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500 Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Conference fonds. -- 1917 - 2004; predominant 1954-1993. -- 43m of textual records and other material.

The Conference of Manitoba came into existence in June of 1925 with the creation of The United Church of Canada through the union of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Local Union Churches of Canada. The name was changed in 1980 to the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario as a result of a successful petition to the General Council of the United Church by Cambrian Presbytery. The Conference encompasses the entire province of Manitoba and the area of Northwestern Ontario drained by the Rainy River and Winnipeg River systems as far east as Marathon, Ontario and south to the United States border.

The Conference has an administrative as well as a geographic meaning. The thirteen conferences within The United Church of Canada function as a governing body or court of the church. Very simply, they are composed of members of the Order of Ministry on the roll of Presbyteries within the geographical bounds of the Conference and lay persons under appointment to administrative or staff positions within the Conference by a court of the church or the United Church General Council. These are matched by an equal number of lay representatives elected from the Pastoral Charges within the Conference. Chairpersons of Conference Committees and the President of the Conference United Church Women are also members of Conference. In addition to the obligation to meet annually and to appoint a Conference Executive, the Conference was charged with appointing Standing and Special Committees to carry out the day to day work of the Conference. In 1925 these were Education and Students, Evangelism and Social Service, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Pensions, Publications, Religious Education, Missionary and Maintenance Fund, Church Property, Settlement, Statistics, Historical and Obituaries.

With a few exceptions, the structure of Conference remained essentially the same until 1972 when a major realignment of the administrative structure of the United Church at the General Council (National) and Conference levels took place. In 1972, the Boards of Home Missions, Evangelism and Social Service and Christian Education had ceased to exist along with the staff positions associated with that work. New paid staff positions which made their first appearance around this time were Regional Director of Broadcasting in 1971 (lasting only until 1972), the positions of Conference Personnel and Conference Administrative Support in 1972 and the positions of Leadership Development and Program Resource in 1973. In 1975 and 1976, and again from 1989 to 1993, a staff position for Communications was added. In 1983, the Conference staff position of Christian Development and Outreach was created and, in 1986, an Evangelism and Social Action staff person as well as a full time Conference Archivist was hired.

The changes in National and Conference administrative structure, which resulted from a move towards more regional and local control of church programs, were reflected in the evolution of Conference Committees. The powerful Conference Home Missions Committee and its sub-committees, responsible for overseeing the mission initiatives of Conference and the administration of mission grants according to Board of Home Missions directives, had been replaced by the Administrative Support Committee (briefly called the Congregational Support Committee) by 1973. Another major reorganisation of the Conference committee structure took place in 1983 when a system for the division of the work of Conference committees among four Councils (Stewardship, Worship and Education, Ministry and Personnel, Evangelism and Social Action) was devised. Committee chairs reported to their respective Councils that in turn were represented on the Conference Executive.

Another major reorganisation of Conference Structure took place in 1993. At that time, the pressure of meeting current demands with dwindling resources resulted in a move to reduce the number of Presbyteries from eight to six. The work previously allocated among four Conference Councils was then divided between three Program Units (Education and Justice, Ministry and Personnel, and Stewardship and Mission). The number of Committees reporting to the Program Units, and through them to the Conference Executive was reduced. Salaried staff were also decreased and reorganised to include the positions of Executive Secretary, Education and Justice staff person, Stewardship and Mission staff

person, Personnel staff person and Conference Archivist. Further changes to the Conference Structure were made in 2005.

Many of the materials which make up this Conference fonds had been stored in the basement of the Conference administrative offices at 120 Maryland Street in Winnipeg in an ad hoc manner for varying lengths of time over a period of approximately forty years before coming into the Archives. Generally, the records of Conference executive, staff and committee chairs were transferred to the basement at the end of their term of office. Renovations to and rearrangement of the basement area resulted in the movement of the materials around the storage area on more than one occasion. It is probable that space constraints resulted in the unrecorded disposal of an undetermined number of documents and other materials throughout the storage period. Administrative records in storage at 120 Maryland were formally transferred to the Archives in 1989. The movement of the Conference administrative offices to a new address in the fall of 1996 precipitated an inventory and the relocation of those records in 1995 prior to the move. The balance of the fonds consists of record series that had been accessioned by the Archives at various periods prior to 1995. The provenance of records accessioned prior to 1976 is often obscure.

The fonds consists of textual and other materials generated by the Conference, the Conference Executive, Conference Staff Associates and Conference Committee members in the fulfilment of their mandate as outlined in *The Manual of The United Church of Canada* from 1925 to 1994. Throughout the life of the fonds, several Conference staff members have served in more than one church or community administration simultaneously while keeping unified files. This has resulted in materials from other administrative jurisdictions being interspersed among the fonds.

Fonds are composed of the following series: Conference Annual Meetings, 1925-1993; Conference Executive, 1925-2002; Conference Offices, 1958-1989; Committees, Task Forces and Working Groups Answering to the Executive and Sub-Executive, 1968-1993; Manitoba Conference Branch of The United Church Woman's Missionary Society, 1918-1962; Manitoba Conference Branch Woman's Missionary Society Archives Collection, [ca.1885-ca.1960]; Manitoba Conference Lay Association, [ca.1910]-1962; District Council AOTS, 1964-1977; Conference Committee on Christian Education, 1927-1992; Conference Home Missions Committee, 1926-1973; Superintendents of Home Missions, 1926-1973; records of the Administration of Norway House Residential School, 1954-1967; Conference Hospitals, 1923-1982; Home Missions Inter-Conference and Ecumenical Groups, 1956-1969; Conference Evangelism and Social Service Committee, 1933-1976; Conference Congregational Life and Work, 1952-1979; Church in Society Committee, 1976-1983; Evangelsim and Social Action Council, 1983-1993; Inter-Conference and Ecumenical Groups reporting to the Evangelsim and Social Action Council, 1972-1999; Conference Communications, 1964-1992; Worship and Education Council, 1981-1994; Worship and Education Council Women's Groups, 1982-1992; Education and Justice Unit, 1987 - 2004 (predominately 1993 - 1998); Committee on Education, Students and Church Vocations, 1975-1978; Conference Education Committee, 1972-1983; [Interim] Placement Committee, 1970-1972; Conference Settlement Committee, 1971-1980; Conference Staff Committee, 1966-1992; Ministry and Personnel Council, 1982-1993; Conference Personnel Officer, 1972-1993; Conference Personnel Records, 1957-1993; records of the Conference Finance Committee, 1964-1974; records of Conference Administrative Support, 1973-1983; records of Administrative Support Staff, 1972-1993; Conference Stewardship, 1967-1993; Church Camps, 1918-1975; Church Home for Girls, 1945-1976; Women's Union, 1926-1958; Manitoba Conference Woman's Association, 1946-1962; Conference United Church Women, 1963-2002; Fellowship of Professional Women, 1949-1980; Manitoba Canadian Girls in Training, 1918-1990; and the Manitoba Student Christian Movement, 1923-1981.

Title based on contents of fonds.

The fonds also includes ephemera, photographs, slides, audio tape recordings, video tape recordings and 50 sets of blueprints, plans and architects' drawings.

Original order of many of the series of the fonds was substantially obscured during the storage period and many materials were in an extremely disorganised state with no original order or access points apparent; where necessary, order based on administrative function has been reconstructed by the arranging archivist.

Some restrictions on access; see series descriptions.

Finding Aids consist of series descriptions and box lists; some sub-series and file level description available.

Further accruals are expected.

Worship and Education Council. -- 1975-1994. -- 1m textual records and other material.

The Worship and Education Council came into being following the 1983 Conference Annual Meeting as a result of a major restructuring of the Conference Committee structure that organised the various Conference committees under four councils. The newly formed Council was envisioned as an enabling rather than directing force for Presbyteries and congregations with four main areas for strategizing that included Leadership Development, Resources, Networking & Worship. One major area of work for the Council was the Christian Education needs of the Conference. For the ten years previously, general oversight for Christian Education had been the responsibility of the Presbyteries following Conference restructuring in 1973 and the demise of the Congregational Life and Work Committee.

Initially convenors or committee portfolios were designated as follows: Men's (representative to the Council named by AOTS District Council), Women's (named by the Women's Task Force and the UCW Coordinating Committee), Youth (known as the Conference Youth Committee), Midweek groups/concerns (named by CGIT), Conference Camping (a Camping Committee consisting of four members plus chair was re-established in 1985 and disbanded again in 1987), Sunday Schools, Worship, and the Resource Centre. This Council was also responsible for overseeing the publication of CrossCurrents (the Conference Newsletter), the Leadership Network, and Share Fairs as well as regional AVEL and United Church Publishing House operations based in Winnipeg. Another initiative of the Worship and Education Council was ConfoPac. Based on the national INFOPAC, this was a vehicle for informing Conference about programs, available publications, workshops and other events, as well as the important decisions of Conference. ConfoPac was produced three times a year and sent to all persons on the Conference Roll. Council Chairs included Jennie Horsman, 1983/84, 1984/85; Rev. Robert Johns, 1985/86, to Oct. 1986; Tony Maunder, (acting 1986/87), Karen Toole Mitchell, 1987/88, 1988/89, 1989/90; and Marg Franklin, 1990/91, 1991/92, 1992/93.

Further Conference re-structuring coming into effect after the 1993 annual meeting replaced the four Councils with three working Units. The communications responsibilities of the Worship and Education Council (including the AVEL Management Committee, the United Church Publishing House Regional Advisory Committee, the Cross Currents Committee, the Resource Centre Committee, ConfoPac, and Broadcasting) were assumed by the Conference Communications Committee which sat under the umbrella of the Education and Justice Unit.

The surviving record for this Council is somewhat sparse and large gaps exist in the record. For some council initiatives, records have yet to be located. The record described here was created or acquired by a number of individuals including both Conference staff and Committee members and was in an extremely disorganised state with no existing order or access points apparent when accessioned. The arranging archivist has imposed order based on administrative structure. Many of the items described here were created or acquired by the Conference Christian Development and Outreach staff person, Rev. Ted J. Dodd, between 1983 and 1993.

This series is composed of the records of the Worship and Education Council, which was in existence from 1983-1993, and the records of the committees and working groups/task forces that reported to the Council. The series consists of the following sub-series: Worship and Education Council, 1983-1993; AVEL/CANEC Regional Advisory Committee, 1981-1984; AVEL Management Committee, 1989-1993; CrossCurrents, 1982-1993; Families 2000, 1991-1993; Leadership Network Steering Committee, 1984-1992; Ministry with Children Committee, 1987-1993; Seniors Committee, 1988-1992; Share Fair Committee, 1983-1992; Worship Committee, 1983-1993; Resource Centre Committee, 1975 - 1985; Youth Committee, 1984-1993, which also includes records of Kairos '89, was a national United Church Young People's conference held in Winnipeg in 1989; and Learning on the Way Fund (1990).

Title is based on contents.

Includes photographs of Families 2000 Conference in Chicago, 1991.

National AVEL promotional material was discarded when these items were accessioned in 1996.

Sub-series descriptions; box lists available.

For further information pertaining to the A.O.T.S. District Council see the series "506/2 Manitoba District Council of AOTS Men's Clubs"; for further information pertaining to CGIT see the series "540/1 Manitoba Canadian Girls in Training"; for further information pertaining to Conference Camping see the file 'Conference Camping Sub-Committee' described as part of the sub-series "508/1/3 Conference Committee on Christian Education Sub-Committees" and the series "520/1 Church Camps"; and for further information pertaining to the Resource Centre see the series "500/3 Conference Offices", "508/1 Conference Christian Education", and the sub-series "515/1/2 Conference Communication Committee".

For items pertaining to the Investment in People and Leadership Development Funds prior to 1983 see the files of that name described as part of the sub-series "519/2/2 Administrative Support Committee".

Accession: 1996-21; 2006 - 28; 2006 - 33; 2006 - 37

**516/1/1 Records of the Worship and Education Council. -- 1983-1993. -- 8 folders textual records
and other material.**

In 1983 the Council membership consisted of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, three Conference Representatives to National Division of Mission, eight representatives from each Presbytery, fourteen convenors or committee representatives, and three corresponding members (from the Prairie Christian Training Centre, CGIT, and the Student Christian Movement); thirty-three in total. The full Council met twice a year until budget cuts in 1990 led to their meeting only once a year. The smaller Council Executive could meet more often as required.

Items described here consist of minutes of the meetings of the full Council and meetings of the Council Executive, including attachments and appendices, dating from September 1983 to April 1993 as well as reports of constituent committees submitted to the Council for the 1986/87 Conference year. Also found here are items pertaining to Presbytery representatives to Council dating from 1990 and 1991; financial reports and budgets dating from 1990 to 1993; annual conference orientation materials dating from ca.1990; theological statements of constituent committees dating from 1988 to 1989; and photographs of the "In Love and Solidarity" Nicaragua Quilt.

Title based on contents.

Items include 7 colour photographs and corresponding colour negatives.

Location: Box 516/1-1 (former S-8-0).

516/1/2 AVEL/CANEC Regional Advisory Committee. -- 1981-1988, predominant 1981-1984. -- 2 folders.

From 1982-1988, supervision of the Conference operations of the United Church's Audio Visual Education Library (AVEL) and CANEC was the task of the Regional Advisory Committee. This committee supported operation of the Manitoba/Saskatchewan Conference United Church Book and Audio Visual Centre, acted as a communication link between the region and the National Advisory Committee, supported the local manager and staff, and sent representatives to meetings of the National Advisory Committee. Retail branches were added to the network in 1986. In 1987, CANEC became United Church Publishing House. In 1989, it was decided that the AVEL system would come completely under the control of the Division of Mission. This necessitated changes in the Conference supervision of these operations. The AVEL/CANEC Regional Advisory Committee was succeeded by the AVEL Management Committee and the United Church Publishing House Regional Advisory Committee.

The items described here consist largely of correspondence and reports on audio-visual usage received from the Division of Mission by the Conference representatives of the AVEL/CANEC Regional Advisory Committee.

Title based on contents.

Reverse chronological order.

Location: Box 515/1-1 (former S-3-0).

516/1/3 AVEL Management Committee. -- 1989-1993. -- 2 folders.

In 1989, the AVEL system came completely under the control of the Division of Mission and local AVEL Management Committees were created to oversee local interests in those centres with AVEL libraries. The AVEL Management Committee included two members from the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario and one from Saskatchewan. Also planned was a separate Advisory Committee (AVEL Preview Group) with six members from Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario and three from Saskatchewan. One member was to act as liaison between the two groups. The committee met two or three times a year. After Conference restructuring in 1993, the committee came under the umbrella of the Education and Justice Unit through the Conference Communications Committee.

Items described here consist of minutes, with reports interspersed, of the Manitoba Conference AVEL Management Committee dating from soon after its creation in 1989 to February 1992. Also found here is AVEL Management Committee correspondence (including memos, reports, and meeting notes) dating from 1989 to 1993.

Location: Box 515/1-1 (former S-3-0).

516/1/4 Conference Camping Committee.

In September of 1984, the Worship and Education Council formed a Task Force to study the camping ministry in the Conference. This Task Force recommended re-establishment of the Conference Camping Committee and this was accomplished in 1985. The main tasks of the committee were to co-ordinate Conference camping and to act as a liaison between camps, Presbyteries, Conference, the Division of Mission in Canada and the National Advisory Group on Camping. The Camping Committee was also charged with raising the profile of camping ministries in Conference the distribution of information about the camping opportunities of Conference to Presbyteries and congregations. Nine camps were operating within the Conference in 1986. The Conference Camping Committee was disbanded in 1987 due to lack of interest and existence of other lines of accountability. Camping Convenors included Jeannie Baker, 1985/86; and Cathy Coates, 1986/87.

A distinct body of records has not yet been located for this Worship and Education Council committee.

Title based on contents.

516/1/5 'Cross-Currents' Advisory Committee. -- 1982-1993. -- 1 folder.

The 'Cross-Currents' Advisory Committee was lodged under the Worship and Education Council from 1984. The mandate of the committee was to oversee editorial and advertising policy, production and budget, and to be a support to the editor of the 'Cross-Currents' Newsletter. 'Cross-Currents' was published as a Conference insert to the United Church Observer magazine. It was published four times a year in 1983, but was cut back to three times a year in 1986. Editors included: Noelle Boughton from 1985; Hazel Flint, 1985; Dianne Baker, 1985; Marilyn MacKinnon, 1986-1987; Nancy Painter from Jan 1988; Bram Ryan from 1991.

Items found here consist of 'Cross-Currents' Newsletters produced for insertion into the United Church Observer between 1982 and 1993.

Title based on contents.

Reverse chronological order.

For other issues of 'Cross-Currents' see the sub-series "515/1/2 Conference Communication Committee"

Location: Box 515/1-1 (former S-3-0).

516/1/6 Families 2000. -- 1991-1993. -- 1 folder + 10 photographs.

In April 1991, 17 people from the Conference attended the 'Families 2000' National Council of Churches event in Chicago. Following the Conference the attendees met several times for continued learning and analysis. They also offered leadership at several worship services, committee meetings and workshops. 'Families 2000' Conference speaker Ofelia Ortega was invited to be the guest speaker at the Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Conference women's gathering in October 1993. An intergenerational event titled "Here are My Sisters and My Brothers" with guest speaker Virginia Ramey Mollenkott took place in March 1993.

Items described here include correspondence and memos that pertain to planning for attendance by Conference representatives at the Families 2000 event and reports and other items pertaining to follow-up events to 'Families 2000'. Also found here are notes pertaining the "Here are My Sisters and My Brothers" event. Items also include ten colour photographs of participants and events at 'Families 2000' taped to four pages within a file folder.

Title based on contents.

Location: Box 516/1-1 (former S-8-0).

516/1/7 Leadership Network Steering Committee. -- 1984-1992. -- 4 folders.

The Leadership Network was formed in 1983 and was based on the Saskatchewan Conference Resource Pool model. The purpose was to train leaders (both lay and clergy) who would then be available as a network to act as a resource for helping to plan and carry out congregational and presbytery workshops, training events (2 per year), and planning sessions. The Network trained church leaders at the Presbytery level and in 1992 moved to congregational level. In 1991 training sessions were reduced to 1 per year. The Leadership Network Steering Committee was formed to establish the theology, philosophy and standards of the network. The Leadership Network was not continued after Conference restructuring in 1993.

Items found here include minutes dating from 1984 to 1988; correspondence dating from 1988 to 1992; agendas for individual training events dating from 1986-1991; and sample workshops and outlines.

Title based on contents.

Reverse chronological order.

Location: Box 516/1-1 (former S-8-0).

516/1/8 Ministry with Children Committee. -- 1987-1993. -- 10 folders + 5 photographs.

The Ministry with Children Committee was created in 1987 with a convenor and six members. It replaced the replaces Sunday School and Mid-Week portfolios on the Worship and Education Council. The purpose of the committee was to facilitate integration of children into life, ministry and work of the church; encourage leadership development for church school-teachers especially through workshop events; and liase with mid-week groups. In 1991 two rallies along with meetings were planned. The committee was assigned the tasks of forming a sub-committee to organise and administer the 'Children at Conference' program; to organise and administer the distribution of Children's Bulletins; and hear reports from mid-week organisations (CGIT/Explorers, Scouts/Cubs, Church School, Messengers). In January of 1988 the Children's Ministry Newsletter "Kaleidoscope" was launched and two issues per year were produced. After Conference restructuring in 1993, this committee reported to the Education Committee under the umbrella of the Education and Justice Unit. Convenors included: Beth Mclean, 1987/88; and Cathie Clement, 1991/92.

Items found here include minutes of meetings of the Ministry with Children Committee dating from 1987 to 1993; and items pertaining to the production of "Kaleidoscope" including sample issues. Also found here are files pertaining to a number of workshops and events including: 'Whole People of God', 'Working Toward Safety', 'Writing Day', 'Curricula Maze', 'Sacred Clown', 'Up From the Basement', 'Home-made Curriculum', 'Mustard Seed and Leaven', and 'Make a Feast'.

Title based on contents.

Also called the Children's Ministry Committee.

The project file for 'Up from the Basement' includes 5 photographs.

Reverse chronological order.

Location: Box 516/1-1 (former S-8-0).

516/1/9 Resource Centre Advisory Committee.—1975 – 1985. – 2 folders.

In 1973, Conference Executive appointed a Committee "to be a policy and decision making group in the area of resources, furnishings, equipment and budget requirements for the Resource Centre." The purpose of the Resource Centre is to provide audiovisual resources for loan. The Librarian for the Resource Centre also serves as the receptionist for the Conference Office. In 1993, the Resource Centre Committee was placed as part of the Communications Committee of the Education and Justice Unit. The Resource Centre Committee and the AVEL Committee combined in 2005 to form the Resources Advisory Committee.

The records of the Resource Centre Committee came to the Conference Archives as part of a transfer of records from the Conference Offices in 2000, but were not accessioned until 2006.

The surviving records of the Resource Centre Committee include minutes dating from 1975 to 1985.

Title based on contents.

See box list.

Further accruals are expected.

The folder containing minutes dating from 1975 to 1985 also includes correspondence, financial statements and the December 1973 minutes of the Programme Resource Committee.

Accession: 2006 - 33

Location: Box 543 (Off - Site)

516/1/10 Senior's Committee. -- 1988-1992. -- 4 folders.

The Senior's Task Force, later called the Senior's Committee, was formed in 1989 to explore possibilities in senior's ministry. Among its activities were the organisation of senior's retreats and advocacy for seniors concerns in Conference. This committee ceased to exist after Conference restructuring in 1993.

Items found here include minutes of the meetings of the Senior's Committee dating from 1988 to 1992; correspondence dating from 1989 to 1992; materials pertaining to Conference Senior's events planned and put on by the Senior's Committee; and background information on ministry to seniors.

Title based on contents.

Reverse chronological order.

Location: Box 516/1-1 (former S-8-0).

516/1/11 Share Fair Planning Committee. -- 1983-1992. -- 4 folders.

The idea of the Share Fair Project originated at the inaugural meeting of the Worship and Education Council in 1983. The Share Fair Planning Committee became an elected committee of Conference in 1985. This committee was responsible for designing and implementing leadership development days of workshops and resource displays, including worship, theme addresses and fellowship (share experiences with others) in response to the expressed needs of the Presbyteries. Share Fairs, and therefore the Share Fair Planning Committee, were not continued after Conference restructuring in 1993.

Items found here include minutes of the Share Fair Planning Committee dating from 1983 to 1992; correspondence dating from 1986 to 1992; Share Fair publicity dating from 1984 to 1992; and workshop planning materials.

Title based on contents.

Reverse chronological order.

Location: Box 516/1-1 (former S-8-0).

516/1/12 United Church Publishing House [Regional] Advisory Committee.

This committee had membership from both the Saskatchewan and Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Conferences. It acted in an advisory and supportive capacity for management and staff of the bookstore and as a liaison between the region and the national publishing house operations. The committee met twice annually and sent representatives to meetings of the National Advisory Committee. In 1991 the committee was charged by the National Advisory Committee with the production of a new marriage service booklet based on 'A Celebration of Marriage' (produced by the Division of Mission in 1985).

A distinct body of records has not yet been located for this Worship and Education Council committee.

Title based on contents.

516/1/13 Worship Committee. -- 1982-1994. -- 8 folders, 1 bound volume.

The Worship Committee came into existence in November of 1983 with eight members. The purpose of the committee was to support those who lead in worship, increase awareness of spirituality in the Conference, and to help the church focus on particular issues in worship life. The committee was primarily concerned with organising one-day regional worship workshop events as well as taking part in Share Fairs and organising Conference retreats. The Worship Committee was also responsible for setting up a worship area for the annual meeting of Conference. In 1986 the Worship Committee embarked on a study of the issue of children in worship. In 1992, the Worship Committee introduced a pilot project that involved working intensively with a congregation for worship development. They also instituted a and pre-annual meeting Conference retreat. The Worship Committee was not continued after Conference restructuring in 1993. Chairs included Sylvia Scott [Wortley], 1983/84, 1984/85, 1985/86, 1986/87; Ralph Donnelly, 1990/91; and Russell Wardell, 1991/92, 1992/93, 1993.

Items found here include minutes of meetings of the Worship Committee dating from 1983 to 1993; and correspondence dating from 1982 to 1993. Also found here are files pertaining to Worship Committee sponsored events including: Music Events, Retreats, Wawanesa 'Re-Charge It', and Gilbert Plains, Grandview and Ethlebert 'Re-Charge It', and the Decade Room of the Annual Meeting.

Title based on contents.

Reverse chronological order.

Location: Box 516/1-1 (former S-8-0); Box 542 (CA0453)

516/1/14 Youth Committee. -- 1984-1994. -- 22 folders.

The Youth Committee, also known as Youth of the United Church (Y. U. C. H.), was formed in 1984 and met twice a year. This committee acted as a focal point for Conference Youth activity including Labour Day Youth Retreats, Junior High Jump-Up, Happenstance (for young adults), and Alf events on SAG weekends. They published a Youth Committee newsletter, known as the "Youthletter". The Youth Committee also organised a one day pre-event at Conference as an orientation session for youth delegates and was active in planning for Kairos 89, which took place at the University of Manitoba in August of 1989. In 1992, the Youth Committee encouraged Conference to send a youth delegate to General Council. Following Conference reorganisation in 1992, the Youth Committee was lodged under the Education Committee of the Education and Justice Unit.

Items found here largely consist of files pertaining to Youth Committee workshops and events including: Happenstance for 1987, 1989, and 1993; Junior High Jump Up for 1987-1993; Labour Day Events for 1984-1988 and 1990-1993; SAG/ALF Events for 1987-1992; School of Hard Knox for 1991, 1992; and Yatcomano, 1992. Also found here are issues of the "Youthletter" dating from 1985 to 1994, and materials pertaining to the planning of Kairos '89.

Title based on contents.

Location: Box 516/1-2 (former S-8-1).

516/1/15 Learning on the Way. -- 1990. -- 1 folder textual material.

The Council also supervised administration of the Investment in People and Leadership Development funds. The Leadership Development Fund supported retreats and other events such as the Kenyan Women's Exchange, Ministry with Children Events and Explorer Camp. As of 1 January 1992 the Continuing Education Fund, Investment in People Fund and Learning on the Way Fund were amalgamated as the Life Long Learning Fund. Funds were available to ministry personnel and lay as well as local initiative grants for congregations and Presbyteries. A member of the Conference Committee served as a rep on the National Life Long Learning Committee, which allocated funds for Sabbatical time for ministry personnel, specialised training in skills development and special institutional learning opportunities. After further re-structuring in 1993, the Life Long Learning Committee became a sub-committee of the Education Committee under the umbrella of the Education and Justice Unit.

The records of the Learning on the Way Fund currently held by the archives originally belonged to Irene Sale, but came to the conference archives through a transfer of records from the Conference Offices and reboxed in 2006.

The records of the Learning on the Way Fund include reports on meetings dated April 3 and 17, 1990.

Title based on contents.

Accession: 2006 - 37

Location: Off - Site Box 544 (CA0455)

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Box List

Box 515/1-1 (Former Box S-3-0)

Worship and Education Council Communications Committees.

- Regional Advisory Committee. -- 1981-1984. -- 2 folders.
- AVEL Management Committee. -- 1989-1993. -- 2 folders.
- Cross Currents. -- 1982-1993. -- 1 folder

Box 516/1-1 (former Box S-8-0)

Worship and Education Council.

- Records of the Worship and Education Council. -- 1983-1993. -- 8 folders textual records and other material.
- 'Cross-Currents' Advisory Committee. -- 1982-1993. -- 1 folder.
- Families 2000. -- 1991-1993. -- 1 folder + 10 photographs.
- Leadership Network Steering Committee. -- 1984-1992. -- 4 folders.
- Ministry with Children Committee. -- 1987-1993. -- 10 folders + 5 photographs.
- Senior's Committee. -- 1988-1992. -- 4 folders.
- Share Fair Planning Committee. -- 1983-1992. -- 4 folders.
- Worship Committee. -- 1982-1993. -- 8 folders-

Box 516/1-2 (former Box S-8-1)

Worship and Education Council.

- Youth Committee. -- 1984-1993. -- 22 folders.

Box 542 (Off- site Box CA0453)

Worship and Education Council

Worship Committee - Guest Book for the Decade Room at Annual Meetings of Conference 1991 – 1994

Box 543 (Off Site)

Communication Committee

- Resource Centre Committee Minutes 1975 - 1985 (includes correspondence, financial statements and the December 1973 minutes of the Programme Resource Committee)
- Resource Centre Committee Minutes 1986 - 1993

Box 544 (CA0455)

Worship and Education Council

- Learning on the Way Fund reports on meetings April 3 and 17, 1990