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Records of the Committee on Inter-Church Relations

Introduction

This collection consists of approximately 20 cm. of minutes, correspondence, reports and printed papers of the Committee on Inter-Church Relations, 1961-1972.

The records were re-catalogued in November 1988 by Elspeth Reid.

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Historical Sketch

The Committee on Inter-Church Relations was established by the General Assembly of 1955 as a result of a recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence with other Churches and two Overtures. The Committee on Correspondence with Other Churches requested the Assembly to increase its membership from nine to twelve; Overture No. 9 from the Presbytery of Victoria asked the Assembly to "create a special Standing Committee" to choose representatives for inter-church organizations; and Overture No. 47 from the Presbytery of East Toronto asked the Assembly to re-name the Committee on Correspondence with Other Churches, extend its powers and alter its composition. The Committee on Inter-Church Relations was assigned:

(a) the duties of the former Committee on Correspondence including the dissemination of information about our Church. (b) The duty of receiving all reports, enquiries and other correspondence from sister churches, from the Canadian Council of Churches, from the Presbyterian Alliance, and from the World Council of Churches, and of transmitting the same to the relevant Courts, Boards, etc., for study and action, or where necessary itself dealing with the matter; and (c) the duty of preparing for Assembly, when the occasion arises, duly considered nominations as to our representatives to these bodies. (Acts & Proceedings 1955 p. 72)

In 1979 the Committee on Inter-Church Relations was re-named the Committee on Ecumenical Relations at the recommendation of the Committee which felt that:

the name "Inter-Church" gives undue emphasis to the separate and divided nature of the Church...The emphasis we wish to embody in the name of our Committee is that there is only One Universal Church of Christ..."

File No.	Date	Description
1988-1006-1-1	1962-1966	Minutes
1988-1006-1-2	1967-1970	Minutes
1988-1006-1-3	1965-1970	Chairman - Correspondence Relates to Anglican/United Church talks on union, finance and administration, World Council of Churches and Canadian Council of Churches
1988-1006-1-4	1963-1966	Study of Presbyterianism Draft statement of faith and papers on confessions of faith; includes minutes of joint meetings with Committee on Articles of Faith

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1988-1006-1-5	1963-1966	Study of Presbyterianism Correspondence relating to study of the significance of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and its contribution to the life of Canada: study authorised by the 1963 General Assembly
1988-1006-1-6	1963-1965	Study of Presbyterianism - Remits from Presbyteries, 1963 Returns to questions sent to presbyteries for 1963 study, relating to question of organic union; includes printed submissions from presbyteries, "Study Material of the Committee on Inter Church Relations"
1988-1006-1-7	1965	Study of Presbyterianism - Remits from Presbyteries, 1965 Returns to questions sent to presbyteries for 1965 study, relating to Spiritual Unity in Christ
1973-1005-1-1	c. 1965	Church union negotiations Reports on the Church of Nigeria and union of the churches in North India
1973-1005-1-2	1963-1966	United Church Correspondence and reports relating mainly to competition in Home Missions and Church Extension; includes dispute at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta
1973-1005-1-3	1965-1966	United Church Correspondence, minutes of meetings of representatives of United Church and Presbyterian Church in Canada
1973-1005-1-4	1968-1969	Proposed union of Anglican Church, United Church and Disciples of Christ Basis of union, committee reports and correspondence relating to observer status of the Presbyterian Church in Canada
1973-10050105	1969-1972	Proposed union of Anglican Church, United Church and Disciples of Christ Committee reports and correspondence
1973-1005-1-6	1963-1965	World Alliance of Reformed Churches Correspondence and reports
1973-1005-1-7	1966-1969	World Alliance of Reformed Churches - North American Area Council Correspondence, copy minutes of meetings of Council and sub-committees, texts of addresses, reports on inter-church relations and doctrine

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1973-1005-1-8	1963-1968	World Council of Churches Correspondence and pamphlets <u>New on the U.N. Skyline</u> 1962; 13pp. <u>Peace...? Man and Nations in a Changing</u> World Community 1964; 48pp. <u>All Things New - W.C.C. 4th Assembly,</u> <u>Uppsala, 1968</u> 1968; 48pp. <u>The Commission of the Churches on</u> <u>International Affairs</u> Report 1963-1964; 1964; 60pp.
1973-1005-2-1	1964-1967	Canadian Council of Churches Correspondence, mainly relating to representation at meetings
1973-1005-2-2	1969-1972	Canadian Council of Churches Reports
1973-1005-2-3	c. 1967	Protestant-Catholic Dialogue Reports
1973-1005-2-4	c. 1961	"Presbyterians and the Church Catholic - A Working Paper" Typescript; 2 versions
1973-1005-2-5	1964-1972	Correspondence and Reports Reports to General Assembly and reports to committee
1973-1005-2-6	n.d.	Pamphlet <u>Introducing the Presbyterian Church in</u> <u>Canada</u> W. Stanford Reid; n.d.; 4pp.