept. 6,13,20,27	<u>The Challenge</u>
1936 Oct. 4,11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1936 Nov. 1,8,15,22,29	<u>The Challenge</u>
1936 Dec. 6,13,20,27	<u>The Challenge</u>
1937 Jan. 3,10,17,24,31	<u>The Challenge</u>
1937 Feb. 7,14,21,28	<u>The Challenge</u>
1937 Mar. 7,14,21,28	<u>The Challenge</u>
1937 Apr. 4,11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1937 May 2,9,16,23,30	<u>The Challenge</u>
1937 June 6,13,20,27	<u>The Challenge</u>

Christian Education

1937 July 4,11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1937 Aug. 1,8,15,22,29	<u>The Challenge</u>
1937 Sept. 5,12,19,26	<u>The Challenge</u>
1937 Oct. 3,10,17,24,31	<u>The Challenge</u>
1937 Nov. 7,14,21,28	<u>The Challenge</u>
1937 Dec. 5,12,19,26	<u>The Challenge</u>
1938 Jan. 2,9,16,23,30	<u>The Challenge</u>
1938 Feb. 6,13,20,27	<u>The Challenge</u>
1938 Mar. 6,13,20,27	<u>The Challenge</u>
1938 Apr. 3,10,17,24	<u>The Challenge</u>
1938 May 1,8,15,22,19	<u>The Challenge</u>
1938 June 5,12,19,26	<u>The Challenge</u>
1938 July 3,10,17,24,31	<u>The Challenge</u>
1938 Aug. 7,14,21,28	<u>The Challenge</u>
1938 Sept. 4,11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1938 Oct. 2,9,16,23,30	<u>The Challenge</u>
1938 Nov. 6,13,20,27	<u>The Challenge</u>
1938 Dec. 4,11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1939 Jan. 1,8,15,22,29	<u>The Challenge</u>
1939 Feb. 5,12,19,26	<u>The Challenge</u>
1939 Mar. 5,12,19,26	<u>The Challenge</u>
1939 Apr. 2,9,16,30	<u>The Challenge</u>
1939 May 7,14,21,28	<u>The Challenge</u>
1939 June 4,11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1939 July 2,9,16,23,30	<u>The Challenge</u>
1939 Aug. 6,13,20,27	<u>The Challenge</u>
1939 Sept. 3,10,17,24	<u>The Challenge</u>
1939 Oct. 1,8,15,2,29	<u>The Challenge</u>
1939 Nov. 5,12,19,26	<u>The Challenge</u>
1939 Dec. 3,10,17,24	<u>The Challenge</u>
1940 Jan. 7,14,21,28	<u>The Challenge</u>
1940 Feb. 4,11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1940 Mar. 3,10,17,24,31	<u>The Challenge</u>
1940 Apr. 7,14,21,28	<u>The Challenge</u>
1940 May 5,12,19,26	<u>The Challenge</u>
1940 June 2,9,16,23,30	<u>The Challenge</u>
1940 July 7,14,21,28	<u>The Challenge</u>
1940 Aug. 4,11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1940 Sept. 1,8,15,22,29	<u>The Challenge</u>
1940 Oct. 6,13,20,27	<u>The Challenge</u>
1940 Nov. 3,10,17,24	<u>The Challenge</u>

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1940 Dec. 1,8,15,22,29	<u>The Challenge</u>
1948 Jan. 4,11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1948 Feb. 1,8-15,22,29	<u>The Challenge</u>
1948 Mar. 7,14,21,28	<u>The Challenge</u>
1948 Apr. 4,11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1948 May 2,9,16,23,30	<u>The Challenge</u>
1948 June 6,13,20,27	<u>The Challenge</u>
1948 July 4,11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1948 Aug. 1,8,15,22,29	<u>The Challenge</u>
1948 Sept. 5,12,19	<u>The Challenge</u>
1948 Nov. 14,21	<u>The Challenge</u>
1948 Dec. 5	<u>The Challenge</u>
1949 Jan. 16,23,30	<u>The Challenge</u>
1949 Feb. 6,13,20,27	<u>The Challenge</u>
1949 Mar. 6,13,27	<u>The Challenge</u>
1949 Apr. 3,10,17,24	<u>The Challenge</u>
1949 May 1,8,15,22,29	<u>The Challenge</u>
1949 June 5,12,19,26	<u>The Challenge</u>
1949 July 3,10,17,24,31	<u>The Challenge</u>
1949 Aug. 7,14,21,28	<u>The Challenge</u>
1949 Sept. 11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1949 Oct. 2,9,16,23	<u>The Challenge</u>
1949 Nov. 13,20,27	<u>The Challenge</u>
1949 Dec. 4,11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1950 Jan. 1,8,15,22,29	<u>The Challenge</u>
1950 Feb. 5,12,26	<u>The Challenge</u>
1950 Mar. 5,12,19	<u>The Challenge</u>
1950 Apr. 2,9,16,23,30	<u>The Challenge</u>
1950 May 7,14,21,28	<u>The Challenge</u>
1950 June 4,11,18,25	<u>The Challenge</u>
1950 July 2,9,23	<u>The Challenge</u>
1950 Aug. 6,13,20,27	<u>The Challenge</u>
1950 Sept. 3,17	<u>The Challenge</u>
1950 Oct. 1,8,15	<u>The Challenge</u>
1950 Nov. 12,19	<u>The Challenge</u>
1950 Dec.3,10,17,24	<u>The Challenge</u>
1953 May 31	<u>The Challenge</u>
1959 Mar.	<u>The Challenge</u>
1960 Dec.	<u>The Challenge</u>

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Departmental Graded Lessons

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East and West

1928 June 30	<u>Forward</u>
1940 Mar.-Dec.	<u>The Front Line</u>
1941 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Front Line</u>
1942 Jan.-Aug. Oct.-Dec.	<u>The Front Line</u>
1943 Jan.-June (ex. Apr.)	<u>The Front Line</u>
1944 Feb.-Dec.	<u>The Front Line</u>
1945 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Front Line</u>
1946 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Front Line</u>
1947 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Front Line</u>
1948 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Front Line</u>
1949 Apr.-June Oct.-Dec.	<u>The Front Line</u>
1950 Jan.-Mar.	<u>The Front Line</u>
1937 Jan.	<u>The Story Hour</u>
1946 July, Nov. Dec.	

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1936 Feb. Nov.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1937 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1938 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1939 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1940 Feb.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1941 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1942 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1943 Jan.-May Oct.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1944 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1945 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1946 Jan.-Mar. May-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1947 Feb.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1948 Jan.-Nov.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1949 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
(ex. Mar. May Oct.)	
1950 Jan.-Apr. June Oct.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1951 Sept.	<u>The Teacher</u>

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Uniform Lesson Helps

1926 Dec.	<u>The Westminster Teacher</u> Canadian Edition
1946 Aug. 11	<u>Young Canada</u>

Board of Christian Education

1982-1015-1-6	n.d.	"Notes on Adult Education in the Church" Mimeo; 22pp.
1982-1015-2-3	n.d.	Congregational Christian Education Committees Circular detailing responsibilities of congregational committees
1982-1015-2-2	n.d.	Prospectus, Christian Education Literature
1982-1015-3-10	n.d.	Sample Certificates Issued for the Beginner's, Primary, Junior and Senior Memory Courses

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1982-1015-1-19	1954	Information leaflets and circulars
1982-1015-1-1	1956	Documents presented to Commissioners of General Assembly Contains samples of materials used in Christian Education programmes
1982-1015-2-1	1956, 1957	Catalogues for Presbyterian Young Adults Details pamphlets and resources available
1982-1015-1-21	1960	Orders of service Sample bulletin: A Service of Worship for May 8 1960
1982-1015-1-4	1962	Presbyterian Uniform Curriculum Leaflet outlining syllabus for 1962-63
1982-1015-1-2	1963-1964	Report of Curriculum Study Studies to develop graded curriculum to replace "Uniform Helps"
1982-1015-1-3	1963 Oct.	Curriculum Study Conference Working papers
1982-1015-1-20	1973-1974	Information leaflets

Committee on Higher Learning

1982-1015-3-9	1965	"God's Presence and Ours in the Contemporary University" A Working Paper James S. Clarke; 1965; 38pp. typescript
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Publications

1982-1015-1-16	n.d.	<u>Challenge to Christian Action</u> n.d.; 31pp. Adult Study Pamphlet
1982-1015-1-5	1966	<u>Christian Faith and Life: A Program for Church and Home</u> 1966; 37pp. Prospectus for 1966-1967
1982-1015-1-13	n.d. (c.1953-54)	<u>The Church in Action</u> n.d.; 106pp.
1982-1015-1-12	n.d.	<u>Follow Me: A Programme Guide for Young people</u> n.d.; 146pp.
1982-1015-1-11	n.d.	<u>Handbook for Presbyterian Young Adults</u> n.d.; 10pp.
1982-1015-1-15	1967	<u>How God Speaks to Us</u> 1967; 28pp.
1982-1015-1-17	1938	<u>Learning to Know God</u>
1982-1015-2-4	n.d.	<u>The Nursery Home Department</u> n.d.; 4pp.

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1982-1015-2-8	n.d.	<u>Programme Guide for a Senior High Fellowship</u> Committee on Senior High Programme Vol.1 #1 n.d.; 66pp. Vol.1 #2 n.d.; 71pp. Vol.1 #3 n.d.; 47pp.
1982-1015-2-9	n.d. (1963)	<u>A Programme Guide for Presbyterian High School Youth 1963-1964</u> Committee on Senior High Programme Vol.8 n.d.; 150pp.
1982-1015-2-10	n.d. (1964)	<u>A Programme Guide for High School Youth 1964-1965</u> Committee on Senior High Programme Vol.9 n.d.; 125pp.
1982-1015-2-11	n.d. (1965)	<u>A Programme Guide for High School Youth 1965-1966</u> Committee on Senior High Programme Vol.10 n.d.; 158pp
1982-1015-1-9	n.d. (1969 ?)	<u>Resources for Ministry with Youth 1969-1970</u> n.d.; 62pp.
1982-1015-1-10	n.d. (1970 ?)	<u>Resources for Ministry with Youth 1971-72</u> n.d.;
1982-1015-2-5	n.d.	<u>Senior High Fellowship: Handbook for Officers</u> Committee on Senior High Programme n.d.; 8pp.
1982-1015-2-6	1956	<u>Senior High Fellowship: Manual for Adult Advisors</u> Harry H. Green Committee on Senior High Programme 1956; 54pp. & 3pp. bibliography
1982-1015-2-7	1960	<u>Senior High Fellowship: Manual for Adult Advisors</u> Committee on Senior High Programme 1960; 74pp.
1982-1015-1-7	1969; 1970	<u>Teachers Guide Grades 9-10 Year II</u> 1969; 1970; 256pp. Joint publication of the United Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church in Canada
1982-1015-1-14	1952-1953	<u>We Believe</u>
7003-1040	1960-61	Senior High Fellowship Programme Guide

1982-1015-1-18

Pamphlets published by the Stewardship and Budget Committee for the Board of Christian Education and the Committee on Missionary Education

Rice from the Dust 1952; 6pp.

Children Whom Christ Loves Mrs. B. F. Andrews; n.d.; 4pp.

Sunday School in Korea Helen E. Brickner; n.d.; 4pp.

David Makes His Choice Mary Hill; 1953; 4pp.

New Canadians 1953; 4pp.

Periodicals

1955	<u>Discoveries & Horizons</u> Periodicals bound together
1955-1958	<u>Discoveries & Horizons</u>
1956	<u>Discoveries & Horizons</u>
1957	<u>Discoveries & Horizons</u>
1958	<u>Discoveries & Horizons</u>
1959	<u>Discoveries & Horizons</u>
1960	<u>Discoveries & Horizons</u>
1961	<u>Discoveries & Horizons</u>
1962	<u>Discoveries & Horizons</u>
1963	<u>Discoveries & Horizons</u>
1964	<u>Discoveries & Horizons</u>
1965	<u>Discoveries & Horizons</u>
n.d.	<u>The Kindergarten Teacher</u> Part 3, April, May, June
1953 Oct.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1954 Apr. Oct-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1955 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1956 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1957 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1958 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1959 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1960 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1961 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1962 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1963 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1964 Jan.-Dec.	<u>The Teacher</u>
1965 Jan.-June	<u>The Teacher</u>

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1954 Oct.-Dec.	<u>Victory</u>
1955 Jan.-Mar. July-Dec.	<u>Victory</u>
1956 Jan.-June Oct.-Dec.	<u>Victory</u>
1957 Jan.-June	<u>Victory</u>
1958 Jan.-Dec.	<u>Victory</u>
1959 Jan.-Dec.	<u>Victory</u>
1960 Jan.-Dec.	<u>Victory</u>
1961 Jan.-Dec.	<u>Victory</u>
1962 Jan.-Mar. July-Sept.	<u>Victory</u>
1963 Jan.-Dec.	<u>Victory</u>
1964 Jan.-Dec.	<u>Victory</u>
1965 Jan.-June Sept.-Dec.	<u>Victory</u>
1966 Jan.-June Oct.-Dec.	<u>Victory</u>
1967 Jan.-June	<u>Victory</u>

The Joint Explorer Committee

1982-1015-1-8	1956	<u>More Explorations</u> 1956; 129pp. Handbook for Explorers issued by the Joint Explorer Committee
1982-1015-2-12	1958	<u>Manual for Explorer Counsellors</u> 1958; 66pp.

Sigma C

1982-1015-3-1	1954	Sigma C Publications <u>Sigma C Manual</u> 1954; 98pp. <u>Some Pertinent Facts about Sigma C</u> 1954; 8pp.
1982-1015-3-2	1954	<u>Sigma C Programme Book</u>
1982-1015-3-3	1956	<u>Sigma C Programme Book #2</u>

Tuxis

1982-1015-3-4	n.d.	<u>The Tuxis Manual</u>
1982-1015-3-5	n.d.	Resource material Tuxis cards and pamphlets

Trail Rangers

1982-1015-3-6	n.d.	Resource material
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Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests

1982-1015-3-7	n.d.	<u>The Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests: A Programme of Religious Education for Canadian Boys</u>
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The Boy's Brigade

1982-1015-3-8	n.d.	Pamphlet and leaflets
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