

## **FINDING AID**

### **Administrative Records of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Fonds**

#### **Series 541/1 Student Christian Movement (SCM)**

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**541/1 Student Christian Movement. – 1923-1981. – 3m textual records.**

The Student Christian Movement (SCM) had its beginnings with the international Student Volunteer Movement (SVM) that grew up in Britain in the 1890s. The SVM encouraged foreign mission service on the part of students and had the lofty aim of establishing the city of God on earth. The Canadian Movement was conceived at a meeting in Guelph in 1920. The parent organisations were the YMCA, YWCA and Student Volunteer Movement. The SCM came about through the desire of students to have an autonomous movement run by the grass roots membership. (National offices administered the existing organisations.) The first National Conference of SCM of Canada was held in Toronto between Dec. 28, 1922 and Jan. 2, 1923. Lord Byng, then Governor General of Canada, E. C. Drury, premier of Ontario, and other leading politicians and academics were among the speakers. The SCM spread to Manitoba around 1923 and a unit was formed at Lakehead University in 1962. According to their Constitution (ca.1933), the Student Christian Movement is a fellowship of students “in any university or place of higher learning in Canada...based on the conviction that in Jesus Christ are found the supreme revelation of God and the means to the full realisation of life.” The Canadian SCM evolved as a national student organisation with local units in various universities, affiliated with the World Student Christian Federation and co-operating with international student aid groups. The program, set by the interests of the students, consisted of lectures, study groups, bull sessions, weekend camps, and conferences. Work camps and summer projects were organised by the national office of the SCM. The Lakehead Unit pioneered a book room, a university newspaper and a foreign film society. The Manitoba SCM was largely responsible for the founding of a student housing co-operative in Winnipeg in 1968.

From around 1945 to ca.1970, the SCM had a close relationship with the United Church. The SCM received financial support in the form of an annual grant from Conference and moral support from the United Church Lay Association, which provided members for the SCM Advisory Board. When a United Church Chaplain was appointed to the University of Manitoba Campus in 1963, he worked in close co-operation with the SCM. This involved operating as a resource person, serving on committees with the SCM Secretary and planning joint programs. Although the SCM still operates at the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg, the relationship with the United Church has grown less close over the years and it no longer receives funding from Conference.

The administrative structure of the SCM was based on the parliamentary model. The national Council, made up of representatives from the provincial councils, met once a year and was the supreme policy making body. The Manitoba SCM was at one time administered by a paid General Secretary in conjunction with a Central Cabinet, also called an Executive Committee, which co-ordinated the activities of local units. This cabinet ceased to exist after the SCM administration was restructured in 1964. Officers of each local unit included a Unit Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer. At one time there would also have been a Worship Convenor and a World Student Christian Fellowship Convenor. Advice and guidance was offered by the SCM Advisory Board, which was made up of clergy and laymen from the academic and wider communities. The officers of the Advisory Board included the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary as well as Standing Committee Chairs.

The bulk of the records described here were brought to the Conference Archives from the offices of the Manitoba SCM in 1978. The books on SCM program titled *Building the City of God* and *The Christian Adventure* were given to the Conference Archives by the estate of Hazel (McDonald) Parkinson in 1981. Further records pertaining to the SCM Advisory Board were brought to the Archives in 1982 by Prof. Wesley Stevens, one time Chair of the SCM Advisory Board.

The materials described here date from ca.1923-2001 and include the following sub-series: records of the Manitoba Student Christian Movement, 1923-1981 and 1979-2001; records of the General Secretary, 1946-1981; and records of the Student Christian Movement Advisory Board, 1928-1981, National Student Christian Movement (1989-1994), World Student Christian Movement (1984-1989).

Title based on contents.

Order has been imposed by the archivist based on the accession records and the administrative structure of the Student Christian Movement; mock-ups of logo designs have been discarded.

Records of the national office of the Student Christian Movement have been accessioned by the Central Archives of The United Church of Canada.

Accession: 1978-2; 1981-25; and 1982-4. A later accession of records is only semi-processed (Box List available).

The Finding Aid includes File Descriptions and Box Lists.

Location: Box 541/1-1; Box 541/1-2; Box 541/1-3 and Box 541/1-4 (Offsite Box 00543).

**541/1/1 Records of the Manitoba Student Christian Movement. – 1923-1981. – 6 folders.**

Initially, representatives the SCM Council were drawn from the local units of Varsity Arts, Wesley, Manitoba College, Medicine, Agriculture, Nursing, and St. John's College. In later years, the number of local units was reduced.

The records described here are the minutes of the Manitoba Student Christian Movement Council for the years 1923 to 1930 and isolated minutes from 1967 and 1973. Minutes for the years after 1930 have not been located. Also found here are annual reports of Winnipeg SCM activities as well as annual reports of the SCM Secretary.

Title based on contents.

File level description; box lists available.

**File Description**

**1. Minutes of Council. – 1923-1930. – 1 folder.**

Title based on contents.

**2. Minutes. – 1964-1973. – 2 folders.**

Items found here include minutes of the meeting of January and March of 1967 as well as 1968 meetings of the Summer Steering Committee and a 1973 meeting of the Student Christian Movement. Also found here are items pertaining to Student Christian Movement program planning.

Title based on contents.

**3. Annual reports. – 1944-1981, predominant 1944-1968. – 3 folders.**

These folders contain the annual reports of Winnipeg Student Christian Movement activities as well as annual reports of the General Secretary.

Title based on contents.

**541/1/2 Records of the Manitoba Student Christian Movement General Secretary. – 1946-1981. – 96 folders + 2 volumes.**

The General Secretary was responsible for the logistics of the SCM program. They organised travel arrangements for guest lecturers and visiting students, co-ordinated conference planning, and served as a liaison with the WSCF, between National SCM and Winnipeg SCM, and other faith and ecumenical groups. The secretary was involved with summer project planning (Summer of Service) and recruiting members for the SCM Advisory Board.

General Secretaries of Manitoba SCM included Rev. W. D. Titus, ca.1960-1963; Rev. W. J. Hutton, 1962-1964/65; John Braun, 1966-[ca.1968]; Marvin Haave, part-time in 1974; Bill Curry, 1980-1981; and Laura Sundberg, [ca.1981].

The records described here include the correspondence, conference and program planning and resource files of the General Secretaries of Manitoba SCM from 1960 to 1981.

Title based on contents.

File level description; box lists available.

**File Description**

**1. Secretary's Correspondence. – 1959-1975. – 39 folders.**

Secretaries for whom correspondence survives include William Titus, 1960-1963; William Hutton, 1963-1965; John Braun, 1965-1969; and Marvin Haave, 1974/75).

Title based on contents.

Subject files are arranged chronologically for each secretary.

**2. Conferences and Institutes. – 1946-1972. – 5 folders.**

These folders contain records pertaining to various local and regional SCM conferences, ecumenical institutes and conferences, and leadership camps.

Title based on contents.

Subject files are arranged chronologically.

**3. Constitution and Job Descriptions. – [before 1980]. – 1 folder.**

Items found here include versions of the Student Christian Movement of Canada Constitution as well as examples of the Student Christian Movement of the University of Manitoba Constitution. Also found here are job descriptions for the Manitoba Student Christian Movement Executive as well as and outline of the structure and membership of the Manitoba Student Christian Movement Advisory Board.

Title based on contents.

**4. Student Lists. – 1963-ca.1966. – 1 folder.**

Items found here include lists of names of students in the various college units of the Student Christian Movement.

Title based on contents.

**5. Program. – 1950-1981, predominant 1950-1975. – 13 folders.**

These folders contain reports, posters and circulars pertaining to Winnipeg SCM programs such as lectures, seminars, summer projects, Freshie Week, camps and film festivals.

Title based on contents.

Files are arranged chronologically.

**6. Projects. – 1966-1968. – 5 folders.**

These folders contain materials pertaining to various projects with which the SCM was involved including the Manitoba Centennial Interfaith Youth Committee, Manitoba Student Coop Housing, and the Inter-American Project.

Title based on contents.

Files are arranged chronologically.

**7. Services and Sermons. – 1963-[ca.1970]. – 4 folders.**

These folders contain orders of service, evaluations and other materials pertaining to SCM sponsored worship and induction services.

Title based on contents.

Files are arranged chronologically.

**8. Newsletters and Brochures. – [ca.1960]-1968. – 4 folders.**

Included here are brochures and newsletters of the Winnipeg SCM as well as newsletters from other Canadian and American SCM units.

Title based on contents.

Files are arranged chronologically.

**9. National SCM. – 1966-1969. – 5 folders.**

From time to time members of the Manitoba SCM and the Manitoba Secretary served on national SCM Committees.

Records found here pertain to the SCM of Canada including National Council and National Board of Directors minutes and reports, National SCM Constitutional Committee, and National Committee on International Concerns.

Title based on contents.

Files are arranged chronologically.

**10. World Student Christian Federation. – 1966-1967. – 3 folders.**

These folders contain reports and statements of the World Student Christian Federation with which the SCM was affiliated.

Title based on contents.

Files are arranged chronologically.

**11. Resource materials. – 1949-[before 1977]. – 16 folders + 2 volumes.**

These folders contain resource materials on a variety of subjects reflecting the interests of the SCM through the years. These include Communism, Angola, Civil and Human Rights, Drug Abuse, employment opportunities in Mission, Viet Nam, Coop Housing, and sexuality. Also found here are two SCM publications, 'The Christian Adventure' (1920) and 'Building the City of God' (1923) and a selection of SCM music and songs.

Title based on contents.

Subject files are arranged chronologically.



**541/1/3 Records of the Manitoba Student Christian Movement Advisory Board. – 1946-1981. – 22 folders + 5 volumes.**

The function of the Student Christian Movement Advisory Board was to offer advice and guidance and to assist with fund-raising initiatives. Major responsibilities included the hiring of the General Secretary.

The records described here include minutes of the SCM Advisory Board for the period from 1928 to 1937 and 1963 to 1975. Minutes for the period from 1938 to 1963 have not yet been located. Also found here are correspondence, Advisory Board member lists, records pertaining to the hiring of General Secretaries from 1976-1981 and financial records dating from 1945 to 1981.

Title based on contents.

Originally known as the Advisory Council.

Some restrictions on access; see file level descriptions.

**File Description**

1. Minute Book Advisory Council Student Christian Movement University of Manitoba. – 1928-1937. – 1 volume.

Title taken from front page of volume.

2. Minutes of the Student Christian Movement Advisory Board. – 1963-1975. – 5 folders.

These folders contain minutes of the meetings of the SCM Advisory Board as well as other related materials.

Title based on contents.

Files are arranged chronologically.

3. Correspondence. – 1978-1982. – 3 folders.

These folders contain correspondence of the SCM Advisory Board as well as the correspondence of the Chair of the Board, Wesley Stevens.

Title based on contents.

Files are arranged chronologically.

4. SCM Advisory Board Member lists. – 1964-1967. – 1 folder.

Title based on contents.

5. Personnel. – 1976-1981. – 1 folder.

Items found here include materials pertaining to the hiring of SCM General Secretaries between 1976 and 1981.

Title based on contents.

Due to the presence of information pertaining to identifiable individuals, access to this file may be restricted.

6. National SCM Restructuring Committee. 1965-1966. – 1 folder.

Items found here include reference materials pertaining to the restructuring of the SCM around 1965.

Title based on contents.

7. Finance and fundraising. – 1956-1981. – 10 folders.

One of the functions of the SCM Advisory Board was raising funds for SCM activities. These folders contain correspondence pertaining to the fundraising activities of the SCM Advisory Board. Also found here is a file containing donor lists and material pertaining to the SCM Fundraising Dinners held in 1980 and 1981.

Title based on contents.

Files are arranged chronologically.

8. Financial Statements. – 1954-1966. – 1 folder.

Title based on contents.

9. Ledgers. -- 1945-1958. – 4 volumes.

These volumes contain records of receipts and disbursements.

Title based on contents.

### Box Lists

#### **Box 541/1-1**

#### **Winnipeg Student Christian Movement. Records of the Manitoba SCM Council & the General Secretary.**

Accession 1978-2

- Minutes. – 1964-1973. – 2 folders.
- Annual reports. – 1944-1968. – 2 folders.
- Constitution and job descriptions. – [before 1980]. – 1 folder.
- Student lists. – 1963-ca.1966. – 1 folder.
- Secretary's Correspondence. – 1959-1975. – 39 folders.

Accession 1982-4

- Minutes of Council. – 1923-1930. – 1 folder.
- Annual reports. – 1981. – 1 folder.

#### **Box 541/1-2**

#### **Winnipeg Student Christian Movement. Records of the General Secretary.**

Accession 1978-2

- Conferences and institutes. – 1946-1972. – 5 folders.
- Program. – 1950-1975. – 12 folders.
- Projects. – 1966-1968. – 5 folders.
- Services and sermons. – 1963-[ca.1970]. – 4 folders.
- Newsletters and brochures. – [ca.1960]-1968. – 4 folders.
- National SCM. – 1966-1969. – 5 folders.
- World Student Christian Federation. – 1966-1967. – 3 folders.
- Resource materials. – 1949-[before 1977]. – 16 folders.

Accession 1982-4

- Program. – 1976-1981. – 2 folders.

#### **Box 541/1-3**

#### **Winnipeg Student Christian Movement. Records of the SCM Advisory Board.**

Accession 1978-2

- Minutes of the SCM Advisory Board. – 1963-1974. – 4 folders.
- SCM Advisory Board Member lists. – 1964-1967. – 1 folder.
- Finance and fundraising. – 1956-[ca.1967]. – 5 folders.
- Financial Statements. – 1954-1966. – 1 folder.
- Ledgers. 1945-1958. – 4 volumes.

Accession 1981-25

- Resource materials. – 1949-[before 1977]. – 2 volumes.

Accession 1982-4

- Minute Book Advisory Council Student Christian Movement University of Manitoba. – 1928-1937. – 1 volume.
- Minutes of the SCM Advisory Board. – 1974-1975. – 1 folder.
- Correspondence. – 1978-1982. – 3 folders.
- Personnel. – 1976-1981. – 1 folder.
- Finance and fundraising. – 1976-1981. – 5 folders.

**Box 541/1-4 (Off-Site Box 00543)**

**National Student Christian Movement**

- Minutes February 1989 and 1990
- General Secretary correspondence 1991
- Newsletters 1988-1994

**Manitoba Student Christian Movement**

- Minutes 1987-1989
- Minutes 1990-1997
- Constitutions [1987]
- Job Descriptions [1979-1986]
- Secretary correspondence 1979-1982
- Advisory Board correspondence 1979-1984
- Advisory Board correspondence 1987-1990
- Advisory Board correspondence 1991-2001
- Mailing Lists [1988-1990] *Restricted*
- Newsletters 1985-1993
- Philosophy and History
- Fundraising Information
- Petitions
- "Roman Catholics and the Ecumenical Movement"
- Promotional Brochures
- Bound Volume- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary songbook 1981
- Related Issues
- Correspondence re: Student Solidarity Network (SSN) 1981-1982
- "The Current Understanding of the Basis and Aims of the SCM of Canada" 1982
- World Development Education newsletter 1989-1991
- Programming 1980-1981
- Programming 1981-1982
- Programming 1983-1984
- Programming 1984-1985
- Programing 1985-1986
- Programming 1986-1987
- Programming 1988
- Programming 1992-1993

- Programming 2001
- Undated programming material
- Liberation Theory course outline
- Evaluation 1982
- Orders of Service 1989-1991
- Ten Days for World Development Planning 1982-1989
- Blank year end evaluation forms
- Reports 1979-1988
- Western Region Caucus Meeting minutes 1989-1990
- Conference Planning minutes 1984
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity minutes 1990
- Financial statement 1987
- Draft Proposal re: Gulf War

### **World Student Christian Movement**

- Constitution and 1984 Annual Report
- Reference
- Centennial Endowment Fund/Grants 1988-1989