



Content Advisory – *Enduring Witness*

Enduring Witness by Dr. John S. Moir was originally published in 1975 and was recognized as the official history of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The third and final edition was released in 2004 and explored the history of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, from the beginnings of the Reformed tradition starting with the Reformation, up to the 21st century. The Committee on History supervised all three editions, and the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada supported them.

Certain parts of The Presbyterian Church in Canada's archival holdings contain historical language and content that is harmful or triggering to some readers. These records include documentation of experiences of genocide, assimilation, and oppression, and contain anti-Indigenous bias. Material may include views and attitudes or language used to refer to racial, ethnic, and cultural groups that are harmful.

To preserve attitudes and views within the historical record, the original documents are provided without alteration. As an ongoing process, the archivists may provide explanatory notes with background information on the descriptions.

We encourage readers to review the Confessions (1994; 2023) and Apology (2024) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada on colonization, racism, and the Residential School System alongside historical documents such as *Enduring Witness*. The Confessions and Apology confront the denomination's role on issues such as colonialism in ways previous documents had not. These statements reflect the church's understanding of its past and its commitment to truth, healing and reconciliation going forward.

Links:

- [The Confession of The Presbyterian Church in Canada](#)
- [The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Confession on Racism](#)
- [The Apology of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for Its Complicity in Colonization and the Residential School System](#)