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## General Assembly/Clerks of Assembly/Assembly Office

### Historical Sketch

The General Assembly is the highest court of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It meets once each year, normally in June, and it is located in a different church or meeting place each year. General Assembly is made up of commissioners from each Presbytery, both ministers and elders. It is governed by the regulations in Chapter 8 of The Book of Forms. The main difference between Assembly and the other courts of the Church is that it has no permanent existence and its members have no powers beyond the time and place of its meeting. The first General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada was held in June 1875.

The Clerks of Assembly are the principal officers appointed by the General Assembly. They are responsible for advising the Moderator on procedure and ensuring that the official minutes are correctly recorded. They also provide continuity from one Assembly to the next. In each year from 1875-1970 there were generally two joint "Clerks of Assembly". Since 1971 there has been a Principal Clerk and one or two Deputy Clerks. Administrative support staff has also been added over the years to assist the work of the Clerks.

With the restructuring of the National Church Offices in 1992, the Clerk of Assembly's Office was formally renamed the Assembly Office, and given an expanded mandate. During the year, the Assembly Office is responsible for organizing and making arrangements for the General Assembly, producing the Acts and Proceedings, co-ordinating the work of the Committee to Advise with the Moderator, acting as the secretariat for the Assembly Council, providing advice and interpretation services on matters relating to Church law, being part of the crisis management team with Ministry, and interacting with presbyteries and synods to help them function better in their pastoral care with ministers and congregations.

### See Also

Please note that although the following agencies/bodies are closely related to the General Assembly and the Clerks of Assembly, their records have not been listed within this Finding Aid. Separate Finding Aids have been developed for each of them and are available from the Archives.

- Finding Aid: Records of the Board of Administration
- Finding Aid: Record of the Administrative Council
- Finding Aid: Records of the Assembly Council
- Finding Aid: Records of the Pre-Assembly Congresses

Also, there are a number of different boards and standing committees of the General Assembly. The records of many of these have been listed in separate Finding Aids rather than in this one.

## List of Moderators

1875	John Cook	1923	Alfred Gandier
1876	Alexander Topp	1924	Clarence Mackinnon
1877	Hugh MacLeod	1925	George C. Pidgeon
1878	John Jenkins	1925	David G. McQueen, Interim Moderator
1879	William Reid	1925	Ephraim Scott
1880	Donald MacRae	1926	Alexander J. MacGillivray
1881	Donald MacVicar	1927	W. Leslie Clay
1882	William Cochrane	1928	John Buchanan
1883	John M. King	1929	David Perrie
1884	William MacLaren	1930	Frank Baird
1885	Alexander MacKnight	1931	William G. Brown
1886	James K. Smith	1932	Robert Johnson
1887	Robert F. Burns	1933	Hugh R. Grant
1888	William T. McMullen	1934	James S. Shortt
1889	George M. Grant	1935	Donald T.L. McKerroll
1890	John Laing	1936	Malcolm A. Campbell
1891	Thomas Wardrope	1937	Hugh Munroe
1892	William Caven	1938	Donald MacOdrum
1893	Thomas Sedgwick	1939	Stuart C. Parker
1894	George L. Mackay	1940	William Barclay
1895	James Robertson	1941	James B. Skene
1896	Daniel M. Gordon	1942	Norman A. MacLeod
1897	William Moore	1943	H. Beverley Ketchen
1898	Robert Torrance	1944	Alexander C. Stewart
1899	Robert Campbell (of Renfrew)	1945	John M. MacGillivray
1900	Allan Pollok	1946	W. Gordon Maclean
1901	Robert Warden	1947	Charles H. MacDonald
1902	George Bryce	1948	C. Ritchie Bell
1903	Donald H. Fletcher	1949	Charles L. Cowan
1904	George M. Milligan	1950	F. Scott Mackenzie
1905	William D. Armstrong	1951	Norman D. Kennedy
1906	Alexander Falconer	1952	John A. MacInnes
1907	Robert Campbell (of Montreal)	1953	William A. Cameron
1908	Frederick B. DuVal	1954	James L.W. McLean
1909	Samuel Lyle	1955	Walter T. McCree
1910	John Forrest	1956	Finlay G. Stewart
1911	Robert Peter Mackay	1957	Archibald D. MacKinnon
1912	David G. McQueen	1958	John McNab
1913	Murdoch Mackenzie	1959	Alexander Nimmo
1914	William T. Herridge	1960	Robert Lennox
1915	Malcolm Macgillivray	1961	Robert L. Taylor
1916	Andrew Browning Baird	1962	Ross K. Cameron
1917	John Neil	1963	Harry Lennox
1918	Colin Fletcher	1964	Hugh MacMillan
1919	John Pringle	1965	J. Alan Munro
1920	James Ballantyne	1966	G. Deane Johnston
1921	Charles W. Gordon	1967	John Logan-Vencta
1922	William J. Clark	1968	Clifton J. MacKay
1969	Edward H. Johnson		

1970 Dillwyn T. Evans  
1971 Murdo Nicolson  
1972 Maxwell V. Putnam  
1973 Agnew H. Johnston  
1974 Hugh F. Davidson  
1975 David W. Hay  
1976 A. Lorne Mackay  
1977 DeCourcy H. Rayner  
1978 Jesse E. Bigelow  
1979 Kenneth G. McMillan  
1980 Alexander F. MacSween  
1981 Arthur W. Currie  
1982 Wayne A. Smith  
1983 Donald C. MacDonald  
1984 Alex J. Calder  
1985 Joseph C. McLelland  
1986 J. Charles Hay  
1987 Tony Plomp  
1988 Bruce A. Miles  
1989 J.J. Harrold Morris  
1990 John F. Allan  
1991 John R. Cameron  
1992 Linda J. Bell  
1993 Earle F. Roberts  
1994 George C. Vais  
1995 Alan M. McPherson  
1996 Tamiko (Nakamura) Corbett  
1997 John D. Congram  
1998 William J. Klempa  
1999 Arthur Van Seters  
2000 H. Glen Davis  
2001 Joseph W. Reed  
2002 J. Mark Lewis  
2003 P.A. (Sandy) McDonald  
2004 Richard W. Fee  
2005 M. Jean Morris  
2006 M. Wilma Welsh  
2007 J.H. (Hans) Kouwenberg  
2008 Cheol Soon Park  
2009 A. Harvey Self

## List of Clerks of Assembly

1875	William Reid & William Fraser & J.H. MacKerras & Alex. Falconer & William McMillan	Joint Clerks of Assembly, ad interim
1876-1879	William Reid & J.H. MacKerras & William Fraser	Joint Clerks of Assembly
1880-1891	William Reid & William Fraser	Joint Clerks of Assembly
1892-1895	William Reid & Robert Campbell	Joint Clerks of Assembly
1896-1900	Robert Campbell & Robert Warden	Joint Clerks of Assembly
1901	Robert Campbell & Robert Warden J.W. MacMillan	Joint Clerks of Assembly  Interim Clerk
1902-1905	Robert Campbell & Robert Warden	Joint Clerks of Assembly
1906	Robert Campbell & John Somerville	Joint Clerks of Assembly
1907	John Somerville R.D. Fraser (Robert Campbell was Moderator)	Joint Clerk of Assembly Interim Clerk
1908-1918	Robert Campbell & John Somerville	Joint Clerks of Assembly
1919-1920	Robert Campbell & Thomas Stewart	Joint Clerks of Assembly
1921-1922	Thomas Stewart	Clerk of Assembly
1923-1925	R.B. Cochrane & W.G. Wallace	Joint Clerks of Assembly
1925-1947	T. Wardlaw Taylor & J.W. MacNamara	Joint Clerks of Assembly
1948-1951	T. Wardlaw Taylor & E.A. Thomson	Joint Clerks of Assembly

1952	T. Wardlaw Taylor & E.A. Thomson & Louis Fowler	Joint Clerks of Assembly
1953-1970	E.A. Thomson & Louis Fowler	Joint Clerks of Assembly
1971-1973	E.A. Thomson Louis H. Fowler Donald C. MacDonald	Principal Clerk Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
1974-1975	Louis H. Fowler Donald C. MacDonald	Principal Clerk Deputy Clerk
1976	Donald C. MacDonald Everett H. Bean Douglas B. Lowry	Principal Clerk Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
1977-1978	Donald C. MacDonald E.A. Thomson Louis H. Fowler Everett H. Bean Douglas B. Lowry	Principal Clerk Principal Clerk Emeritus Principal Clerk Emeritus Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
1979-1980	Donald C. MacDonald Louis H. Fowler Everett H. Bean Douglas B. Lowry	Principal Clerk Principal Clerk Emeritus Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
1981-1984	Donald C. MacDonald Everett H. Bean Douglas B. Lowry	Principal Clerk Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
1985	Everett H. Bean Earle F. Roberts Douglas B. Lowry	Acting Principal Clerk Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
1986	Earle F. Roberts Everett H. Bean Douglas B. Lowry	Principal Clerk Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
1987	Earle F. Roberts Donald C. MacDonald Douglas B. Lowry Tony Plomp	Principal Clerk Principal Clerk Emeritus Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
1988-1989	Earle F. Roberts Donald C. Macdonald Everett H. Bean	Principal Clerk Principal Clerk Emeritus Principal Clerk Emeritus

	Douglas B. Lowry Tony Plomp	Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
1990	Earle F. Roberts Everett H. Bean Douglas B. Lowry Tony Plomp	Principal Clerk Principal Clerk Emeritus Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
1991-1992	Earle F. Roberts Douglas B. Lowry Tony Plomp	Principal Clerk Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
1993-1997	Thomas Gemmell Barbara McLean Tony Plomp	Principal Clerk Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
1998	Thomas Gemmell Barbara McLean Tony Plomp Cedric C. Pettigrew	Principal Clerk Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk, pro tem
1999-2002	Stephen Kendall Barbara McLean Tony Plomp	Principal Clerk Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
2003	Stephen Kendall Barbara McLean Tony Plomp Don Muir	Principal Clerk Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
2004-	Stephen Kendall Don Muir Tony Plomp	Principal Clerk Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk



## Acts and Proceedings

The Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada are a yearly publication containing the minutes of the General Assembly, reports of the boards and committees of the Church, and statistical information for each congregation across the country. Each year the Assembly appoints a committee to examine the minutes of the previous year's Assembly and attests their accuracy. One copy is then signed by the Clerk, and this becomes the "official" copy.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
---	1875-present	Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada Bound Volumes (Reference Copy); located in the Periodicals Section
---	1875-2000	Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada Microfilm Copy
---	1925-present	Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada Official Copy (Signed and Attested); located in the Periodicals section

## The Book of Forms

Following the 1875 union the General Assembly appointed a Committee on Ecclesiastical Procedure which compiled the first edition of the Book of Forms between 1876 and 1879. In 1883 Assembly appointed a Committee on the Book of Forms which met from 1883-1889 and produced the second edition. The Committee to Revise the Book of Forms met from 1900-1902 and produced the third edition. Another Committee on the Revision of the Book of Forms, also known as the Committee on Revision of Rules and Forms of Procedure, met from 1925-1933 and produced the fourth edition. Thereafter, revisions were made by the General Assembly through the Clerks of Assembly, with a reprint in 1954 and revisions in 1979 and 1981 (which inserted inclusive language) and 1993.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1982-1022-1-1	1879	<u>Rules and Forms of Procedure: The Constitution and Procedure of The Presbyterian Church in Canada</u> Toronto: Hart and Rawlinson, 1879; 95pp.
1982-1022-1-2	1885	<u>Rules and Forms of Procedure: The Constitution and Procedure of The Presbyterian Church in Canada</u> Toronto: Hart and Co., 1885; 95pp.
1982-1022-1-3	1889	<u>Rules and Forms of Procedure in the Church Courts of the Presbyterian Church in Canada</u> Adopted by the 1889 General Assembly Toronto: Presbyterian News Co., 1889; 144pp.
1982-1022-1-4	1889	Ibid. Toronto: Presbyterian News Co., 1889; 144pp.
1982-1022-1-5	1899	Ibid. Montreal: The William Drysdale Co'y., 1899; 144pp.
1982-1022-1-6	1903	Ibid. Revised 1903 Toronto: The Westminster Company, 1903; 152pp.
1982-1022-1-7	1909	Ibid. Revised 1908-09 Toronto: The Westminster Co. Ltd., 1909; 153pp.
1982-1022-1-8	1914	Ibid. Revised 1914 Toronto: The Westminster Co. Ltd., 1914; 194pp.
1982-1022-1-9	1914	Ibid. Revised 1914 Toronto: The Westminster Co. Ltd., 1914; 194pp.
1982-1022-1-10	1921	Ibid. Revised 1919 Toronto: Presbyterian Publications, 1921; 194pp.
1982-1022-1-11	1925	Ibid. Revised 1919 Toronto: Presbyterian Publications, 1925; 194pp.
1982-1022-1-16	1928	Draft of the Revised Book of Rules and Forms, First Part Produced by the Committee on Revision of Rules and Forms of Procedure
1982-1022-1-17	1930	Draft of the Revised Book of Rules and Forms Produced by the Committee on Revision of Rules and Forms of Procedure

1982-1022-1-12	1933	<u>The Book of Forms.</u> Revised and issued by authority of General Assembly, 1932 Toronto: Presbyterian Publications, 1933; 192pp.
1982-1022-1-13	1933	Ibid. Toronto: Presbyterian Publications, 1933; 192pp.
1982-1022-1-18	1948	Ibid. Toronto: Presbyterian Publications, 1948; 192pp.
1982-1022-1-14	1955	<u>The Book of Forms.</u> Revised and issued by authority of the 80 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada 1954 Toronto: Presbyterian Publications, 1955; 188pp.
1982-1022-1-19	1970	<u>The Book of Forms.</u> Revised and issued by authority of the 95 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada 1969 Don Mills: Presbyterian Publications, 1970; 170pp.
2007-1039	1977	The Book of Forms. Revised and issued by authority of the 103 <sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada 1977 Don Mills: Presbyterian Publications, 1977; 170pp.
1982-1022-1-15	1981	<u>The Book of Forms.</u> Revised and issued by authority of the 105 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada 1979 Don Mills: Presbyterian Publications, 1981; 200pp.
2007-1018-1-1	1988	Ibid. 1981 Book of Forms with updates to 1988
2007-1018-1-2	1991	Ibid. 1981 Book of Forms with updates to 1991
2001-1043	1998	<u>The Book of Forms.</u> Revised and issued by authority of the 119 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada 1993 1993 Book of Forms with updates to 1998
2007-1018-1-3	2001	Ibid. 1993 Book of Forms with updated to 2001
2016-1014-1-1	2009	<u>The Book of Forms.</u> 2006 edition, printed in 2007 and containing updates for 2008 and 2009.
2016-1014-1-1	2012	<u>The Book of Forms.</u> 2012 edition; bound, softcover.

## Moderator Files

This series consists of various files and documents relating to the work and activities of the Moderator, such as general correspondence, travel itineraries, invitations to visit, etc. The files were kept by various Clerks of Assembly and the Assembly Office over the years. Several Moderators have also donated records relating to their year as Moderator directly to the Archives as part of their own personal papers. As these were personal donations, they have been accessioned as "Personal Papers" rather than as records of the General Assembly or Assembly Office. To assist researchers, however, these collections have also been listed in this section. They can be identified by their "File Number" which will contain a "5000" number as opposed to a "1000" number, i.e. 1980-5001-1-2

### G. Deane Johnston (92<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, 1966)

1980-5001-1-2	1966	Correspondence re: nomination as Moderator
1980-5001-1-3	1966-1967	Correspondence
1980-5001-1-4	1966-1967	Correspondence
1980-5001-1-5	1966-1967	Correspondence
1980-5001-1-6	1966-1967	Correspondence
1980-5001-1-7	1966-1967	Correspondence
1999-5006-1-9	1966	Letters of congratulations received after being elected Moderator

### Edward H. Johnson (95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 1969)

1973-5005-12-1	1969	Letters of congratulations re: election as Moderator
1973-5005-12-2	1969	Correspondence with St. Paul's P.C., Hamilton
1973-5005-12-3	1969	Letter to Commissioners, Materials re: Assembly
1973-5005-12-4	1969	General Board of Missions correspondence; Outline for Assembly
1973-5005-12-5	1969-1970	Correspondence and information re: Moderator's itinerary and Visitations
1973-5005-12-6	1969	Trip to London, September 1969
1973-5005-12-7	1969	Trip to the Atlantic Provinces, Oct. 1969
1973-5005-12-8	1969	Trip to Western Canada, Oct. 1969
1973-5005-12-9	1969	Visit to Leaside P.C., Oct. 1969
1973-5005-12-10	1969	Trip to Ottawa, Oct. 1969
1973-5005-12-11	1970	Itinerary, Jan. 25-Feb. 13
1973-5005-12-12	1970	Visit to Fairlawn United Church, March 1970
1973-5005-12-13	1970	Visit to Sudbury and North Bay, March 1970

1973-5005-12-14	1970	Itinerary, March 31-April 9
1973-5005-12-15	1970	Trip to Thunder Bay, April 1970
1973-5005-12-16	1970	Presbyterian Men Breakfast Meeting, April 18, 1970
1973-5005-12-17	1970	Visit to Orangeville, April 19, 1970
1973-5005-12-18	1970	Atlantic Trip, April 1970
1973-5005-12-19	1970	Trip to Britain, May 1970
1973-5005-12-20	1970	Scotland visit on British Trip
1973-5005-12-21	1969	Synod of Hamilton-London correspondence
1973-5005-12-22	1969	Synod of Montreal and Ottawa correspondence
1973-5005-12-23	1969	Women's Inter-Church Council correspondence
1973-5005-12-24	1969-1970	General correspondence to and from Moderator
1973-5005-13-1	1970	General Assembly 1970
1973-5005-13-2	1970	General Assembly 1970 – preparatory material
1973-5005-13-3	1970	General Assembly 1970 – Moderator business, order of service
1973-5005-13-4	1969	General Assembly "ACT" (Action for Churches Transformation) Newsletters and information on ACT policies and intentions
1973-5005-13-5	1968-1969	LAMP report 1 copy of the report; newsletter, minutes, outline of aims and related correspondence
1973-5005-13-6	1966-1971	Committee on International Affairs – minutes and Correspondence
1973-5005-13-7	1968-1969	Retirement committee – minutes and correspondence
1973-5005-13-8	1968-1969	Degroot committee – correspondence and reports re: Missions' Board aims and structure

A. Lorne MacKay (102<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, 1976)

1992-1208-1-6	1976	Letter written by Rev. A. Lorne MacKay re: Assembly's adoption of a statement to be used "as a guide for the study of China and the Christian response".
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DeCourcy Rayner (103<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, 1977)

1992-1208-1-5	1977, 1978	Letter written by DeCourcy Rayner to all congregation regarding national unity. File also includes a copy of a pamphlet entitled "National Unity: A Theological Statement approved by the 104th General Assembly of the PCC".
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Jesse E. Bigelow (104<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 1978)

2006-1061-1-4            1978            Procedures and text for the installation of Dr. Bigelow as Moderator

Kenneth McMillan (105<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 1979)

1992-1208-1-7            1979            Letter written by Rev. Kenneth McMillan re: the Assembly's resolution to commit to the doubling of membership in 10 years.

Wayne A. Smith (108<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 1982)

1992-1208-1-9            1982            Letter written by Rev. Wayne A. Smith to the Editor of the Toronto Star re: a statement made by Bishops on "Ethical Reflections on the Economic Crisis".

2006-1061-7-5            1982-1983            Moderator – Wayne Smith  
Minutes of the Committee to Advise with the Moderator

Donald C. MacDonald (109<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 1983)

1992-1208-1-8            1983            Letter written by Dr. Donald C. MacDonald circulating a letter signed by various denominational leaders on the subject of a "Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace".

J. Charles Hay (112<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 1986)

2000-5008-3-2            [1986?]            Address – "From the Moderator"

2000-5008-3-3            1987            Sermon – "Vision Incorporated"  
Given at the 113<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

2000-5008-3-4            1986-1987            Correspondence

2000-5008-3-5            1986            Correspondence

2000-5008-3-6            1986            Correspondence

2000-5008-3-7            1986            Moderator's Tour  
Correspondence, itineraries, orders of service

2000-5008-3-8            1987            Trip to British Columbia  
Correspondence, itineraries, orders of service

2000-5008-3-9            1987            Trip to British Columbia  
Report

2000-5008-3-10            1987            Trip to Central America  
Correspondence and report

2000-5008-3-11            1987            Central America  
News clippings and notes

2000-5008-3-12            1995            Meeting of Past Moderators  
Letter and summary of discussions

2000-5008-3-13            1995            Meeting of Past Moderators  
Report

Tony Plomp (113th General Assembly, 1987)

2002-1010-1-1            1987-1988            Correspondence – Outgoing Letters

2002-1010-1-2            1987-1988            Correspondence – Incoming Letters

John F. Allan (116th General Assembly, 1990)

2006-1061-7-4            1990-1991            Moderator – John Allan  
Correspondence re: trip to Eastern Europe

John R. Cameron (117th General Assembly, 1991)

2006-1061-7-3            1991-1992            Moderator – John Cameron  
Correspondence, includes responses to Dr. Cameron's call to congregations to initiate correspondence with a French-speaking parish in Quebec to promote better understanding.

Linda J. Bell (118th General Assembly, 1992)

2003-5006                [1993?]                Booklet  
73 page booklet written by Linda Bell about her year as Moderator.

Earle F. Roberts (119th General Assembly, 1993)

2006-1061-7-2            1993-1994            Moderator – Earle Roberts  
Correspondence, itineraries, etc.

George Vais (120th General Assembly, 1994)

2007-1047                1994-1995            Correspondence  
Includes a draft of a letter to the Prime Minister, Jean Chretien, in December 1994 regarding refugees; a response from the Minister for International Trade, Roy MacLaren, to a letter Dr. Vais sent regarding international trade and developing countries, and a draft of a possible ecumenical letter to the Prime Minister in October 1995 regarding the resolution to eliminate poverty among Canadian children by the year 2000.

2006-1061-7-1            1994-1995            Moderator – George Vais  
Correspondence, itineraries, etc.

Alan McPherson (121st General Assembly, 1995)

2006-1059                1995                    Christmas letter written by Dr. McPherson to the staff of 50 Wynford Drive

2006-1061-6-6            1995-1996            Moderator – Alan McPherson  
Correspondence, itineraries, etc.

Tamiko (Nakamura) Corbett (122nd General Assembly, 1996)

2006-1061-6-4            1996-1997            Moderator – Tam Corbett  
File 1 of 2: Correspondence re: invitations to visit (accepted).

2006-1061-6-5      1996-1997      Moderator – Tam Corbett  
File 2 of 2: Correspondence re: invitations to visit (accepted).

John D. Congram (123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, 1997)

2000-1022-1-1      1997-1998      Addresses

2000-1022-1-2      1997-1998      Correspondence

2000-1022-1-3      1997-1998      Correspondence

2000-1022-1-4      1997-1998      Correspondence

2000-1022-1-5      1997-1998      Correspondence re: Role of the Moderator

2000-1022-1-6      May 1998      Itinerary

2000-1022-1-7      1997-1998      Members of the Committee to Advise the Moderator

2000-1022-1-8      1998      Orders of Service  
Worship services attended by John Congram

2006-1061-1-7      1997      Letters of condolence and thank-you letters written by John Congram

2006-1061-1-8      1998      Correspondence re: requests/invitations to visit

2006-1071-1-8      1997, 1998      Correspondence re: requests/invitations to visits (accepted)

2006-1061-1-9      1997, 1998      Correspondence re: requests/invitations to visit (declined)

Joseph W. Reed (127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 2001)

2006-1061-3-9      2001-2002      Moderator – Joe Reed  
Correspondence

2006-1061-3-10      2001-2002      Moderator – Joe Reed  
Correspondence re: itinerary, invitations, visits

J. Mark Lewis (128<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 2002)

2006-1061-3-11      2002-2003      Moderator – Mark Lewis  
Correspondence

2006-1061-3-12      2002-2003      Moderator – Mark Lewis  
Itinerary

2006-1061-4-1      2002-2003      Moderator – Mark Lewis  
Correspondence re: invitations to visit (accepted)

2006-1061-4-2      2002      Moderator – Mark Lewis  
Correspondence re: invitations to visit (declined)

P.A. (Sandy) McDonald (129<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 2003)

2006-1061-4-3      2003-2004      Moderator – P.A. (Sandy) McDonald  
Correspondence



2006-1061-4-4	2003	Moderator – P.A. (Sandy) McDonald Itineraries
2006-1061-4-5	2003-2004	Moderator – P.A. (Sandy) McDonald Correspondence re: invitations to visit (accepted)
2006-1061-4-6	2003-2004	Moderator – P.A. (Sandy) McDonald Correspondence re: invitations to visit (declined)

M. Jean Morris (131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, 2005)

2006-1009	2006	Letter Letter written to The Right Honourable Paul Martin, Prime Minister of Canada, signed by a number of faith leaders including The Rev. Jean Morris, requesting the government take the necessary steps to help bring peace and security to the Darfur region of Sudan, Africa.
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## Clerks of Assembly/Principal Clerk Files (1925-c.1992)

The Clerks of Assembly are the principal officers appointed by the General Assembly. They are responsible for advising the Moderator on procedure and ensuring that the official minutes are correctly recorded. They also provide continuity from one Assembly to the next. In each year from 1875-1970 there were generally two joint "Clerks of Assembly". Since 1971 there has been a Principal Clerk and one or two Deputy Clerks. Administrative support staff has also been added over the years to assist the work of the Clerks.

### General Files (1925-c.1976)

Series consists of files generated by the various Clerks of Assembly over the years 1925-c.1976. The records are by no means complete and it is known that a large number of records were destroyed, including much of the records generated during the time that Louis Fowler was a Clerk of Assembly. As a result, it is a very miscellaneous collection, touching upon a wide range of topics but without a great deal of consistency or continuity. Due to this miscellaneous character, the files have simply been listed in chronological order. The files were transferred to the Archives from the Clerk of Assembly's office at various times between 1984 and 2009. As the Clerk of Assembly also generally served as Secretary to the Board of Administration/Administrative Council and to the Trustee Board, the files will at times contain correspondence relating to these other bodies.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1984-1001-2-8	1925	Notifications of Intent Copies of acknowledgements sent by the United Church of Canada concerning receipt of notifications by ministers of their intent not to enter the United Church of Canada
2009-1041-6-7	1925	Certificate of Registration of Copyright for the Presbyterian Record
1984-1001-2-7	1925-1928	General Assembly relations with Overseas Churches Greetings from overseas churches, requests for fraternal delegates
1984-1001-2-11	1925-46, 1956	Synod of the Maritime Provinces Includes reports of commemoration of landing of Rev. James McGregor (photographs)
1984-1001-2-12	1925-27, 1935-37	Synod of Manitoba
1984-1001-2-10	1927-1941	Knox College alumni
1984-1001-2-2	1928-1930	Vindhya and Saptura Mountain Bhil Presbytery Appeal to General Assembly concerning proposed incorporation of Presbytery in the United Church of North India
1984-1001-2-9	1928-1944	Vindhya and Saptura Mountain Bhil Presbytery Correspondence and minutes; relates to routine business and also to issue of church union in North India
1984-1001-3-5	1931-1935	Commission on the Situation in Knox College Correspondence with Commissioners concerning Dr. Thomas Eakin's removal and reinstatement as principal
1984-1001-2-15	1932-1964	Morrin College, Quebec Correspondence concerning legal status of Presbyterian Church in Canada on the Board of the College

2009-1041-6-8	1933	Certificate of Registration of Copyright for "The Book of Forms"
1984-1001-3-9	1935-1947	United Church of Canada Correspondence concerning inter-church relations
1984-1001-2-1	1938	Alberta Legislature Correspondence mainly with solicitors relating to legislation concerning mortgages and property
1984-1001-3-11	1939-1970	Dominion Church Property Commission Correspondence with officers of the United Church of Canada concerning estates and property issues
1984-1001-3-6	1942-1944	Committee to Investigate Conditions in the Colleges Correspondence with chairman and members relating to expenses and administration
1984-1001-2-3	1943-1945	Faculty of Theology, McGill University Correspondence relating to overtures to General Assembly
1984-1001-4-3	c.1944	Committee on Recruitment for Full-Time Service Minutes and reports
1984-1001-2-4	1947	Petitions to Assembly Correspondence and petitions submitted by Presbyteries
1984-1001-3-4	1948-1963	Historical and miscellaneous questions Queries to Clerks from individuals concerning various historical topics and other issues
1984-1001-4-12	1949-1950	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Correspondence of Secretary, Rev. E. A. Thomson
2005-1033	1950-1964	Alphabetical listing of rulings and actions of the Clerks of Assembly and Special Committees on which they served.
2009-1041-6-9	1951	Trust Agreement re: Fund for Ministerial Assistance
1992-1208-1-1	1953	Letter written to the Clerk of Assembly (E.A.Thomson) on June 23, 1953 regarding a news clipping stating that a Presbyterian minister from Montreal performed a graveside eulogy at the burial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg (the Rosenbergs were executed after being found guilty of espionage and the passing of information relating to the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union). Includes Dr. Thomson's letter in response.
1992-1208-1-2	1953	Short series of correspondence in 1953 between Dr. E.A. Thomson and Mr. Alex Burr, Chairman of the Historical Committee of the Synod of North Dakota of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. re: information about James Sutherland, the Red River Settlement, and the movement to West Gwillimbury.
1984-1001-2-13	1956	Presbytery of Lindsay
1984-1001-2-6	1956-1957	Canadian Passenger Association Correspondence concerning clergy fares

1984-1001-3-7	1956-1960	United Church of Canada Correspondence mainly relating to the publication of a letter of Rev. Dr. John MacNab in <u>Life and Work</u> (Church of Scotland magazine) concerning the United Church
1984-1001-2-14	1958-1964	United Church of Canada Correspondence relating to property; includes correspondence of the Secretary of the Trustee Board
1984-1001-3-8	1959	Stewardship and Budget Resignation of Field Secretary; also correspondence from a group of ministers in teaching posts concerning income tax exemptions
2009-1041-6-10	1959	Letters re: loan payments of Rev. H.G. Grace
1984-1001-2-5	1959-1964	Synod of British Columbia
1984-1001-4-1	1962	Presbyterian College, Montreal Correspondence and reports relating to Assembly Investigation
1984-1001-4-2	1962-1965	Consultation on Christian Nurture for the Whole Church Minutes, reports and correspondence
1984-1001-3-1	1962-1968	National Development Fund and Capital Fund Campaign Correspondence, minutes of steering committee, and reports: includes "A Study of the Fund-Raising Potential for the Presbyterian Church in Canada" prepared by G.A. Blakely & Co. Ltd.
1984-1001-4-7	1962-1977	Cemeteries Correspondence concerning legal ownership and responsibility for cemeteries in various parts of Canada
2009-1041-6-11	c.1963	Memos re: demand notes with the Bank of Nova Scotia
2007-1002-2-17	1963	Documents re: Transfer of Pension Fund to Canada Life
1984-1001-4-5	1963-1965	Fund for Ministerial Assistance Correspondence
1984-1001-3-2	1963-1971	Rev. G. Deane Johnston
1984-1001-4-9	1963-1973	Correspondence Miscellaneous compiled correspondence concerning Dr. Fred Goforth, Penmarvian Home, sites for the administrative offices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, disciplinary cases, General Assembly matters, committees and other matters
2009-1041-6-12	1964	Correspondence re: the Pension Fund
2009-1041-6-13	c.1964-1965	Box containing Group Insurance staff policy cards (items were removed from the box and placed in a file)
1984-1001-4-4	1964-1968	Committee on Recruitment for Full-Time Service Minutes, reports and correspondence

1984-1001-4-8	1964-1977	Committee on Inter-Church Relations Correspondence of the Secretary and reports
1984-1001-3-10	1965-1966	Dominion Church Property Commission Correspondence with officers of the United Church of Canada and others concerning church property settlements
2009-1041-6-14	1965-1967	General information and legal documents relating to the Christian Pavilion at Expo '67
1992-1209	1966	Letters between Dr. Thomson and Senator J.J. Kinely re: the relative ages of St. Andrew's Quebec and St. Andrew's Lunenburg, and also the work of the Joint Divorce Committee in Parliament
2007-1001-5-2	1966-1969	Committee on Synod Corporations Contains minutes, some correspondence, and documents re: typical causes of default
2009-1041-6-15	1967	Order of Service – "Ceremonies marking the Hundredth Anniversary of Confederation in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1967" (Rev. John Logan-Vencta took part in the service).
1984-1001-3-3	1968-1970	Administration of General Assembly Correspondence and circulars
2009-1002-1-1	1968-1992	Correspondence with the Presbytery of Glengarry
2004-1030	1972-1981	Committee on Business for General Assembly Minutes
1984-1001-4-11	1971-1979	Presbytery and Synod Clerks Correspondence and circulars
1984-1001-4-10	1975	General Assembly Billeting Committee Circular
2009-1041-6-16	n.d.	Document about the safe/vault lock at 50 Wynford Drive

### General Files (c.1976-1992)

Series includes various files of Donald McDonald and Earle Roberts. Some of the files were kept specifically by one or the other, whereas many files overlap the terms of both Clerks. The vast majority of the files date from the 1976-1992 time period, however, some include documents older than 1976 and more recent than 1992. Most of the files were transferred to the Archives in 2006 and 2007 directly from the Assembly Office. These files (along with the Subject/Correspondence files in the following series) therefore can't be viewed as a complete set of records documenting the work of the Clerks between 1976 and 1992. Rather, they are a small group of remnant files that were in the Assembly Office after Dr. Roberts retirement and sporadically used by Tom Gemmell and eventually boxed up and transferred to the Archives by Stephen Kendall.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2007-1002-1-1	1980-1988	Miscellaneous correspondence "A"
2007-1002-1-2	1982-1992	Miscellaneous correspondence "B"

2007-1002-1-3	1977-1989	Miscellaneous correspondence "C"
2007-1002-1-4	1981-1989	Miscellaneous correspondence "D"
2007-1002-1-5	1982-1990	Miscellaneous correspondence "E"
2007-1002-1-6	1981-1988	Miscellaneous correspondence "F"
2007-1002-1-7	1982-1991	Miscellaneous correspondence "G"
2007-1002-1-8	1971-1989	Miscellaneous correspondence "H"
2007-1002-1-9	1981-1987	Miscellaneous correspondence "I"
2007-1002-1-10	1981-1992	Miscellaneous correspondence "J"
2007-1002-1-11	1982-1992	Miscellaneous correspondence "K"
2007-1002-1-12	1982-1992	Miscellaneous correspondence "L"
2007-1002-1-13	1981-1990	Miscellaneous correspondence "M"
2007-1002-1-14	1974-1991	Miscellaneous correspondence "Mac"
2007-1002-1-15	1981-1992	Miscellaneous correspondence "Mc"
2007-1002-1-16	1981-1991	Miscellaneous correspondence "N"
2007-1002-1-17	1981-1998	Miscellaneous correspondence "O"
2007-1002-1-18	1981-1991	Miscellaneous correspondence "P"
2007-1002-1-19	1979-1989	Miscellaneous correspondence "R"
2007-1002-1-20	1978-1989	Miscellaneous correspondence "S"
2007-1002-1-21	1982-1989	Miscellaneous correspondence "T"
2007-1002-2-1	1982	Miscellaneous correspondence "V"
2007-1002-2-16	1981-1983	Miscellaneous correspondence "W"
2007-1002-2-2	1981-1987	Miscellaneous correspondence "XYZ"
2009-1002-1-1	1968-1992	Correspondence with the Presbytery of Glengarry
2007-1002-2-14	1968, 1981	Correspondence re: Book of Forms
2004-1030	1972-1981	Committee on Business for General Assembly Minutes
2007-1002-2-4	1975-1977	Correspondence re: Points of Law
2007-1001-5-8	1977-1993	Correspondence re: Location of General Assemblies
2006-1061-1-4	1978	Procedures and text for the installation of the Moderator Includes documents specific to the installation of Dr. Jesse

		Bigelow as Moderator of the 104 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly.
2007-1002-2-11	1978-1983	Correspondence with the Church of Scotland
2007-1001-5-9	1979-1983	Correspondence with Fraternal Delegates to Assembly
2007-1002-2-15	1980	Correspondence re: Operation Life Line
2007-1003-1-1	1981-1986	Praiseways Committee (Music Committee) Contains minutes of the committee, and some correspondence.
2007-1002-2-5	1981-1982	Correspondence re: Administrative Council
2007-1002-2-8	1981-1982	Correspondence with the World Alliance of Reformed Churches
2007-1002-2-10	1981-1982	Correspondence re: PLURA
2007-1002-2-12	1981-1982	Correspondence re: Bursaries
2009-1002-1-2	1981-1992	Correspondence with the Presbytery of Brockville
2007-1001-5-7	1981-1995	Clerks of Assembly Correspondence
2007-1002-2-3	1982	Correspondence with committees and boards of Assembly Only a few letters
2007-1002-2-9	1982	Correspondence with the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
2007-1002-2-13	1982	Correspondence with the Canadian Bible Society
2007-1002-2-6	1982-1983	Correspondence with the World Council of Churches
2007-1002-2-7	1982-1983	Correspondence re: WARC meeting in Ottawa, Aug. '82
2007-1001-5-12	1982-1983	Legal correspondence re: Lily and Charles Hart vs. the PCC
2007-1001-5-10	1983	Legal documents re: St. Andrew's P.C., Petrolia, Ontario Photocopies
2006-1061-1-5	1983-1984	Special Committee re: Scope and Function Between Assemblies of the Moderator Minutes, reports, some correspondence
2007-1003-1-2	1984-1988	Correspondence re: insurance and liability
2006-1061-1-11	1984-1998	Vancouver School of Theology Correspondence, agreements etc.
2007-1001-5-1	1984-1991	Correspondence re: Membership on Councils and Committees
2007-1003-1-4	1984-1995	50 Wynford Drive Correspondence and other documents re: staff matters
1992-1208-1-3	1985	Two letters written and distributed by Dr. Earle F. Roberts in February and March 1985 relating to "Presbyterian Publications".

2007-1001-5-4	1985-1990	Consultation on Church and Society Small file of correspondence between Earle Roberts and Ken Craigie and Ray Hodgson
2007-1001-6-1	1986-1994	Moderator's "Booklets" Consists of minutes, itineraries, and other information deemed helpful for the Moderator. There is a separate section for each of the Moderator's from 1986-1993.
1992-1208-1-4	1987	Letter written by Dr. Earle F. Roberts on Dec. 23, 1987 to all ministers re: the General Assembly resolution that congregations are not permitted to appeal for finances outside their bounds without the sanction of the presbytery.
2007-1001-5-11	1988	Legal documents re: Westminster P.C., Ottawa and Rev. John Finlayson
2007-1001-5-5	1989	Correspondence re: Covenant Community
2007-1001-5-3	1990	Letter from Rev. Earl Smith, Church of Scientology requesting Dr. Earle Robert's signature on a petition to Ontario Premier Bob Rae regarding the criminal prosecution/charging of religious bodies (in this case, the Church of Scientology). [Note: Dr. Roberts indicated he could not sign, but the reasons are not given].
2007-1048	1990-1991	Correspondence re: location of future Assemblies Correspondence of the Clerk of Assembly regarding information and decisions on the locations for future General Assemblies.
2009-1002-1-3	1990-1991	Correspondence with the Presbytery of Lake of the Woods
2007-1005-1-6	1992-1993	Correspondence re: Staffing issues during the restructuring of 50 Wynford Drive in 1992 Includes a few letters written by Linda Bell, Moderator, to staff who lost their jobs

### Subject/Correspondence Files (c.1976-c.1992)

Like the previous series (General Files, c.1976-1992), this series includes various files of Donald McDonald and Earle Roberts. These files appear to have been kept as a sort of reference collection (Tom Gemmell at times refers to them as the "Gold Mine" files). Unfortunately, it doesn't appear to have been solidly maintained. Often there are only a few documents in each file, generally touching upon Church policy or procedure in some way. In many cases the titles may be quite broad, but the document(s) within will be in response to a fairly specific question within that broad topic. As such, the contents may be disappointing to researchers. The majority of the documents in the files are from the 1980s, although some are from the 1970s and 1990s. The files were located in the office of the Principal Clerk and were boxed up and transferred to the Archives by Rev. Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk, in November 2005 and accessioned in 2007.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2007-1001-1-1	c.1988	Abortion
2007-1001-1-2	1984-1985, 1996	Adherents
2007-1001-1-3	1984	Amalgamation of Congregations
2007-1001-1-4	1987	Anniversaries/Birthdays



2007-1001-1-5	1984-1992	Appeals: Congregational
2007-1001-1-6	1983-1988	Appeals/Assessments: Presbytery
2007-1001-1-7	1979-1985	Assets: Dissolved Congregations
2007-1001-1-8	1984	Assets: Congregations (Healthy)
2007-1001-1-9	1986	Assets: Amalgamated Congregations
2007-1001-1-10	1991	Auditing Church Records
2007-1001-1-11	1989, 1999	Baptism
2007-1001-1-12	[198-]	Barrier Act
2007-1001-1-13	1970, 1986	Benevolences
2007-1001-1-14	1986, 1995	Bequests
2007-1001-1-15	1989	Bills and Overtures
2007-1001-1-16	1988	Book of Forms: Section 247
2007-1001-1-17	1979, 1986	Book of Forms
2007-1001-1-18	1989	Burning Bush
2007-1001-1-19	1984	Bursaries – William Archibald Fund
2007-1001-1-20	n.d.	Bursaries – Ethel and George Wood Brown Fund
2007-1001-1-21	1989	Business Committee – General Assembly
2007-1001-1-22	1994	Chaplains – Code of Conduct
2007-1001-1-23	1982	Charities Accounting Act
2007-1001-1-24	1987, 1988	Catechists – Solemnization of Marriages
2007-1001-1-25	n.d.	Certificates of Ordination (blank form)
2007-1001-1-26	1967, 1984	Circularizing Presbyteries
2007-1001-1-27	1979-1992	Clerks of Assembly – Appointment Procedures and Duties
2007-1001-1-28	1984-1985	Clerks of Presbytery
2007-1001-1-29	1994	Clerks of Session
2007-1001-1-30	1985, 1987	Colleges: Tuition Fees
2007-1001-1-31	1979, 1984	Colleges: St. Andrew's Hall
2007-1001-1-32	1986	Commissions
2007-1001-1-33	1984, 1988	Communion
2007-1001-1-34	1984-1985, 1992	Communion Roll
2007-1001-1-35	1986	Congregation: Building Programmes
2007-1001-1-36	1987	Congregation: Charging Rental Fees
2007-1001-1-37	1988	Congregation: Constitution
2007-1001-1-38	1987	Congregation: Establishing a Bursary
2007-1001-1-39	1988	Congregation: Finances
2007-1001-1-40	1978	Congregation: Independent/Community/Union
2007-1001-1-41	1984	Congregation: Managers, Board of
2007-1001-1-42	1987	Congregation: Meetings
2007-1001-1-43	1986	Congregation: Name
2007-1001-1-44	1986	Congregation: Organizing New
2007-1001-1-45	1984	Congregation: Place of Meeting
2007-1001-1-46	1988	Congregation: Records
2007-1001-1-47	1986	Congregation: Roll
2007-1001-1-48	1986	Congregation: Visitation of
2007-1001-2-1	1984, 1991	Continuing Education/Sabbaticals
2007-1001-2-2	1983	Crieff Hills
2007-1001-2-3	1987	Deacon's Court
2007-1001-2-4	1982, 1984	Diaconal Ministries
2007-1001-2-5	n.d.	Ecumenical Visitors
2007-1001-2-6	1984-1991	Elders
2007-1001-2-7	n.d.	Executive Staff
2007-1001-2-8	1991	Freemasonry
2007-1001-2-9	1986, 1987	Graduating Students
2007-1001-2-10	1986-1990	Heritage Fund
2007-1001-2-11	1986	Homosexuality
2007-1001-2-12	1985, 1987	Households
2007-1001-2-13	1991, 1999, 2001	Housing Allowance
2007-1001-2-14	1986	Human Rights Legislation and Church

2007-1001-2-15	1988, 1991	Income Tax
2007-1001-2-16	1984	Incentive Growth Fund and BWM New Cong. Capital Fund
2007-1001-2-17	1985	Investment Policy
2007-1001-2-18	2002	Lay Workers
2007-1001-2-19	1984	Legal Opinions: Church Union Issues
2007-1001-2-20	1988	Legal Opinions: Church and State
2007-1001-2-21	1983, 1985, 1987	Legal Opinions: Civil Law and the Courts of the Church
2007-1001-2-22	1992	Legal Opinions: Conflict of Interest and Voting
2007-1001-2-23	1986, 1993, 1998	Legal Opinions: Copyright
2007-1001-2-24	1991	Legal Opinions: Dismissal of a Minister
2007-1001-2-25	1971, 1983, 1984	Legal Opinions: Miscellaneous
2007-1001-2-26	1964-1982	Legal Opinions: Points of Law
2007-1001-2-27	1971	Legal Matters: John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Hamilton
2007-1001-3-1	1989	Malpractice Insurance
2007-1001-3-2	1976, 1991	Marriage – Legal
2007-1001-3-3	1986	Ministers: Accommodation
2007-1001-3-4	1987	Ministers: Appendix to the Roll
2007-1001-3-5	1984, 1986	Ministers: Appointments by Presbytery
2007-1001-3-6	1987, 1990	Ministers: Assistant or Associate
2007-1001-3-7	1987	Ministers: Chaplains – Canadian Forces
2007-1001-3-8	1988	Ministers: Chaplains – Institutional
2007-1001-3-9	1991	Ministers: Complaint Against
2007-1001-3-10	1984	Ministers: Clergy Couples
2007-1001-3-11	1989	Ministers: Death (payments to spouse)
2007-1001-3-12	1985, 1989, 1990	Ministers: Emeritus
2007-1001-3-13	1986	Ministers: Graduating Student Appointments
2007-1001-3-14	1985	Ministers: Income Tax
2007-1001-3-15	1987	Ministers: Induction, Recognition
2007-1001-3-16	1987, 1989, 2000	Ministers: Interim Ministers
2007-1001-3-17	1987	Ministers: Interim Moderators
2007-1001-3-18	1986	Ministers: Manse
2007-1001-3-19	1987	Ministers: Moving Expenses
2007-1001-3-20	1984, 1989	Ministers: Non-PCC – Status of
2007-1001-3-21	1987, 1998	Ministers: Part-time Employment
2007-1001-3-22	1983, 1985	Ministers: Ordination of Women
2007-1001-3-23	1985	Ministers: Reception of
2007-1001-3-24	1986, 1988, 1990	Ministers: Retired
2007-1001-3-25	1985	Ministers: Retirement Age
2007-1001-3-26	1984	Ministers: Service of Recognition
2007-1001-3-27	1990	Ministers: Stated Supply
2007-1001-3-28	1991	Ministers: Two Rolls/Churches
2007-1001-3-29	1985, 1987	Ministers: Stipend
2007-1001-3-30	1986-1987	Ministers: Vacation
2007-1001-3-31	1984, 1985	Ministers: Voting Rights in Congregations
2007-1001-3-32	1984, 1986	Ministers: Without Congregation, Status of
2007-1001-3-33	1986-1991	Ministers: Ordination of
2007-1001-3-34	1984	Minutes: Attesting
2007-1001-3-35	1986	Missionary to the PCC
2007-1001-3-36	1984	Missionary Work (Definition)
2007-1001-3-37	1983	Missionaries (Overseas)
2007-1001-3-38	1988, 1999	Moderator – General Assembly
2007-1001-3-39	1987, 1988	Moon (Moonies), Sun Myung (Unification Church)
2007-1001-3-40	1987	Name Change
2007-1001-3-41	1986	Name: The Presbyterian Church in Canada
2007-1001-3-42	1984, 1985	Pensions: Minister – Additional
2007-1001-3-43	1986	Personal: Calvin Chambers
2007-1001-3-44	1987-1989	Name: “Presbyterians Sharing...”
2007-1001-3-45	1987	Presbytery Committees – Attendance

2007-1001-3-46	1985	Presbytery – Roll of
2007-1001-3-47	1988	Procedures: Certification of Students
2007-1001-3-48	1984	Procedures: In Camera
2007-1001-3-49	1984	Procedures: “To Lay on the Table”
2007-1001-3-50	1986	Procedures: Member Without Vote
2007-1001-3-51	1984	Procedures: “Power to Issue”
2007-1001-3-52	1987	Procedures: Quorum
2007-1001-3-53	1985	Procedures: Reports without Recommendation
2007-1001-3-54	1987	Procedures: Sit and Correspond
2007-1001-3-55	1992	Proxy Voting
2007-1001-3-56	1985	Property: Rental of Church
2007-1001-3-57	1979-1986	Property: General/Congregation
2007-1001-4-1	1983	Retirement Age
2007-1001-4-2	1991	St. Andrew’s Hall, Vancouver
2007-1001-4-3	1985, 1986, 1998	Session
2007-1001-4-4	1987	Session and Board of Managers: Relations
2007-1001-4-5	1984, 1986, 1992	Stipend
2007-1001-4-6	1984	Stipend & Allowances: Travel
2007-1001-4-7	1984	Superintendent of Missions
2007-1001-4-8	1987, 1991	Sunday Observance
2007-1001-4-9	1989	Treasurer: Congregational
2007-1001-4-10	1999, 2001	Trustees of Congregations
2007-1001-4-11	1987-2001	Trust Deeds
2007-1001-4-12	1939-1966	Trustee Board: Act of Incorporation
2007-1001-4-13	1984	Tyndale House, Montreal
2007-1001-4-14	1985	Undue Influence
2007-1001-4-15	1986	Utilities
2007-1001-4-16	1983-1999	Weddings: Who can conduct

## Principal Clerk/Assembly Office Files (c.1992- )

With the restructuring of the National Church Offices in 1992, the Clerk of Assembly's Office was formally renamed the Assembly Office, and given an expanded mandate. The files in this series were generated by the Principal Clerk, Deputy Clerk or Senior Administrator. The files reflect the wide range of activities in which the Clerks of Assembly are involved, from providing policy and procedural judgements, working on legal issues affecting the denomination, serving on various committees of Assembly and Assembly Council, liaising with other bodies within the church, and serving as a representative of The Presbyterian Church in Canada on boards and committees of Ecumenical Organizations. The files were kept in the Assembly Office and transferred to the Archives at various times between 2003 and 2007. Although the majority of the files in this section date from after 1992, some files contain earlier material. The arrangement of the files into the following series - General Files; Committee/Board Files; Lawsuits and Legal Issue Files; Residential Schools Files; Personnel Files; and Deputy Clerks Files – is an artificial arrangement made by the Archives' staff to help facilitate access to the records.

### General Files

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2007-1057	1992-1996	Restructuring Reports Copies of reports on the issue of restructuring which were produced by various committees/task forces
2006-1061-1-3	1995	Referrals from Synods and Presbyteries re: Biennial Assemblies
2007-1003-1-5	1995-1999	Letters of Congratulations/Letters of Condolences
2006-1061-9-2	1992-1995	Refugee Agreement – Letters Letters verifying that a specified congregation comes under the Sponsorship and Joint Assistance of Refugees agreement signed by the Presbyterian Church and the Government of Canada, and requesting assistance in facilitating the application of specific individuals.
2006-1061-9-3	1996	Refugee Agreement – Letters Letters verifying that a specified congregation comes under the Sponsorship and Joint Assistance of Refugees agreement signed by the Presbyterian Church and the Government of Canada, and requesting assistance in facilitating the application of specific individuals.
2006-1061-9-4	1997	Refugee Agreement – Letters of Approval Letters verifying/certifying that a congregation, as part of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has been approved for the sponsorship of a specified refugee(s) and his/her/their dependents. Also includes some correspondence between the PCC and the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.
2006-1061-9-5	1998-2002	Refugee Agreement – Letters of Approval Letters verifying/certifying that a congregation, as part of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has been approved for the sponsorship of a specified refugee(s) and his/her/their dependents.
2006-1061-3-6	1997	Study responses Re: Recommendation 2 Clerks of Assembly, 1997 re: Historical Certificates

2006-1061-3-7	1997	Study responses Re: Recommendation 3 Clerks of Assembly, 1997 re: Board of Managers
2006-1061-3-8	1997	Study responses Re: Recommendation 5 Pension Board, 1997 re: Pension Fund Increases
2006-1061-3-5	1997, 1998	Study responses Re: Overture #6, 1997 re: Establishment of a Permanent Judicial Commission
2006-1061-3-4	1998	Study responses Re: Overture #17, 1998 re: Maternity and Parental Leave
2006-1061-11-5	2004	Petition #1, 2004 Some correspondence and other documents

### Committee/Board Files

It should be noted that these files were kept by the Principal Clerk and therefore reflect his input and/or involvement in these committees. In some cases, however, the Principal Clerk may be the secretary for the committee, and/or the Assembly Office the official secretariat, and so there will be some overlap between what could be considered the "official" set of documents relating to the committee, and the Principal Clerk's own files relating to that committee. A number of the committees listed here have their own Finding Aid, listing the records that exist and are available in the Archives for research.

#### Ad Hoc Committee re: Review the Role of the Moderator

2006-1061-1-6	2001	Ad Hoc Committee re: Review the Role of the Moderator Agenda and background material
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#### Assembly Council – Executive

2007-1055-2-6	1998-2002	Assembly Council – Executive Minutes, agendas and meeting materials
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#### Assembly Council – Finance Committee

2007-1055-3-2	1998-2002	Assembly Council – Finance Committee Minutes and other meeting materials
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#### Assembly Council – Personnel Policy Committee

2007-1055-1-2	1998-2001	Personnel Policy Committee Meeting documents, minutes, notes, etc.
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#### Benevolences Committee

2006-1061-7-9	1994	Benevolences Committee Minutes, March 9, 1994
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#### Board of Congregational Life

2006-1061-5-8	1982-1992	Board of Congregational Life Correspondence of Earle Roberts primarily with Harry Waite, General Secretary of the BCL
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2006-1061-6-1	1983-1987	Board of Congregational Life Correspondence between the BCL and Earle Roberts re: “Corporate Responsibility” and the request of the BCL to use Church-held shares as to enable them to participate as proxies in corporate annual meetings
 <u>Board of Education and Reception</u>		
2006-1060-1-19	1991	Board of Education and Reception - Francophone Ministries Correspondence, notes, reports etc. re: provision of theological and ministerial education to French-speaking candidates
 <u>Board of Ministry</u>		
2006-1061-6-2	1981-1991	Board of Ministry Correspondence
 <u>Clerks of Assembly</u>		
2007-1001-5-7	1981-1995	Clerks of Assembly-Correspondence
2006-1061-2-9	1994	Clerks of Assembly Meeting, Oct. 28/1994 Meeting documents and correspondence
2006-1061-2-10	1997	Clerks of Assembly Meeting, Oct. 24/1997 Minutes
2006-1061-2-11	1998	Clerks of Assembly Meeting, March 20/1998 Meeting documents and correspondence
2006-1061-2-12	1998	Clerks of Assembly Meeting, June 6/1998 Meeting documents and correspondence
2006-1061-3-1	1998	Clerks of Assembly Meeting, October 23/1998 Meeting documents and correspondence
2006-1061-3-2	1999	Clerks of Assembly Meeting, March 12/1999 Meeting documents and correspondence
2006-1061-3-3	2000	Clerks of Assembly Meeting, April 5/2000 Meeting documents and correspondence
2014-1013-1-1	2000	Clerks of Assembly Letter to Cassels Brock and reply
2007-1055-1-3	2000-2001	Clerks of Assembly Meeting documents and correspondence
2007-1055-1-4	2002	Clerks of Assembly Meeting documents and correspondence
2007-1055-1-5	2003	Clerks of Assembly Meeting documents and correspondence
2014-1013-1-2	2004	Clerks of Assembly Meeting documents and correspondence

2014-1013-1-2	2005	Clerks of Assembly Meeting documents and correspondence
2014-1013-1-2	2006	Clerks of Assembly Meeting documents and correspondence
2014-1013-1-2	2007	Clerks of Assembly Meeting documents and correspondence
2014-1013-1-2	2008	Clerks of Assembly Meeting documents and correspondence
2014-1013-1-2	2009	Clerks of Assembly Meeting documents and correspondence
2014-1013-1-2	2010	Clerks of Assembly Meeting documents and correspondence
2014-1013-1-2	2011	Clerks of Assembly Meeting documents and correspondence

Commission on the Assets of Dissolved and Amalgamated Congregations

2006-1061-10-3	1982-1990, 1994	Commission on the Assets of Dissolved and Amalgamated Congregations Correspondence
2006-1061-10-4	1998-1999	Commission on the Assets of Dissolved and Amalgamated Congregations Correspondence
2007-1055-2-3	2000-2003	Commission on the Assets of Dissolved and Amalgamated Congregations Correspondence

Commission re: Matters left Uncared for or Omitted

2007-1005-1-5	1995	Commission re: Matters left Uncared for or Omitted Includes correspondence regarding the 1995 Think Tank.
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Committee to Advise with the Moderator

2006-1061-8-3	1997-1999	Committee to Advise with the Moderator Minutes, agendas, notes, itineraries, etc.
2007-1055-2-4	1998-2000	Committee to Advise with the Moderator Agendas, itineraries, reports relating to Glen Davis, Art Van Seters, and William Klempa

Committee on Business

2004-1030	1972-1981	Committee on Business Minutes
2006-1061-2-7	1983-1992	Committee on Business Minutes and reports
2006-1061-7-8	1995	Committee on Business

Minutes, May 8, 1995

Committee on Church Architecture

2007-1055-2-5 1998-2001

Committee on Church Architecture  
Minutes

Committee on Church Doctrine

2006-1061-6-3 1990-1991

Committee on Church Doctrine  
Correspondence, and letters referred to the Committee

2007-1003-1-6 1992-1999

Committee on Church Doctrine  
Correspondence of the Principal Clerk/Assembly Office on  
Committee on Church Doctrine matters

Committee on History

2007-1055-3-4 1998-2000

Committee on History  
Correspondence, notes

Committee on the State of the Church

2006-1061-10-5 1994-1995

Committee on the State of the Church  
Minutes, reports, questionnaire results, notes, etc.

Committee on Theological Education

2006-1061-2-2 1990-1995

Committee on Theological Education Executive  
Miscellaneous correspondence and other documents  
regarding the Committee and the Committee Executive.  
Includes the following documents: a report of Art van Seters  
and Ray Humphries on the 38<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the  
Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in Pittsburgh, June  
1992; a document by Brian Fraser entitled "Preliminary  
Ruminations on Theological Education for The Presbyterian  
Church in Canada" c.1991; and a report of Art Van Seters  
entitled "Theological Education in The Presbyterian Church in  
Canada: Perspectives for the Future" written in 1989.

2006-1061-2-3 1991-1998

Committee on Theological Education  
Miscellaneous correspondence, reports and other documents

2006-1060-1-20 1992

Committee on Theological Education  
Agenda and correspondence re: Feb. 1992 meeting

2007-1055-2-1 1998-2003

Committee on Theological Education  
Meeting materials

2006-1061-4-7 1999-2000

Committee on Theological Education  
General correspondence

2006-1061-5-6 2000-2001

Committee on Theological Education  
Responses from Sessions and Presbyteries re: the Study Paper  
on Diaconal Ministry

2006-1061-5-7 2000

Committee on Theological Education  
Responses re: benefits/importance of post-graduate studies



2006-1061-5-5	c. 1999	Lay Theological Education Background material
<u>Committee on Theological Education – Executive</u>		
2007-1055-2-2	1998-2001	Committee on Theological Education Executive Committee minutes and meeting materials
<u>Committee on Theological Education – Colleges</u>		
2006-1060-1-13	1985-1987	Knox College – Ewart College Conversations and Consultations Correspondence, minutes, notes, and other materials
2006-1060-1-12	1991	Knox College, Toronto - Advisory Committee Correspondence and other materials
2006-1061-4-8	1991-2000	Knox College, Toronto Selected correspondence
2006-1060-1-16	1991-1992	Knox College, Toronto - Visitation
2006-1061-2-5	n.d.	Morrin College, Quebec City Background/historical information relating to the college.
2006-1061-5-4	1989-1991	Morrin College, Quebec City Selected correspondence, largely re: prevention of proposed changes to the Charter
2006-1061-2-4	--	Presbyterian College, Montreal Photocopies of various acts of incorporation and other agreements relating to the college, 1865-1996.
2006-1061-2-1	1996-1997	Presbyterian College, Montreal Correspondence re: search procedures for new Principal; and also correspondence re: retirement of Rev. Dr. Geoff Johnston
2006-1061-5-1	1993-2000	Presbyterian College, Montreal Selected correspondence; includes some appointment information
2006-1060-1-15	1991	Presbyterian College, Montreal-Visitation
2006-1061-5-2	1994-2000	St. Andrew's Hall, Vancouver Selected correspondence
2006-1061-1-11	1984-1998	Vancouver School of Theology Correspondence, agreements etc.
2006-1061-5-3	1995	Vancouver School of Theology Correspondence, July 1995
2006-1060-1-14	1995	Vancouver School of Theology/St. Andrew's Hall Review of Agreement of Association
2006-1060-1-17	1991-1992	Vancouver School of Theology/St. Andrew's Hall Visitation

2006-1060-1-18	1990-1992	College Visitations Reference material, notes, reports etc.
<u>Ecumenical Relations Committee</u>		
2007-1003-1-7	1997	Ecumenical Relations Committee Documents re: the Committee's "Consultation on Ecumenical Involvement", Sept. 30, 1997.
2007-1055-2-7	1999-2002	Ecumenical Relations Committee Minutes and other meeting materials
<u>Experimental Fund</u>		
2007-1055-3-1	1999-2003	Experimental Fund Minutes and other meeting materials
<u>Fund for Ministerial Assistance</u>		
2007-1055-3-3	1998-2001	Fund for Ministerial Assistance Minutes and other meeting materials
<u>Live The Vision Committee</u>		
2006-1061-1-1	1993-1997	Live The Vision Expenditures Committee Correspondence and other documents
<u>Long Range Planning Committee</u>		
2006-1061-7-6	1997	Long Range Planning Committee Materials re: Meeting of January 15, 1997
2006-1061-7-7	1997	Long Range Planning Committee Materials re: Meetings of March 6, April 22, and Sept. 22
2007-1055-3-5	1998-2001	Long Range Planning Committee Minutes, notes and other meeting materials
<u>Management Team/50 Wynford Drive</u>		
2007-1055	1998-2001	Management Team Includes correspondence, notes, working documents etc.
2007-1003-1-4	1984-1995	50 Wynford Drive Correspondence and other documents re: staff matters
<u>Task Force on Lay Education</u>		
2006-1061-1-10	1993	Task Force on Lay Education and Lay Theological Education Minutes Feb. 8, 1993
<u>Task Force on Review of Staffing and Structure</u>		
2007-1003-1-8	1994-1998	Task Force on Review of Staffing and Structure Reports, Correspondence and other documents
<u>Worship for General Assembly Committee</u>		

2006-1061-2-8      1985-1989      Worship for General Assembly Committee  
Minutes

### Residential Schools Files

2011-1016-1-1	2001-2003	Church-Canada meetings re: Indian Residential Schools (CCIRS) – Part 1 of 3 <i>Includes minutes, correspondence, reports and notes. CCIRS was an unofficial acronym given to these meetings by Rev. Stephen Kendall</i>
2011-1016-1-2	2001-2003	Church-Canada meetings re: Indian Residential Schools (CCIRS) – Part 2 of 3 <i>Includes minutes, correspondence, reports and notes. CCIRS was an unofficial acronym given to these meetings by Rev. Stephen Kendall</i>
2011-1016-1-3	2001-2003	Church-Canada meetings re: Indian Residential Schools (CCIRS) – Part 3 of 3 <i>Includes minutes, correspondence, reports and notes. CCIRS was an unofficial acronym given to these meetings by Rev. Stephen Kendall</i>
2011-1016-1-4	2001	Church-Canada Working Groups <i>Contact information for committee members.</i>
2011-1016-1-5	2001	Church-Canada Working Groups – Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR)
2011-1016-1-6	2001	Church-Canada Working Groups – Apportionment, Viability and Ability to Pay (AVA)
2011-1016-1-7	2001	Church-Canada Working Groups – Archives
2011-1016-1-8	2001	Church-Canada Working Groups – Ecumenical
2011-1016-1-9	2001	Church-Canada Working Groups – Models for Moving Forward (Cariboo Proposal)
2011-1016-1-10	2001	Church-Canada Working Groups – Preamble
2011-1016-1-11	2001	Church-Canada meetings re: Indian Residential Schools (CCIRS) – Travel
2011-1016-1-12	2008	Indian Residential Schools (IRS) Leaders' Tour
2011-1016-1-13	2004-2006	Legacy of Hope Coalition
2011-1016-1-14	2003-2004	Ecumenical Working Group on Residential Schools (EWGRS) <i>Includes minutes, correspondence, notes, etc.</i>
2011-1016-2-1	2005	Ecumenical Working Group on Residential Schools (EWGRS) <i>Includes minutes, correspondence, notes, etc.</i>
2011-1016-2-2	2006	Ecumenical Working Group on Residential Schools (EWGRS) <i>Includes minutes, correspondence, notes, etc.</i>
2011-1016-2-3	2007	Ecumenical Working Group on Residential Schools (EWGRS) <i>Includes minutes, correspondence, notes, etc.</i>

### Ecumenical Organization Files

Over the years, the Principal Clerk has served as a representative of The Presbyterian Church in Canada on a variety of ecumenical boards and committees. The files in this sub-series are not complete but do reflect some of the involvement of the Principal Clerk in the work of these other bodies.

#### Canadian Council of Churches

2006-1061-8-4	1982-1992	Canadian Council of Churches General correspondence
2006-1061-8-5	1999	Canadian Council of Churches Governing Board meeting materials, Nov. 17-19, 1999
2006-1061-8-6	2000	Canadian Council of Churches Governing Board meeting materials, May 3-7, 2000
2006-1061-9-1	2002	Canadian Council of Churches Governing Board meeting materials, May 22-24, 2002
2006-1060-1-1	1994	Missions and Means Committee Correspondence, reports, and notes
2006-1060-1-2	1985-1996	Church Leaders Meetings Minutes, correspondence and notes
2006-1060-1-3	1985	CCC/CCCB (Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops) Meeting Minutes
2006-1060-1-4	1985	CCC/CCCB Joint Staff Meeting on Logistics and Planning Minutes, notes, reports
2006-1060-1-5	1984-1985	CCC/CCCB Conversations about Coalitions Minutes, notes, reference material
2006-1060-1-6	1998	Stewardship Task Force Minutes, correspondence, notes etc.
2006-1060-1-7	1993-1994	Triennial Assembly Planning Committee Minutes and correspondence
2006-1060-1-8	1994-1998	Executive Committee Minutes and correspondence (predominantly from 1997-1998)
2006-1060-1-9	1992-1997	Governing Board Correspondence and reports to the Governing Board
2006-1060-1-10	1995	Governing Board Minutes

#### Ecumenical Study Commission on Public Education

2006-1060-1-11	1993-1998	Minutes
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#### World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC)

2006-1061-9-6	1984-1998	World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) General correspondence
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World Council of Churches (WCC)

2006-1061-10-1	1982-1998	World Council of Churches (WCC) General correspondence
2006-1061-10-2	1997-1998, 2000	World Council of Churches Relations Committee Minutes, correspondence

Deputy Clerk's Files

The following is a small, sub-series of files specifically kept by Barbara McLean, who served as Deputy Clerk of Assembly from 1992-2000.

2002-1006	1992-2000	Correspondence Correspondence (mostly letters written) of Barbara McLean, Deputy Clerk, for the years 1992-2000. The letters were kept by Barbara in chronological order and cover a wide range of topics and issues. Barbara called this series of records her "Chrono", ie. chronological correspondence file. (Consists of 1.2m of textual records)
2007-1003-1-3	1996	Correspondence re: the new Book of Praise Contains the Deputy Clerk's responses to two letters expressing disapproval of the "feminizing" of God in some of the hymns in the new Book of Praise

## **General Assembly – Planning, Local Arrangements, Worship and other Materials**

This series is a miscellaneous grouping of documents related to the General Assembly meeting and gathering itself, as opposed to the work of its committees and officers. The majority of items in the series are Orders of Service for the opening services of worship. Other items may include souvenir handbooks, local arrangement information, and information regarding ecumenical visitors. Files of documents which overlap several years of Assemblies have been listed at the beginning, followed by a chronological listing of documents related to specific Assemblies.

### General Files

2006-1061-8-1	1981-1997	Loyal Addresses Copies of letters of greetings and best wishes from the General Assembly to the Queen, Governor-General, Prime Minister and others. Includes letters of response from Pierre Trudeau, Joe Clark, Jean Chretien, and from officials of Buckingham Palace.
2006-1061-2-6	1987-1991	Ecumenical Visitors Biographical notes, procedures and correspondence
2007-1001-5-6	1993	Ecumenical Visitors Correspondence
2006-1061-8-2	1997-1999	Ecumenical Visitors Correspondence

### General Assembly 1875

1988-1005-1-1	1875	Key to Notman's Photograph: Ms. Notebook and photograph of outline sketch
1988-1005-1-2	1875	Presbyterian Union, Montreal Social Entertainment – programme
1988-1005-1-3	1875	Key to Inglis' Photograph of the Presbyterian Church in Canada Commemorative of the Union of the four Churches of the Presbyterians in the Dominion of Canada

### General Assembly 1893

1988-1005-1-4	1893	Handbook for Commissioners
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### General Assembly 1895

1988-1005-1-5	1895	Handbook for Commissioners
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### General Assembly 1897

1988-1005-1-6	1897	<u>The Winnipeg Daily Tribune</u> Vol. Viii, #137, June 12, 1897; 4pp supplement
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### General Assembly 1903

1988-1005-1-7	1903	Souvenir Handbook Prepared by the Committee on Arrangements
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General Assembly 1905

1988-1005-1-8      1905

Souvenir Handbook

General Assembly 1906

1988-1005-1-9      1906

Souvenir Handbook

General Assembly 1907

1988-1005-1-10      1907

Extracts from Canadian PictorialGeneral Assembly 1908

1988-1005-1-11      1908

Souvenir Handbook

General Assembly 1909

1988-1005-1-12      1909

Souvenir Handbook

General Assembly 1910

1988-1005-1-13      1910

Souvenir Handbook (2 copies)

General Assembly 1912

1988-1005-1-14      1912

Souvenir Handbook

General Assembly 1914

1988-1005-1-15      1914

Souvenir Handbook (2 copies)

General Assembly 1917

1988-1005-1-16      1917

Souvenir Handbook

General Assembly 1918

1988-1005-1-17      1918

Handbook for Commissioners

1988-1005-1-18      1918

Emergency Committee correspondence

General Assembly 1921

1988-1005-1-19      1921

Souvenir Handbook

General Assembly 1924

1988-1005-1-20      1924

Docket and resolutions

2009-1020      1924

Directory of the 50<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in Canada, Knox Church, Owen Sound, Ontario, June 4th to 12th, 1924".

Small leaflet (card) which lists the rooms for the meetings of Officers of the Assembly and Committees of Assembly, and provides various items of information for commissioners.

General Assembly 1925

1988-1005-1-21 1925

Report of Committee appointed to strike Standing Committees,  
Draft Statement for Assembly, June 9, 1925General Assembly 1933

1988-1005-1-22 1933

Commissioner's badge

General Assembly 1934

1988-1005-1-23 1934

Rev. Allan S. Reid "Enlargement of the Powers of Synod"  
Text of an address to AssemblyGeneral Assembly 1936

1988-1005-1-24 1936

Scrapbook of news clippings from The SpectatorGeneral Assembly 1947

1988-1005-1-25 1947

Orders of Service

General Assembly 1949

1988-1005-1-26 1949

Orders of Service and Programme

General Assembly 1957

1988-1005-1-27 1957

Orders of Service

General Assembly 1964

1988-1005-1-28 1964

Order of Service

General Assembly 1966

1988-1005-1-29 1966

Docket

General Assembly 1967

1988-1005-1-30 1967

Order of Service (Covenanter')

General Assembly 1970

1988-1005-2-1 1970

Commissioner's Handbook

2003-1099 1970

Order of Service-Opening Worship, Church of St. David, Halifax

General Assembly 1972

1988-1005-2-2 1972

Opening Order of Service & 1972 Assembly Sing-In for the new  
Book of PraiseGeneral Assembly 1973

1988-1005-2-3 1973

Opening Order of Service



General Assembly 1974

1988-1005-2-4 1974

Opening Order of Service

General Assembly 1978

1988-1005-2-5 1978

Order of Service

General Assembly 1980

1988-1005-2-6 1980

Opening Order of Service, Joint Service in Detroit with the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

General Assembly 1981

1991-1025 1981

Order of Service  
Opening WorshipGeneral Assembly 1984

1988-1005-2-7 1984

Letter of Appreciation from the Presbyterian Church of Korea to The Presbyterian Church in Canada at Centennial Celebration of Korean Church

General Assembly 1985

1988-1005-2-8 1985

Opening Order of Service

General Assembly 1988

1988-1005-2-9 1988

Order of Service

General Assembly 1997

2005-1060 1997

Order of Service  
Opening Worship, St. Andrew's P.C., Ottawa

2002-1016 1997

Open to God's Spirit: A Community of Faith for 2000 on  
Reports of results from the "Open Space" discussions held on June 2-3, 1997 during the General AssemblyGeneral Assembly 2000

2001-1026 2000

Order of Service for the Opening Worship

2001-1030 2000

Worship Handbook

2001-1030 2000

Itinerary of the Wednesday Evening Walking Tour of downtown Hamilton with Rev. Dr. John A. Johnston

2001-1030 2000

Pamphlet – List of names of significant Presbyterians that lived in the Hamilton area

General Assembly 2002

2003-1077 2002

Order of Service-Opening Worship, St. John's P.C., Cornwall

General Assembly 2003

2003-1071 2003

Order of Service  
Opening Worship, Knox P.C., Guelph

2005-1047 2003

Orders of Service  
For Daily Worship during the General Assembly, June 2-6

General Assembly 2004

2004-1050 2004

Various Materials  
Includes the Order of Service for the Opening Worship; the Worship Book for Morning Worship Services; a pamphlet re: 10th Anniversary of the Confession to Aboriginal Peoples; the text of the prayer delivered by the Moderator, The Rev. Rick Fee, following the re-reading of the Confession; summaries of each day's outcomes; the text of the address given by The Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, upon receiving the E.H. Johnson Award; a brief reflection on the Assembly written by Keith Knight, Associate Secretary, Resource Production and Communications for the PCC website; and two pamphlets on the "Just Peace...True Security" campaign by KAIROS which the Assembly commissioners were asked to sign.

General Assembly 2005

2005-1027 2005

Daily summaries, updates and other information  
Includes copies of the "General Assembly Digest" (daily summaries of activities) for June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. Also includes a short article on Rev. Dr. Setri Nyomi, General Secretary of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, who was given the E.H. Johnson Award, and a brief biography of Rev. Jean Morris, Moderator of the 131st General Assembly. These last two items were printed from the PCC website.

2006-1028 2005

Orders of Service for the Opening Worship, and the daily morning worship services. File also includes a brief outline of the organizing and planning of the General Assembly written by Rev. Ray Glen, and a newsletter given to commissioners providing information about the city of Edmonton.

General Assembly 2006

2007-1011 2006

Orders of Service  
For daily morning worship services, June 5-9

2006-1011 2006

Daily newsletters  
Includes four daily newsletters called "General Assembly DIGEST" which provided highlights of events and decisions of the 132nd General Assembly, held in St. Catharines, Ontario. The newsletter was produced for commissioners of General Assembly by Keith Knight and Ian MacCready of the Resource Production and Communications department of the PCC.

2006-1019 2006

"Sabbath Moments" pamphlet, postcard and flyer  
Items distributed at the 132nd General Assembly providing information on "Sabbath Moments" in preparation for the Year of Sabbath beginning in June 2007

2006-1020	2006	Presentation - 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women Microsoft PowerPoint slideshow presentation created and presented by Rev. Maureen Walter and presented at the General Assembly. [Item has been saved to a CD in both its original PowerPoint file format, and as a PDF file].
<u>General Assembly 2009</u>		
2009-1024	2009	Local arrangements, daily digests and other information File consists of general information such as location, rooms, practices and procedures, etc.. Items were taken from the binder of information/reports given to commissioners. The "daily digests" which were written by the Communications Department of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and placed on the website (and in printed form) were also added to the file at the time of accessioning.

## Resources/Publications

The primary resources/publications produced by the General Assembly and the Assembly Office are the annual Acts and Proceedings and the Book of Forms, which are listed as separate series within this Finding Aid. The items noted in this series are of a more general nature.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2004-1011	1895	Presbyterian Yearbook for the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland 136 page book containing a variety of information on The Presbyterian Church in Canada, its history, its boards and committees, moderators, rolls of synods, etc.
2003-1074	2002	Booklet – “General Assembly and beyond...” Outlines the organization, work and services of the General Assembly and the Assembly Office.
2007-1029	2003	Newsletter – “Year of Spirituality, 2003-2004” Produced as part of the General Assembly's FLAMES initiative. The newsletter discusses the goals and objectives of the year and discusses the issue of spirituality.

## **Special Committees/Task Forces of General Assembly – Projects/Study Issues**

At times General Assembly will appoint a specific committee to study a particular issue, make recommendations on a policy, investigate and/or evaluate a situation, or coordinate the Church's activities on some particular task or celebration. Occasionally, a Special Committee will be appointed to examine a confidential or disciplinary issue (although most often those types of issues are handled by a Special Commission). Special Committees of this nature have not been listed in this section, but rather as part of a separate Finding Aid relating to Special Commissions.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

The 75<sup>th</sup> 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 General Assembly as a Special Committee of General Assembly. The Committee published a book, arranged radio broadcasts and organized services to celebrate the event. The Committee was discharged by the 1950 General Assembly.

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

### **Special Committee on Aids for Social Worship**

The Special Committee on Aids for Social Worship was appointed on the motion of the Convenor of the Committee on Uniformity of Worship in 1898 in order to prepare a devotional manual of short services of prayers and praise for people who wish to unite in worship but for whatever reason are unable to attend an ordinary Church service, such as "pioneer-settlers, explorers, miners, prospectors, mounted police, volunteers on military duty, travelers by land or sea, visitors to summer resorts, and other persons".

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1973-1060	1900	Aids for Social Worship: Being Short Services of Prayer and Praise for the Use of Christians Toronto: the Westminster Co., Ltd.; 1900 (239pp.)

### **Special Committee re: The Committee on the Church in the World**

The Special Committee re: The Committee on the Church in the World was formed by the 1975 General Assembly out of Recommendation #13 of the Organization and Planning Committee's report to the 1974 General Assembly. One of its recommendations was for Assembly to appoint a Special Consultative Committee re: A Forum on the Church in the World.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2003-1092	1975-1976	Minutes and correspondence
1992-1195	1976	Minutes, draft report, and correspondence

**Special Committee on the Constitution of Boards**

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 and Proceedings 1932, pg. 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 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.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1973-1013-1-1	1932-1934	Summary extracts of minutes of General Assembly establishing various boards and committees and memo regarding authority of boards and committees

**Special Committee on Distinguished Service Award**

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2006-1061-1-2	1994	Special Committee on Distinguished Service Award Correspondence, background documents, reports

**Special Committee re: Evaluation of the Han-Ca Presbyteries**

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2005-1022	2001-2002	Special Committee re: Evaluation of the Han-Ca Presbyteries Consists of minutes, background material and other records relating to the work of the Special Committee
2006-1061-11-2	1999-2000	Special Committee re: Evaluation of the Han-Ca Presbyteries
2007-1005-1-1	2000-2001	Special Committee re: Evaluation of the Han-Ca Presbyteries Includes correspondence, reports, notes and other material
2007-1005-1-2	2000-2002	Special Committee re: Evaluation of the Han-Ca Presbyteries Includes correspondence, reports, notes, etc.
2007-1005-1-3	1998-2002	Special Committee re: Evaluation of the Han-Ca Presbyteries Includes correspondence, reports, notes etc.
2007-1005-1-4	2001	Special Committee re: Evaluation of the Han-Ca Presbyteries Questionnaire responses

**Special Committee on the Financial Structure and Administrative Organization and Procedures of The Presbyterian Church in Canada**

This Special Committee was appointed by the 84<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 1958 in response to a variety of Overtures concerning the state of the church and its finances and administration. It was empowered to engage a firm of

business consultants to examine the financial and administrative practices of the Boards and Committees of the General Assembly, and investigate the situation as the Special Committee saw fit. The Special Committee employed Price Waterhouse and Co. to carry out a survey, and this firm of management consultants produced an interim report on accounting procedures and office practice, and a final report which recommended the setting up of a central administrative council and the re-organization of the Boards and Committees of the Church. These recommendations were accepted in principle by the General Assembly but many changes were made to the details and, indeed, further changes were made once the Administrative Council was inaugurated.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1973-1016-1-1	1959-1960	Minutes Includes copy minutes of meetings of the Consultative Committee appointed by the 85 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly
1973-1016-1-2	1960	Reports from Presbyteries Correspondence of Secretary and reports of Presbyteries in response to recommendations sent down by General Assembly
1973-1016-1-3	1958-1960	Secretary – correspondence
1973-1016-1-4	1959	Report of the Special Committee on the Financial Structure and Administrative Organization and Procedures to General Assembly Includes Schedule “A”: Price Waterhouse & Co. “Report on a Survey of Organization, Financial Structure, Administrative Procedures and Accounting Practices”
1992-1191	1959	Report prepared by Price Waterhouse and Co.

#### **Special Committee re: Han-Ca Presbyteries**

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2001-1039-1-1	1991-1997	Minutes, correspondence, and reports Includes documents relating to the development of the Han-Ca Presbyteries, and also some minutes of the Han-Ca National Committee

#### **Special Committee to Investigate Conditions in the Colleges**

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; and 3) all matters affecting the life and work of the student bodies. 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 merging of its faculty and students with Knox College as “a War measure”. A separate committee was appointed to deal with the protest of Dr. Thomas Eakin following the adoption of these recommendations.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1973-1011-1-1	1942-1943	Correspondence and briefs Records of Dr. Norman Macdonld and other members of the Committee
1973-1011-1-2	1942-1944	Knox College Evidence collected by the committee, submissions and briefs, reports to Assembly and correspondence
1973-1011-1-3	1942-1944	Presbyterian College, Montreal Evidence collected by the committee, submissions, briefs and correspondence

### **Committee on Life and Mission**

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 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 recources of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in persons, finances and institutions, and report its precise terms of reference to the next Assembly (1966) and its recommendations to the General Assembly of 1967”. The Committee was originally 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 cooperation with the Committee on Recruitment and Vocation. The Committee presented its final report in 1969 as the Committee on Life and Mission (and was generally referred to as the Life and Mission Projects Committee, or L.A.M.P.). The report of the Committee was called the LAMP Report.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1984-1001-4-6	1965-1966	Special Committee on Recommendation 10, Administrative Council Report Committee authorized to “make a survey of congregational life, to ascertain the resources and the potential in persons and finances, and to gather information about significant changes which are taking place in congregations”; correspondence, minutes and reports
1973-1019-1-1	1969	LAMP Report Report to General Assembly concerning the structure of the 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 70s in Life and Mission</u> 1969; 72pp. Report on the LAMP Report and the Assembly recommendations
1992-1107	1968	Correspondence with Committee on Recruitment and Vocation
1992-1162	c.1968	Booklet – “Cheerful Patcher-Upper” A guide to planning the congregation’s annual meeting [File was generated/maintained by the BWM]

### **Special Committee on Memorial #1, 1979, re: Place of Women in the Church**



This Committee was appointed by the 1979 General Assembly in response to the Presbytery of Montreal's memorial (Memorial #1) re: the Place of Women in the Church. The Committee reported to the 1980 Assembly and was discharged. See also the records of the Special Task Force on the Liberty of Conscience

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1992-1197	1979	Minutes, report [File was generated/maintained by the BWM]
2007-1016-1-1	1979-1980	Correspondence, minutes, reference materials
2007-1016-1-2	1979-1980	Responses to Questionnaire

### **Special Committee on National Unity**

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.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
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

### **Special Committee re: the Place of Women**

The Special Committee re: the Place of Women was appointed by the 1953 General Assembly as a result of an Overture from the Synod of Manitoba which noted that "as Presbyterians we have failed to give women equal status and responsibilities in the Church and have thereby neglected to take advantage of a vast potential of Christian power and leadership, and... that the question of the status of women in positions of leadership in The Presbyterian Church in Canada needs clarification to the end that the Church may recognize the teaching of Scripture that in Christ there is neither male nor female...". The 1954 General Assembly instructed the Committee to consider the question of the ordination of women and to take into consultation representative women of the Church. The 1956 General Assembly authorized the transmission of the report to presbyteries along with questions on the ordination of women. As a result of the unfavourable response of presbyteries, and presbyterials of the WMS, the Committee recommended in 1956 that specific action on the ordination of women be deferred. Following this, the committee turned to the issue of the ordination of deaconesses and women missionaries, partly in response to a proposal from Formosa to ordain women missionaries there, and the issue of representation of women in the church courts, perhaps without ordination. The Committee proposed the setting up of Presbytery and Synod Councils with equal representation of women and men but this failed to meet with the approval of presbyteries. In 1961 the Committee on Articles of Faith was instructed by General Assembly to study the doctrine of woman, and this was

done in co-operation with the Committee on the Place of Women in the Church. The Committee then produced a study booklet on the issue for the use of the Church and recommended in 1964 that women should be eligible for ordination and have the right to serve in the courts of the Church. These recommendations were sent down to presbyteries for study. In 1965 similar recommendations were sent down to presbyteries under the Barrier Act and in 1966 the General Assembly passed a Declaratory Act enabling women to be eligible for ordination to the Eldership and the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, and the Committee on the Place of Women in the Church was discharged.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1973-1023-1-1	1958	Reference paper World Council of Churches: Report on Women in the Ministry
1973-1023-1-2	n.d. (1963?)	<u>Putting Woman in Her Place: A Study Guide on the Place of Women in the Church</u> n.d.; 16pp.
1973-1022-1-3	1955	Report to General Assembly 1955; 12pp. Printed for distribution to Presbyteries [copy extracted from records of Presbytery of West Toronto]

#### **Special Committee re: the proposed change from the Augmentation to the Sustentation Plan for the Maintenance of the Ministry**

The Special Committee re. the proposed change from the Augmentation to the Sustentation fund was set up by General Assembly in 1935 in response to an overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, which requested that a committee be set up "to investigate our present system of augmentation with a view to abandoning it and adopting the sustentation system". (Acts & Proceedings 1935, appendix pp.166-167). The committee, which became known as the Committee on Sustentation reported for ten years, and advocated the change in the systems throughout. In 1946 the committee still had insufficient funds to implement the change and recommended its continuance while awaiting the results of the Peace Thankoffering campaign. Shortly thereafter the convener, the Rev. John Gibson Inkster, died, and with this enthusiasm for the change seems to have waned. In 1948 its work was superceded by the formation of the Laymen's Committee on the Scale of Stipends and the Committee fell into abeyance.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1973-1057	[1936?]	Tentative Report
1989-1006-42-6	1944	Remit #4 The Sustentation Plan Rules and regulations of the Sustentation Plan, mainly for Great Britain

#### **Special Committee on Recommendation #10, Administrative Council Report**

See the "Committee on Life and Mission".

#### **Task Force/Special Committee on Restructuring**

The Task Force on Restructuring was established by the General Assembly of 1989. The Task Force reported to the 1990 Assembly. As part of its recommendations a Special Committee was established to "facilitate and implement" the proposals set out by the Task Force. The Special Committee had a two year term from June 1990 to June 1992.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2012-1008	1989-1990	Correspondence, notes and reports of the Task Force <i>This file was maintained by Rev. Dr. Richard Sand, a member of the Task Force</i>

2004-1034	1989-1990	Correspondence, notes and reports of the Task Force
2004-1033	1990-1992	Minutes
2005-1043-1-1	1990-1992	Minutes, reports and other records (File 1 of 2) Note: this was a file maintained by the Senior Administrator of the Life and Mission agency, not by the Principal Clerk or the Assembly Office
2005-1043-1-2	1990-1992	Minutes, reports and other records (File 2 of 2) Note: this was a file maintained by the Senior Administrator of the Life and Mission agency, not by the Principal Clerk or the Assembly Office
1993-1013	1992	Questionnaire, charts, information sheet
1993-1057	c.1991	Pamphlet – “Twenty-four Questions about the New Structure... and some answers”

#### **Special Committee to Review Chapter 9, Book of Forms**

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2006-1061-11-3	1999-2003	Special Committee to Review Chapter 9, Book of Forms
2006-1061-11-4	2003-2004	Special Committee to Revise Chapter 9, Book of Forms

#### **Special Committee on the Role of the Moderator**

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.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1982-1006	1976-1978	Minutes and correspondence

#### **Special Committee re: Sexual Orientation**

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
2005-1024-1-1	1997-2003	Minutes, correspondence and other documents (File 1 of 3)
2005-1024-1-2	1997-2003	Minutes, correspondence and other documents (File 2 of 3)
2005-1024-1-3	1997-2003	Minutes, correspondence and other documents (File 3 of 3)

Files created/maintained by Rev. Wendy Paterson, Convenor of the Special Committee

2009-1003-1-1	1998-2003	Correspondence
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2009-1003-1-2	1998-2003	Minutes
2009-1003-1-3	1998-2003	Reports to General Assembly
2009-1003-1-4	2001-2002	"A Few, Ordinary Presbyterians" Article written by Andrew Foster and some responses to it
2009-1003-1-5	1999-2001	Summaries and notes
2009-1003-1-6	2001-2002	Outline and draft of study guide
2009-1003-1-7	2003	Study Guide "Listening...Understanding Sexuality"
2009-1003-1-8	2001-2003	Legal material/advice prepared for the Committee
2009-1003-1-9	1998-2002	Presentations made to the Committee
2009-1003-1-10	1987-2003	Resource material
2009-1003-1-11	1988-1989	Resource material

Reports prepared by P.G.L.A. Dialogue Inc.

### **Committee re: State of the Church**

The 1976 General Assembly directed the Board of Congregational Life and the Board of World Mission to "consider the serious relative and actual decline of the members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the possible relative decline in income and other aspects of the church's life...and to report on the state of the church with recommendations". A joint committee of the two Boards was established and its work was reported to the 1977 Assembly through the Board of Congregational Life. The 1977 Assembly approved that the Committee conduct further study and report directly to the 1978 General Assembly. The committee was essentially a "special" committee, ie. as opposed to a "standing" committee of General Assembly. However, it never used the term "special".

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1992-1194	1976-1978	Reports, correspondence, minutes, memos [File was generated/maintained by the BWM]
1992-1196	1977-1978	Reports, working papers, minutes, some correspondence [File was generated/maintained by the BWM]
1993-1026	1978	Report and Study Guide

### **Special Committee on the Status of Deaconesses**

The special Committee on the Status of Deaconesses was appointed by the 1922 General Assembly in response to an overture from the Presbytery of Regina. A report was presented to the 1923 General Assembly by Mr. W.B. Wood, and the issue was sent down to Presbyteries for consideration and report. The Clerk of Assembly presented a report on the answers to Remits sent down to Presbyteries by the previous Assembly and recommended that it be referred for consideration to a special committee appointed by the Moderator. This Committee on Answers to Remits reported later in the Assembly with the recommendation that "the whole question be left for the consideration of the Church at a later date".

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1973-1065	c.1923	Report of the Special Committee to General Assembly; and also a 6 page circular of facts and information distributed to Presbyteries by the Deaconess Board to be taken into consideration while dealing with the remit

### **Special Task Force on the Study of Liberty of Conscience as it Pertains to the Ordination of Women**

The Special Task Force on Liberty of Conscience in the Ordination of Women was appointed by the General Assembly of 1981 and reported to the General Assembly of 1982. The Task Force was set up as a result of overtures, petitions and memorials from across the Church sent to the Assemblies of 1979, 1980 and 1981. In 1979, the Presbytery of Montreal submitted a memorial and Presbyterian College, Montreal submitted recommendations, which led to the appointment of both a Special Committee re: Memorial #1 from the Presbytery of Montreal on “the Place of Women in the Church” and also a Task Force of the Board of Ministry to examine discrimination against women and to educate congregations, sessions, presbyteries and other agencies of the Church in the concept of the partnership of women and men. The Board of Ministry reported on the task force’s work to the 1980 General Assembly. Also in 1980, however, overtures and memorials were sent to the General Assembly by the Presbytery of East Toronto and two sessions within its bounds, the Synod of Toronto and Kingston and the Presbytery of Miramichi, concerning the necessity for ordained ministers to participate in the ordination of women, and questioning whether the liberty of conscience as defined in the Westminster Confession of Faith applied to this issue. The General Assembly set up a Special Committee re: Overtures 3, 5, 10, 30, Memorial No.1 (1980) and Appeal of Mr. Codling, to deal with these questions. The Special Committee reported back to the 1980 Assembly, affirming the right of women to be eligible for ordination and the necessity of for all ministers to participate in this, but suggesting a ten year period of grace for those already ordained ministers to accept the position of the church. There were a number of recorded dissents, which the committee responded to during the 1980 Assembly. Also, the Committee on Church Doctrine was asked to study the issue of liberty of conscience and report to the 1981 Assembly. In 1981 the Committee on Church Doctrine reported but the General Assembly also had to deal with another 45 petitions, memorials and overtures on the subject. A second Special Committee was set up to deal with these overtures, which recommended the establishment of the Special Task Force on Liberty of Conscience in the Participation in the Ordination of Women. The Special Task Force presented a majority and a minority report to the 1982 General Assembly. The majority report recommended the passing of a Declaratory Act, stating that “Ministers and elders already ordained and inducted within The Presbyterian Church in Canada have freedom of belief on the question of the ordination of women but do not have freedom of action. By virtue of their ordination vows all are obliged to exercise full ministry including active participation in the ordination of women.” (Acts and Proceedings 1982, pg. 512).

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
1987-1003-1-1	1982	Report and Supportive Material “Report of the Special Task Force on the Study of Liberty of Conscience in the Ordination of Women”, 1982; (16pp.) and Supportive material pertaining to the Report of the Special Task Force on the Study of Liberty of Conscience in the Ordination of Women”, 1982; (26pp.)
2007-1017-1-1	1981-1982	Minutes, reports and other documents (File 1 of 2)
2007-1017-1-2	1981-1982	Minutes, reports and other documents (File 2 of 2)
1992-1221	1981	Reports, correspondence, working papers of Donald MacDonald File was donated by Rev. Stuart Coles, but appears to have been maintained by Donald MacDonald.
1992-1267	1980-1982	Drafts, support material, correspondence, minutes, statements, reports, etc. File originally part of accession #1992-1252, Board of Congregational Life records maintained by Rev. Margart MacNaughton