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**Charles Alexander (“Zander”) Dunn fonds**

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## **Notes on using the Finding Aid**

First consult the fonds description (fonds being an archival term used to denote the whole of the records created by a specific individual or family and held within an archives). The fonds description includes a biographical sketch of the individual or family that created the records, a scope and content note which briefly describes the records within the fonds (this generally starts with "Fonds consists of..."), and several notes at the bottom, which provide information on access restrictions and copyright restrictions.

Some finding aids also provide series descriptions on subsequent pages which further describe the records within the fonds.

After reading these descriptions consult the file list and notify an archivist of the individual files you wish to view.

## Fonds Description

### **Zander Dunn fonds. – 1940-1977. – 88 cm of textual records. - 4 photographs.**

Charles Alexander “Zander” Dunn (1937- ) worked as a missionary in Guyana for The Presbyterian Church in Canada between 1967 and 1970. He was born May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1937 in British Guiana, the son of James Dunn, also a minister and mission worker for The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Zander Dunn received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Queen’s University in 1962, and his Masters in Theology, in 1975. While in Guyana he travelled the country visiting the parishes, preaching to congregations and working with the local ministers in developing their evangelical programmes. He also worked closely with St. Columba House, a lay-training centre, in providing and developing youth rallies, camps, and conferences, Christian education programmes, and providing stewardship training. He served as Chairman of the Canadian Mission Council in Guyana from 1968-1970, liaising with the Presbyterian Church of Guyana and the Board of Missions of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and served on various committees of the Church in Guyana. In 1972, he briefly returned to Guyana to attend the Presbyterian Men’s Conference.

Fonds consists of correspondence and reports relating to Zander Dunn’s mission work and associated activities in Guyana during the period 1967-1970, as well as various historical files accumulated and created by Dunn. These records document Zander Dunn’s activities as Chairman of the Canadian Mission Council in Guyana, his work for St. Columba’s House, and his work in association with the Guyana Presbyterian Church. The fonds includes minutes of meetings of the Canadian Mission Council from 1965-1970, as well as various files of previous Chairmen of the Mission Council, primarily John Elder, Alexander S. MacDonald and Joseph Muchan. These files include reports and correspondence between the Mission Council and the General Board of Missions in Canada (a large part of the correspondence being with Dr. W.A. Cameron and later E.H. Johnson, both of whom were Secretaries of the Board of Missions) from the late 1940s through the 1960s. The fonds also includes the correspondence of Zander Dunn between 1967 and 1970, including his personal annual reports; various files documenting his work in Christian education and training, and young people’s camps in Guyana; a microfilm copy of his book “The Canadian Mission in British Guiana, 1885-1927; a paper on the effects of Union in 1925 on Foreign Missions, submitted to Knox College in partial fulfilment of the Master of Theology degree; various Guyanese publications and news bulletins such as “News From Guyana”, “Guynews”, and “News and Views of the Guyana Presbyterian Church”; a few files of personal papers and mementoes, including several photographs; and a variety of research notes and historical files accumulated by Dunn on the history of mission work in Guyana (British Guiana) and on the Guyana Presbyterian Church.

Title based on contents of the fonds.

Accession Number: 1988-5001

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A finding aid with file lists is available.

## File List

1988-5001-1-1	1940	Mission Council files
1988-5001-1-2	1941	Mission Council files
1988-5001-1-3	1942	Mission Council files
1988-5001-1-4	1946-1951	Mission Council files
1988-5001-1-5	1946-1953	Mission Council and Presbytery of British Guiana files
1988-5001-1-6	1953	Mission Council files
1988-5001-1-7	1954	Mission Council files
1988-5001-1-8	1955	Mission Council files
1988-5001-1-9	1956	Mission Council files
1988-5001-1-10	1956	Notes, reports and correspondence of J.S. Clarke regarding survey of Christian Education in British Guiana
1988-5001-1-11	1957	Mission Council files
1988-5001-1-12	1958	Mission Council files
1988-5001-1-13	1959	Mission Council files
1988-5001-1-14	1960	Mission Council files
1988-5001-1-15	1961-1966	Mission Council files
1988-5001-2-1	1965	Mission Council minutes
1988-5001-2-2	1966	Mission Council minutes
1988-5001-2-3	1967	Mission Council minutes
1988-5001-2-4	1968	Mission Council minutes
1988-5001-2-5	1969	Mission Council minutes
1988-5001-2-6	1970	Mission Council minutes
1988-5001-2-7	1967-1968	Correspondence (Guyana)
1988-5001-2-8	1969	Correspondence (Guyana)
1988-5001-2-9	1970	Correspondence (Guyana)
1988-5001-2-10	1967-1968	Correspondence (Foreign)

1988-5001-2-11	1969	Correspondence (Foreign)
1988-5001-2-12	1970	Correspondence (Foreign)
1988-5001-3-1	1967-1969, 1971	Correspondence – Annual Reports
1988-5001-3-2	1969	Correspondence with Isaac Singh
1988-5001-3-3	1969	Correspondence – general letters to Presbytery
1988-5001-3-4	1967-1969	Correspondence – Dunn family Christmas letters
1988-5001-3-5	1967-1970	Correspondence – miscellaneous
1988-5001-3-6	1968	Camps (miscellaneous)
1988-5001-3-7	1968	Young People's Camp Program
1988-5001-3-8	1964-1970	Youth Camp file – Madewini and Kayuka and Ecumenical Camps
1988-5001-3-9	1969	St. Columba House – Youth Camp
1988-5001-3-10	1969	Madewini – Senior Camp
1988-5001-3-11	1967-1969	Youth in the Guyana Presbyterian Church
1988-5001-3-12	1969	Ecumenical Youth Work Camps
1988-5001-3-13	[196-?]	Women's Programmes and the Guyana Presbyterian Women's organization
1988-5001-3-14	1968-1969	Presbyterian Youth Movement
1988-5004-4-1	1966-1970	Tutoring papers for students entering United Theological College of the West Indies
1988-5004-4-2	1966-1969	St. Columba House files
1988-5004-4-3	1968-1969	Guyana Committee on Joint Christian Action
1988-5004-4-4	1968-1969	Stewardship
1988-5004-4-5	[ca. 1968]	Bible Study booklets
1988-5004-4-6	1954-1962	Historical file – British Guiana Youth Council
1988-5004-4-7	1964-1970	Reports and papers of the Guyana Presbyterian Church
1988-5004-4-8	1970-1971	Reports and papers of the Guyana Presbyterian Church
1988-5004-4-9	1970	Guyana Council of Churches

1988-5004-4-10	1966-1968	Statistics – Guyana Churches
1988-5004-4-11	1963	Statistics – Guyana Sunday Schools
1988-5004-4-12	[ca. 1964]	Draft Constitution of the Federated Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Guiana
1988-5004-5-1	1970	Ross Report on Church Architecture in Guyana
1988-5004-5-2	1969	Reith Report on visit to Guyana
1988-5004-5-3	1969	Tetley Report on Christian Education
1988-5004-5-4	1969	McKenzie United Mission Oversight Committee
1988-5004-5-5	1968-1969	Various Committee reports
1988-5004-5-6	1968	Presbytery Day
1988-5004-5-7	1968	Presbytery Investigations
1988-5004-5-8	1969	Presbyterian Men
1988-5004-5-9	1968	Minutes of the Presbyterian Christian Education Committee, October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 1968
1988-5004-5-10	1969	Report on a Caribbean Ecumenical Consultation
1988-5004-5-11	1967-1972	Caribbean Assembly of Reformed Churches and Caribbean National Christian Council
1988-5004-5-12	1965	Copy of the Presbytery of Guiana Bill
1988-5004-5-13	1964-1965	Guyana – historical data
1988-5004-5-14	1970	Guyana History notes
1988-5004-5-15	[ca. 1970]	Research notes – Guyana Congregational histories
1988-5004-5-16	1957	Historical file – Consultative Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Caribbean
1988-5004-5-17	1954-1958	Minutes – C.M. (Canadian Mission ?) Church No. 56
1988-5004-5-18	[196-]	Miscellaneous booklets, bulletins and histories of Guyana
1988-5004-6-1	1967-1970	Extra Salary Expenses of Zander Dunn
1988-5004-6-2	[ca. 1968]	Inventory of the Dunn family household at 44 Lama Ave., Bel Air Park, Guyana

1988-5004-6-3	1968-1970	Correspondence with Registrar's Office, Queen's University, Ontario
1988-5004-6-4	1971	Thesis outline by Zander Dunn for Prof. Allan Farris, Toronto School of Theology
1988-5004-6-5	1972	Trip to Guyana
1988-5004-6-6	1936-1940	Booklets by The Rev. James Dunn (Father of Zander)
1988-5004-6-7	[196-?]	Research notes on The Rev. Alexander Dunn (Grandfather of Zander)
1988-5004-6-8	1970	Article for Presbyterian History – "A Short History of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Bartica, Guyana"
1988-5004-6-9	[ca. 1967]	Picture of the Dunn's from the cover of the Guyana Bulletin
1988-5004-6-10	1985	Sermon by Zander Dunn on "God and the Church in Guyana"
1988-5004-6-11	1963-1964	Publications - "The Herald: the newsletter of the Presbyterian Young People's Society, Guyana"
1988-5004-6-12	1970-1971	Publications – "Guyana News Bulletin"
1988-5004-6-13	1972-1977	Publications – "Guynews"
1988-5004-6-14	1970-1973	Publications – "Guyana Institute for Social Research and Action"
1988-5004-6-15	1966-1969	Publications – "News and Views" of the Guyana Presbyterian Church
1988-5004-6-16	1967	Service of Dedication for the Mac Kay Memorial Church Building, Guyana
<b>Photographs</b>		
G-2614-FC	[ca. 1939]	Photograph – Board of Directors (incl. James Dunn) of New Amsterdam Y.M.C.A
G-2615-FC	[ca. 1939]	Photograph – Church Picnic excursion, British Guiana
G-2616-FC	[ca. 1940]	Photograph – Zander Dunn (3 yrs.) with Betsy (nanny?)
G-2617-FC	[ca. 1956]	Photograph – John Eldar and James Clarke