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Introduction

This collection consists of printed materials issued by the 75th Anniversary Committee and used to celebrate the 75th Anniversary in 1950 of the formation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The records were re-catalogued in June 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

The finding aid is listed as FA-75TH.

Historical Sketch

The 75th Anniversary Committee was initially appointed by the Board of Administration in response to an Overture to the 1947 General Assembly from the Presbytery of Toronto. The committee was directed to approach the Boards of the Church to appoint representatives and was given power to enlarge itself. In 1949 and 1950 the Committee reported its activities to Assembly as a Special Committee of General Assembly. The Committee published a book, arranged radio broadcasts and organized services to celebrate the event. The 75th Anniversary Committee was discharged by the 1950 Assembly.

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1048-1-1	1950	Re-dedication Services Orders of Service, 25 June 1950
1973-1048-1-2	1950	<u>Our Heritage and Our Faith</u> Contains "Our Priceless Heritage" John MacNab; & "The Essence of Our Faith" F. Scott Mackenzie; 1950; 127pp.

Co-ordinating Committee on Adult Education

Introduction

This collection consists of approximately 6 cm. of printed materials issued by the Co-ordinating Committee on Adult Education. The records were re-catalogued in October 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

This finding aid is listed as FA-ADED.

Historical Sketch

The Co-ordinating Committee on Adult Education was formed by the staff of the Board of Christian Education as an informal inter-board group in the early 1960s. It operated until the early 1970s when it was superceded by the creation of the Board of Congregational Life.

File No.	Date	Description
1982-1025-1-1	1965-1966	Catalogue of Resources for Adult Work 1965; 16pp.
1982-1025-1-2	1965-1966	Prospectus: Christian Faith and Life Toronto, 1965; 32pp.
1982-1025-1-3	1971-1974	Programming Guides for Christian Action <u>Man Free for Mission: New machines and the New Humanity</u> 1971-72 <u>God is Just Now</u> 1972-73 <u>You Have Response-Ability</u> 1973-74

Introduction

This collection consists of approximately 10 cm of minutes, correspondence and printed materials of the Joint Committee on Church and Nation, 1951-1955.

Related records may be found in the records of the Committee on Articles of Faith and the Committee on Church Doctrine.

The records were recatalogued and listed by Elspeth Reid in November 1988.

The finding aid is listed as FA-CHNAT.

Historical Sketch

The Joint Committee on Church and Nation was a joint committee of the Board of Evangelism and Social Action and the Committee on Articles of Faith. It was authorized by the General Assembly of 1953 and was established in order to produce a definitive doctrinal statement on the relationship between church and nation to supersede the statement in the Westminster Confession of Faith. The resulting Declaration of Faith Concerning Church and Nation was ratified by the General Assembly of 1955.

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1017-1-1	1953-1954	Minutes
1973-1017-1-2	1951	Correspondence Includes mailing lists
1973-1017-1-3	1953 Dec.-1954 Mar.	Secretary - Correspondence Submissions from Presbyteries concerning issue of church and nation
1973-1017-1-4	n.d.	Revisions to Declaration Revisions to Declaration based on submissions from Presbyteries
1973-1017-1-5	1954-1955	Correspondence and draft versions of Declaration
1973-1017-1-6	n.d.	Draft versions and textual criticism of Declaration
1973-1017-1-7	1954	Correspondence Seventh Day Adventist Church in Canada
1973-1017-1-8	1955	Declaration of Faith Concerning Church and Nation 1955; 4pp.
1973-1017-1-9	1951	Draft Report to the General Assembly of 1951 - <u>Mimeo</u> ; 16pp.

Communication Services Committee

Introduction

This collection consists of approximately 10 cm. of minutes, supporting papers and correspondence of the Committee on Communication Services, 1974-1983. The records were transferred to the Presbyterian Archives in November 1989. The minutes are photocopies and the originals are retained by the Communication Services Committee at 50 Wynford Drive, Don Mills, Ontario.

The records were catalogued in November 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

This finding aid is listed as FA-COMM.

Historical Sketch

The Communication Services Committee was formerly the Committee on Audio-Visual Services. It was re-named in 1973, following consultations with the Organization and Planning Committee. The Committee had extended its work beyond Audio-Visual Services into advising on radio and television broadcasting and had also developed an Audio-Visual Library. It was proposed in 1973 that the Audio-Visual library would be transferred in due course to the new Resource Distribution Centre which the Organization and Planning Committee recommended should be established, but this did not happen. The Communication Services Committee therefore retained responsibility for the distribution of audio-visual resources and for production and advice to the Church on the production of television, radio, film and audio-visual resources. The Committee also participated in ecumenical groups dealing with these areas.

File No.	Date	Description
1989-1043	1974	Minutes and supporting documents
	1975	Minutes and supporting documents
	1976	Minutes and supporting documents
	1977	Minutes and supporting documents
	1978	Minutes and supporting documents
	1979	Minutes and supporting documents
	1980	Minutes and supporting documents
	1981	Minutes and supporting documents
	1982	Minutes and supporting documents
	1983	Minutes and supporting documents

1989-1043 Catalogued in 1989. Minutes deposited in 1989.

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Special Committee on Constitution of Boards

Introduction

The records of the Special Committee on the Constitution of Boards consist of approximately 1" of minutes, correspondence and documents, 1932-1934.

The records were recatalogued by Elspeth Reid in October 1988.

The finding aid is listed as FA-CONBD.

Historical Sketch

The Special Committee on the Constitution of Boards was appointed by the 1932 Assembly to:

consider the whole question of the constitutional position and character of the various Boards and Committees with a view to determine their exact position and relation as Committees of the Court or as Boards of the whole Church (Acts & Proceedings 1932 p.29-30)

At issue was the authority of the various Boards and Committees to do their work. In 1933 the Committee reported the legal opinion of Hamilton Cassels that the Boards and Committees all derived their powers from decisions of Assemblies since 1925 and that these powers required some review. A larger committee was appointed and reported to the 1934 General Assembly with recommendations and comments on the regulations governing the Board of Administration, the General Board of Missions, the Pension Board and the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

1973-1013-1-1

1932-1934

Minutes and Correspondence

Includes summary extracts of minutes of General Assembly establishing various boards and committees and memo regarding authority of boards and committees

Introduction

The records of the Special Committee to Investigate Conditions in the Colleges, 1942-1944, comprise approximately 2" of correspondence and written submissions of evidence to the committee.

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

The finding aid is listed as FA-COLL.

Historical Sketch

The Special Committee to Investigate Conditions in the Colleges was appointed by the 1942 General Assembly to deal with matters relating to:

1. *The Policy governing the composition of the Board of Knox College and the Senate of Knox College and the relation of one to the other.*
2. *The practices affecting the lecture courses, the studies involved, written examinations and the marking thereof.*
3. *All matters affecting the life and work of the student bodies*
(*Acts and Proceedings 1942 p.34*)

The appointment of the committee resulted from an awareness of a number of problems in both Knox College and Presbyterian College, Montreal, and by complaints of students against the faculty. Also, the Presbytery of Toronto had licensed four students who had not received the diploma of their college, having failed Old Testament.

When reporting to the 1943 General Assembly the Committee noted "disharmony" and a "lack of discipline" and made various recommendations including the temporary closure of Presbyterian College, Montreal, and the merger of faculty and students with Knox College "as a War measure". (Acts and Proceedings 1943 p.38).

A separate committee was appointed to deal with the protest of Dr. Thomas Eakin following the adoption of these recommendations.

1973-1011-1-1	1942-1943	Correspondence and briefs Records of Dr. Norman Macdonald and other members of the committee
1973-1011-1-2	1942-1944	Knox College Evidence collected by committee, submissions and briefs, reports to Assembly and correspondence
1973-1011-1-3	1942-1944	Presbyterian College, Montreal Evidence collected by committee, submissions, briefs and correspondence

Presbyterian Church Extension Union

Introduction

The Presbyterian Archives holds only one item relating to the Presbyterian Church Extension Union, which was catalogued in 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

This Finding aid is listed as FA-EXTEN.

Historical Sketch

Church extension was the responsibility of the Home Missions Committee in 1907. It is not clear whether this group was an independent body or was connected in some way to the Home Missions Committee or to a Presbytery or Synod.

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1056	1907	Invitation to Social Tea and Annual Meeting

Introduction

The records of the Committee on Family Life consist of approximately 1" of publications and printed material produced or administered by the Committee, 1964-1974.

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

The finding aid is listed as FA-FAMILY.

Historical Sketch.

The Committee on Family Life was a joint committee of the Board of Evangelism and Social Action and the Board of Christian Education. It evolved out of the Board of Evangelism and Social Action's Committee on Marriage and Divorce which was re-named the Committee on Family Life in 1964. In the same year the Board of Christian Education was invited to appoint three members of the committee and General Assembly was asked to recognize the Committee. The Committee reported to General Assembly through the Board of Evangelism and Social Action. In 1973 the committee became one of the ten standing committees of the Board of Congregational Life at its formation. Between 1976 and 1977 the committee was disbanded and its work placed in the Life Cycle Ministries of the Board of Congregational Life.

1982-1013-1-1	1964	"Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage: A Commentary on the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XXIV Of Marriage and Divorce" presented to the 90th General Assembly, June 1964, by the Committee on Family Life Mimeo; 21pp. Bibliography 3pp.
1973-1013-1-2	n.d.	Minister's Kit - Pre-marriage Counselling Pamphlets and circulars

Periodicals

1970-1976	<u>Family Life Bulletin</u>
1976-1978	<u>Family Life</u>
1978-1982	<u>Family Life Forum</u>

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Introduction

The Presbyterian Archives holds only one publication of the Board of Finance which was re-catalogued in November 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

This finding aid is listed as FA-FINCE.

Historical Sketch

The Board of Finance was established by General Assembly in 1912, replacing the Committee on Systematic Givings. Its duties were

(a) To take the necessary steps to secure the revenue for all the missionary, educational and benevolent work of the Church as set forth in the Budget for the current year

(b) To receive the estimates from the different departments for the ensuing year and adjust the same for submission to Assembly

(c) To have general oversight of all the expenditures of the Church as far as the ordinary revenue is concerned

(Acts & Proceedings 1913, appendix p. 258)

The creation of this Board was part of a gradual movement towards centralised control of the revenues of the Church. The Board produced pamphlets and other printed material to assist with missionary education and stewardship work, encouraged the adoption of giving through envelopes in congregations and promoted the Every Person Canvass and other stewardship techniques. In 1918 and 1919 much of this work was duplicated by the Committee of Fifty (Committee on the Forward Movement), which proposed the establishment of a General Board. The General Board replaced the Board of Finance in 1920.

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1063	c. 1917	<u>The Conquering Christ. The Budget of \$1,200,000 for the work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for 1918</u> 17pp.

Board of French Evangelization

Introduction

This Archives holds only one printed report of the Board of French Evangelization. Related records may be found in the United Church Archives and printed reports of the Board are in the Acts & Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The finding aid is listed as FA-FRNCH.

Historical Sketch

The Board of French Evangelization was established in 1875 to amalgamate the work of this type carried out by the four denominations which united to form the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Two executive boards were set up to administer the work, one based in Montreal and the other in Saint John, New Brunswick. The main function of the Board was to assist in the funding of training French ministers and missionaries and their work in Quebec and Acadia. In 1912, a recommendation that all mission work in Canada be brought under the control of one Board of the Church resulted in the demise of the Board of French Evangelization and the transfer of its work to the Board of Home Missions

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1049-1-1	1898	<u>Report of the Board of French Evangelization of the Presbyterian Church of Canada together with Financial Statement for the Year ending April 1898</u> 1898; 24pp.

Introduction

The Presbyterian Archives holds only one publication of the General Board. This finding aid is listed as FA-GENBD.

Historical Sketch

The General Board was established by the General Assembly of 1919 and ceased to exist following the union of 1925. The Board appears to have replaced the Board of Finance, and was part of a move towards more centralised control over the administration and finances of the denomination. The General Board dealt with various administrative and financial duties, including the Forward Movement, Literature and Missionary Education, Life Service, Statistics and Questionnaires, and Church Life and Work. The General Board also promoted the establishment of a weekly newspaper for the Church, the Presbyterian Witness, which took a pro-union stance.

1973-1061

1925

The Presbyterian Church in Canada 1875-1925 John Thomas McNeill
Toronto, 1925; 276pp. (2 copies)

Introduction

This collection of the records of the Committee on Church Growth to Double in the Eighties consists of a few pamphlets and printed material. It is expected that the records of the committee will be transferred from the administrative offices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in due course.

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

The finding aid is listed as FA-GROW.

Historical Sketch

The Committee on Church Growth to Double in the Eighties emerged as a result of the adoption of the Report on the State of the Church in 1978 which was produced jointly by the Board of World Mission and the Board of Congregational Life. In 1979 a committee was appointed, variously named the Special Committee on Doubling the Membership and the Special Committee re. Church Growth. This Committee was instructed to work closely with the Board of Congregational Life and other boards and committees concerned with the committee's aims. It reported to the 1980 Assembly under the name, Special Committee on Doubling the Membership. (*Acts & Proceedings 1980 p.391*).

The Board of Congregational Life and the Board of World Mission also established a Joint Task Force on Church Growth to develop a strategy for church growth between the 1979 and 1980 Assemblies. The Administrative Council requested the two Boards to

explore the possibility of the two mandates of the last two Assemblies, one on Church Growth and the other on doubling the membership in the eighties, being brought together into one combined function (Acts & Proceedings 1980 p.277)

The Assembly of 1980 merged the Special Committee and the Joint Task Force to form the Committee on Church Growth to Double in the Eighties.

The Committee and its staff worked closely with the Board of Congregational Life throughout its existence, and in 1988 the committee was aligned with the Board and became the Committee on Research and Church Growth of the Board of Congregational Life.

1982-1012-1-1

n.d.

Course material

Training for Ministry: Theological Education by Extension Rev. Charles Scott; n.d.; 13pp.

Publicity pamphlet n.d.; 6pp.

1982-1012-1-2

Pamphlets

Research for Church Growth n.d.; 6pp.

Putting it Together: Organizing a Church Growth Committee in Your Congregation n.d.; 8pp.

Continuing Resources for Church Growth n.d.; 20pp.

Major Principles of Church Growth with George G Hunter III n.d.; 4pp. (publicity pamphlet for teaching resources)

2003-1036

Evangelism Task Force - Report to 110th General Assembly

7-16-1977

Preliminary Results of the National Research Project "Soundings of Congregational Vitality in the Dec. 1976-1980"

2005-1038

Study Guide for Devotional Paper on Evangelism Task Force, 1984

Committee on International Affairs

Introduction

The Archives holds only one file of a few reports and circulars of the Committee on International Affairs: the records have yet to be transferred from the administrative offices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The annual reports of the committee can be found in the Acts & Proceedings of the General Assembly.

This finding aid is listed as FA-INT'L.

Historical Sketch

The Committee on International Affairs was established by the General Assemblies of 1959 and 1960 as a result of a recommendation from the General Board of Missions concerning the lack of an agency in the Church to study world issues, "to call our people to thought and prayer on such matters, or to participate with other Churches in these concerns" (*Acts & Proceedings 1959 p. 206*). The 1959 General Assembly appointed an interim committee to study how best this should be dealt with and to recommend to the 1960 Assembly what the "composition, function and location" (*Acts & Proceedings 1960 p. 415*) should be. The Committee was set up with membership from the W.M.S., the General Board of Missions and the Board of Evangelism and Social Action.

The Committee on International Affairs researches issues on its own initiative or in co-operation with the Canadian Council of Churches and other relevant ecumenical groups or on the direction of General Assembly. It produces study papers for congregations, which are also available to any interested group.

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1039-1-1	1971-1973	Reports and Circulars

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James Robertson Memorial Fund Committee

Introduction

The Presbyterian Archives holds only one publication of the James Robertson Memorial Fund Committee. Related records may be found at the United Church Archives.

The finding aid is listed as FA-JROB.

Historical Sketch

The James Robertson Memorial Fund was set up in 1902 by the Home Mission Committee following the death of the Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent of Western Home Missions since 1881. The intention was to raise \$10,000, of which \$2,000 was to be given to Mrs. Robertson and the interest on the remainder was to be used to establish an annual lectureship on Home Missions to be given to each of the theological colleges. The fund remained under the control of the Home Missions Committee until 1909 and raised only about \$4,300.

In 1909, the General Assembly appointed the Committee on the James Robertson Memorial Fund as a standing committee of Assembly to take active steps to raise a fund of \$20,000 to provide financing for an annual series of lectures to be given to each of the theological colleges. In 1912 (printed in the 1913 Acts & Proceedings) General Assembly agreed to the regulations proposed by the Committee which set up the annual lectureship alternating between the Eastern and Western theological colleges and proposed two annual essay prizes once the fund reached \$13,000, and the biennial publication of the lectures once the fund reached \$18,000. The fund failed to reach its targets and an arrangement was made with the governors of Morrin College to provide the funding for the annual essay prizes which became known as the Robertson-Morrin Essay prizes. In 1925 the Fund and the Committee went into the United Church of Canada.

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1036-1-1	1918	<u>Our Non-English Speaking Canadians</u> 1918; 48pp. (2nd Edition)

Introduction

This collection consists of two reports of the Committee on Life and Mission, 1969. The records of the Committee have not been transferred from the administrative offices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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

The finding aid is listed as FA-LAMP.

Historical Sketch

The Committee on Life and Mission was appointed as a special committee of General Assembly in 1965 on the recommendation of the Administrative Council. The terms of reference were:

That this Assembly appoint a Special Committee to undertake a thorough study of the vocation, work and mission of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in the changing life of Canada and other nations, and a study of the resources of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in persons, finances and institutions, and report its precise terms of reference to the next Assembly and its recommendations to the General Assembly of 1967

The committee was initially known as the Special Committee re. Recommendation #10 and under that name reported to the 1966, 1967 and 1968 Assemblies and asked for more time and some limitations on its work. In 1967 the committee was instructed by Assembly to work in co-operation with the Committee on Recruitment and Vocation (Accession #1973-1025). The Committee presented its final report in 1969 as the Committee on Life and Mission and was discharged.

The recommendations of the Committee on Life and Mission (LAMP) included major changes in the structure of the session and congregation: the adoption of term eldership, changing the session from a closed to an open court and dispensing with the Board of Managers and replacing it with a Finance and Maintenance Committee. There were also a large number of recommendations concerning training of the laity, ministry with French-speaking congregations, the establishment of a personnel committee and the re-organization of the administration of the Church. The proposals were very controversial and many were not accepted.

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1019-1-1	1969	LAMP Report Report to General Assembly concerning structure of church, missions, inter-church relations, renewal, church & society and other issues
1973-1019-1-2	1969	<u>A Special Report to the Presbyterian Church in Canada: Into the 70's in Life and Mission</u> 1969; 72pp. Report on the LAMP Report and the Assembly recommendations

*Moderator's Committee***Introduction**

The records of the Moderator's Committee consist of one published Brief to the Ontario Provincial Parliament. The record was re-catalogued in November 1989.

This finding aid is listed as FA-MODCT.

History

The Moderator's Committee was set up by the Moderator of the 88th General Assembly to examine the question of Public Education and to provide a Brief to the Ontario Provincial Parliament on the Presbyterian viewpoint.

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1062	1963, Feb.	"The Presbyterian Position on Public Education. A Brief Presented to the Prime Minister and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, February 1963" 4pp.

Special Committee on the Role of the Moderator

Introduction

The Archives holds one file of the records of the Special Committee on the Role of the Moderator, 1976-1978, which was transferred by the committee in 1978.

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

This finding aid is listed as FA-MODER.

Historical Sketch

The Special Committee on the Role of the Moderator was set up by the 1976 General Assembly on the motion of David W. Hay. The Committee was to

"study all matters connected with the doctrine, powers and duties of a Moderator of the General Assembly" (Acts & Proceedings 1976 p. 49

The Committee made a progress report to the General Assembly of 1977 and its final report to the 1978 Assembly. The two recommendations that it made concerning the title of the Moderator and the Committee to Advise the Moderator were defeated and the committee was discharged.

File No.	Date	Description
1982-1006-1-1	1976 Oct.-1978 June	Minutes and correspondence

Special Committee on National Unity

Introduction

The Archives holds one file of working papers of the Special Committee on national Unity, 1977-1979.

The records were re-catalogued in 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

This finding aid is listed as FA-NATUN.

Historical Sketch

The Special Committee on National Unity was authorized by the 1977 General Assembly in response to two overtures from Presbyteries concerning the constitutional situation following the election of the Parti Quebecois as the governing party in Quebec and its proposals for Quebec independence. The Presbytery of Westminster requested the Assembly to "take this matter under immediate consideration so as to give guidance to our people in these perilous times of political disunity" (Acts & Proceedings 1977 p. 418). The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington overtured the Assembly to set up an ecumenical task force "to visit all Presbyteries during 1978 to help sensitize the courts of the Church" and to develop "a strategy for Mission and Witness in the Province of Quebec in the light of the present national constitutional crisis"(A. & P. 1977 p.423) In response to these overtures the Assembly appointed a committee to report back to the same Assembly which recommended that the Moderator issue a pastoral letter to all congregations and that a Special Committee be authorized to study the "implications of our doctrinal position for the present political developments" (A. &P. 1977 p.61), and develop strategies for mission and witness in Quebec and in other francophone communities in Canada. The recommendations of this committee were printed in French as well as English.

The Special Committee on National Unity reported to the 1978 and 1979 Assemblies. The Committee produced a:

theologically-based statement calling for an atmosphere of openness and an attitude of reconciliation on the part of all Canadians

The statement which was accepted by the 1978 Assembly was printed in French and English and distributed. The Committee co-operated with other Boards and Committees on various aspects of its work and was discharged at the 1979 Assembly.

File No.

Date

Description

1982-1008-1-1

Working papers

Includes: photocopies and reprints of newspaper articles, copy minutes of committee meetings, reports of sub-committees and lists of members of the committee

*Committee to Nominate Standing Committees***Introduction**

The Presbyterian Archives holds one file of the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees which was re-catalogued in November 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

This finding aid is listed as FA-NOMIN.

Historical Sketch

The Committee to Nominate Standing Committees is appointed by General Assembly each year and exists for the sole purpose of recommending to General Assembly the membership of the Standing Committees and Boards of General Assembly.

File No.	Date	Description
1982-1031	1982	Preliminary Report

The Consultation on Christian Nurture for the Whole Church

Introduction

The Archives holds only one publication of the Consultation on Christian Nurture for the Whole Church. This was re-catalogued in 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

This finding aid is listed as FA-NURTR.

Historical Sketch

The Consultation on Christian Nurture was an informal inter-board group set up by the staff of the Board of Christian Education during the 1960s. In 1960 the General Assembly asked the Board of Christian Education to "undertake a programme of study and research for the development of a new curriculum" (*Acts & Proceedings 1962 p.378*) which the Board felt should involve the whole church and not only children and therefore set up various inter-board consultations which became known as the Consultation on Christian Nurture for the Whole Church. The Board reported on the meetings of the Consultation to General Assembly until 1967. In 1970 the Board recommended to Assembly that the proposed integration of the services of various boards and committees be proceeded with as quickly as possible. The work of the Consultation ceased to be necessary with the establishment of the Board of Congregational Life.

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1037-1-1	n.d.	<u>the congregation - summoned and sent: a Bible study</u> James S. Clarke n.d.; 62pp.

Introduction

This collection consists of approximately 10 cm. of pamphlets and other printed material produced by the Committee on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service.

The records were re-catalogued in 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

This finding aid is listed as FA-PWS.

Historical Sketch

General Assembly assistance for relief and development work was initially the responsibility of the Board of Evangelism and Social action through its Overseas Relief Committee (also known as Church Relief Abroad). The committee raised its funds by an annual appeal. In 1955 the committee took the name Committee on Inter-Church Aid, and Refugee Relief, and the committee made its report separately from the Board of Evangelism and Social Action. In 1957 it was listed as the Sub-Committee on Overseas Relief and Inter-Church Aid of the Board of Evangelism and Social Action and there was also a separate refugee Relief Committee of the Board. In 1962 the committee adopted the name Committee on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service, following the lead of the committee of that name of the World Council of Churches. Thereafter the committee reported directly to Assembly as a standing committee. Its money continued to be raised by an annual appeal and it did not receive any support from the General Assembly budget. In 1980 the Committee changed its name to the Committee on Presbyterian World Service and Development.

File No.	Date	Description
1982-1010-1-1	n.d.	Pamphlets, leaflets and posters
1982-1010-1-2		Pamphlets <u>Some thoughts for Sermons and Addresses on Relief and Development</u> c. 1975; 32pp. <u>1975 Leader's Guide</u> 1974; 16pp. "Share dignity, justice hope...to help a broken world" Pamphlet 4pp.

See finding Aid 43.5 "P.W.S. & D"
For a complete listing of records for
Inter-Church Aid -> PWS&D.

Records of the Presbyterian Record

Introduction

This collection consists of approximately 2" of publications and printed papers of The Presbyterian Record and the Committee on The Presbyterian Record, 1935-1970. The correspondence of The Presbyterian Record for the most part have been routinely destroyed over the years and the minutes and other records of the committee have not been transferred to the Archives. The Archives holds a complete set of The Presbyterian Record, 1875 to date. This collection contains those items that were considered by staff of The Presbyterian Record at some point to be of historical interest.

The records were re-catalogued in 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

This finding aid is listed as FA-RECRD.

Historical Sketch

The Presbyterian Record was founded in 1875 and replaced the official periodicals of the four denominations which united to form the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Committee on The Presbyterian Record was also established in 1875. The Committee was primarily responsible for distribution and financial management while the direction of the paper was left in the hands of the Editor, who was also the Business manager for many years. The publication of The Presbyterian Record was the sole work of the committee apart from a few years when it was also responsible for the publication of The Children's Record. This periodical was begun by Ephraim Scott and was taken over by the committee in 1891. In 1899 it was transferred to the Committee on Sabbath School Publications and was continued as The King's Own.

In 1925, following the formation of the United Church of Canada, the United Church claimed to be the legitimate owner of the name, The Presbyterian Record, and that its United Church Record was the replacement of the periodical. Ephraim Scott, who was replaced as Editor of The Presbyterian Record by the 1925 Assembly before union and re-instated by the 1925 Assembly after union, denounced this claim as "patent fiction" (*A. & P. 1926 Appendix p. 59*) and the periodical of the Presbyterian Church in Canada continued to use the name.

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1034-1-1	1935	<u>Why we remained as a Presbyterian Church in Canada</u> John MacNab [1935]; 16pp.
1973-1034-1-2	1947	Promotional literature
1973-1034-1-3	1970 Apr.	General Printers Limited "A Proposal for the continued printing and distribution of the <u>Presbyterian Record</u> covering the period July 1970 to July 1972
1973-1034-1-4	1971	An Elliot Research Report: A Mail Survey among <u>Presbyterian Record</u> subscribers, July 1971
1973-1034-1-5	1957	<u>What Do Presbyterians Believe?</u> John MacNab (ed.) 1957; 76pp.

Records of the Committee on the Revision of the Book of Common Order

Introduction

This collection contains approximately 10 cm. of printed papers and publications of the Committee on the Revision of the Book of Common Order, 1955-1957. The records of the committee have not been transferred to the Archives.

The records were re-catalogued in 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

The finding aid is listed as FA-REVBC.

Historical Sketch

The Committee on the Revision of the Book of Common Order was authorized by the 1953 General Assembly in response to an overture from the Presbytery of East Toronto. The Committee worked on the revision for twelve years and produced a variety of drafts of forms of worship for different services and occasion. The committee's final draft was approved by the 1964 General Assembly and the Committee was discharged the following year after the revised Book of Common Order was published.

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1022-1-1	n.d.	Morning Worship Typescript "Notes on services and four Orders for Morning Worship"
1973-1022-1-2	c. 1955	Documents sent down to Presbyteries "Notes on Services" "First Order of Morning Worship" "Second Order of Morning Worship" "Third Order of Morning Worship" "Fourth Order of Morning Worship" "Calvin's Order of Service adapted from La Manyere as used in Strasburg 1542, and La Forme as used in Geneva 1545"
1973-1022-1-3	1957	<u>Basic Principles of Worship and Commentary on the Great Service of Word and Sacrament</u> David W. Hay & W. Scott Duncan 1957; 12pp.
1973-1022-1-4	n.d.	Orders of Service "Order for the baptism of adults, their confirmation and admission, and the confirmation and admission of those baptized in infancy" "Order for the administration of the sacrament of Holy Baptism to adults" "Remembrance Day Service" "Order for a service of thanksgiving for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper of the Holy Communion"

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Committee on Sabbath Observance

Introduction

The Archives holds one report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

The record was re-catalogued in 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

This finding aid is listed as FA-SABOB.

Historical Sketch

The Committee on Sabbath Observance was first appointed by the 1875 General Assembly. The Committee reported annually until 1895 when its work was transferred to the newly established Committee on Church Life and Work. However, in 1899 the Committee on Sabbath Observance was re-appointed:

in view of the unusual inroads being made on the sanctity and integrity of the Lord's Day in Canada and in view of the desirability of having the convictions of the Presbyterian Church adequately and effectively represented before the Government of the Dominion and Provinces in co-operation with similar committees of other Churches and organizations (Acts & Proceedings 1899 p.56)

The Committee became known as the Committee on Sabbath Observance and Legislation from 1900 and the two names were used interchangeably until 1909 when the work was taken over by the Board of Moral and Social Reform and Assembly ceased to appoint a Committee on Sabbath Observance. In 1926 the Committee on Sabbath Observance was re-appointed by General Assembly and reported under that name until 1930 when it adopted the name Committee on Sabbath Observance, Temperance and Moral Reform. In 1932 the Committee made no report to Assembly and in the same year the Synod of Saskatchewan overtured the Assembly to revive the Committee on Church Life and Work, calling for the committee to:

take into its consideration such matters as Family Worship, Sabbath Observance, Evangelism, Christian Stewardship, Temperance and Social Service

The work of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was transferred to the Committee on Church Life and Work, which later became part of the Board of Evangelism and Social Action, and the Committee on Sabbath Observance ceased to exist.

File No.	Date	Description
1973-1052-1-1	1892	Report

Temporalities Board

Introduction

This collection contains approximately 6 cm. of records of the Temporalities Board, 1869-1901. The records were re-catalogued in 1989 by Elspeth Reid
This finding aid is listed as FA-TEMP.

Historical Sketch

The Temporalities Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Connection with the Church of Scotland was inherited from that church by the Presbyterian Church in Canada at union in 1875. The Board was originally set up to administer the revenues from the Clergy Reserves allocated to the Church of Scotland in 1840. It was known as the Board of Commutation until 1856 when it was re-named the Board for the management of the Temporalities' Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Connection with the Church of Scotland, and the Board was incorporated. In 1875, legislation was passed in Quebec defining the rights and privileges of the beneficiaries of the Fund regardless of their decision on whether to enter the 1875 union or not. Ten ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Connection with the Church of Scotland declined to enter the union and made claim to the Fund as the only ministers entitled to the revenues from the Fund and there followed protracted legal disputes.

The Fund was closed in December 1900.

File No	Date	Description
1973-1051-1-1	1869-1901	Bound volume of Reports Includes: <u>Historical Report of the Administration of the Temporalities Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, 1850-1900; Jubilee Report of the Minister' Widows and Orphans Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland 1879; "By-laws" 1869; and Annual Reports, 1879-1901</u>
1973-1051-1-2	1897 Nov.	Copy letter; Chairman of the Temporalities Board to Sir Oliver Mowatt Thanks Mowat for supporting the passage of the Temporalities Board Bill through the Dominion Legislature