

## **Association of Presbyterian Workers Among the Indians Fonds**

**Title:** Association of Presbyterian Workers Among the Indians Fonds

**Dates:** 1909 - 1930

**Extent:** 1 folder of textual records, 1 journal with photographs

**Repository:** United Church of Canada Archives Winnipeg

**Retrieval Numbers:** Acc. 15-01

### **Historical Note**

The Association of Presbyterian Workers Among the Indians in the Synods of Manitoba and Saskatchewan (and parts of Ontario) was created in 1908 by Presbyterian missionaries for the purpose of meeting and discussing concerns and issues that they had in common. Seven successful conventions were held. The location of the first one is not known; Birtle Indian Residential School, Manitoba (2<sup>nd</sup> Annual, 1909); Portage la Prairie Residential School, Manitoba (3<sup>rd</sup> Annual, 1910), Augustine Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg (4<sup>th</sup> Annual, 1911); Crowstand Indian School, Saskatchewan (5<sup>th</sup> Annual, 1912); Deaconess Training Home, Toronto (6<sup>th</sup> Annual, 1913); File Hills Indian School, Saskatchewan (7<sup>th</sup> Annual, 1914) The next convention, held in 1915 at Cecelia Jeffereys Residential School, near Kenora, Ontario was poorly attended. The conclusion was that the geographical territory for the Association was too broad. The final convention, in Winnipeg in 1916 was very poorly attended and was the last. The remaining funds of \$4.65 were sent to Crowstand School in 1928, by the treasurer, J. Donaghy, marking the official end of the Association.

The Convention programs were largely led by the members of the Association, with a few invited guests, and included: worship, presentations (such as Literature on the Indians, Sanitation and Salvation, The Christian Indian, When is a reserve ready to have a day school?, Indian Marriage and Divorce, Canada for Christ), internal business (such as Nominations and Convention planning), external business (such as recommendations to the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church).

The Association had an Honorary President, President, Vice-President and Secretary Treasurer. They served as an Executive. Membership fees were .50 a year. Records name at least 36 paid members.

### **Scope and Content**

The surviving records of the Presbyterian Workers Among the Indians Association consist of: the Convention minute book (covers 1909 to 1915 Conventions, with a short series of correspondences from 1928 and 1930 regarding the disbursement of residue funds, and a short history written by J. Donaghy, Treasurer); correspondence/survey regarding the 1915 Convention, a list of Indian Workers (no date), 3 pieces of correspondence and proposed program for 1916 Convention and ten black and white photographs, which are described in detail below.

All of the documents and photos from this fonds have been digitized.

**Custodial History**

The provenance of these records is obscure but possibly came to the United Church Archives with the records of Rev. James A. Donaghy as part of a transfer of records around 1992. Donaghy was the Treasurer of the Association.

Relevant items in this fonds related to Indian Residential Schools are included in the United Church of Canada Archives Winnipeg 2014 Index of IRS Related Records and were digitized for submission to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. (Container 293, documents 1 – 6, plus photos)

**Language**

The materials are in English.

**Restriction on Access**

No restrictions apply.

**Accruals**

No further accruals are expected.

**Photograph Item Description**

Archivist Identifier	Archivist Description	Photographer/Collector Caption	Photo Date
apwai_001	Association of Presbyterian Workers Among the Indian Leaders, Birtle, 1909. 1 photograph: b&w ; 11.9 x 9.6 cm	Birtle 1909 Four Leaders L-R: Jacob Bear - Round Lake, Sask.; Rev. Thos.Hart - Winnipeg; Rev. H. McKay - Round Lake; Joe Boxer - Okanase;	1909
apwai_002	Chiefs and Councilors, Birtle, 1909. 1 photograph: b&w ; 12.1 x 9.5 cm	Chiefs and Councilors Chief Geo Bone, Okanase, 3rd from L.; Councilor Sol. Burns;. --- L.End; ---; Joe Boyer; --- R. End; Chief Joe Cote, Crowstand, 5th from L.	1909
apwai_003	The Women of the Association of Presbyterian Workers Among the Indians, Birtle 1909. 1 photograph: b&w ;9.7 x 12.5 cm	Birtle 1909; The Ladies Mrs. (Rev.) Thos Hart, Extreme L.	1909

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apwai_004	The Men of the Association of Presbyterian Workers Among the Indians, Birtle, 1909. 1 photograph: b&w ; 9.4 x 12.6 cm	The Gentlemen 1. Bailey, Lizard Point; 2. Gilbert, Rolling Riv; 3. Henry, Portage; 4. Dr. Hart, Winnipeg; 5. McKay, Round Lake; 6. Buyden, Misthwasish; 7. Heron, Regina; Sitting: McWhinney, Crowstand, L.; Clark, File Hills, C; McLaren, Birtle, R.	1909
apwai_005	Clergymen and their wives 1 photograph: b&w ; 11.6 x 26.7 cm	1. Rev. J.A. Donaghy - Okanase; 2. Rev. R.B. Heron - Regina; 3. Rev. Hugh McKay - Round Lake; 4. Rev. A.B. Baird, D.D. - Winnipeg; 5. Rev. F.O. Gilbert, M.D. - Rolling River; 6. Rev. McKenzie - Hurricane Hills; 7. Rev. J. Farquharson, D.D. - Winnipeg; 8.	n.d.
apwai_006	Women of the Association of Presbyterian Workers Among the Indians, Crowstand, 1912. 1 photograph: b&w ; 9.7 x 11.5 cm	Crowstand, 1912 The Ladies: Miss Craig, Toronto Travelling Secretary of W.M.S. at R. Miss Dunbar, Matron, at L.	1912
apwai_007	Men of Association of Presbyterian Workers Among the Indians, Crowstand, 1912. 1 photograph: b&w ; 9.5 x 11 cm		1912
apwai_008	Mrs. J.A. Donaghy leaning on the Eaglestone, Crowstand. 1 photograph: b&w ; 12.7 x 9.1 cm	The "Eaglestone" Crowstand. Eagle seen near L.side of stone. Hundreds of names written on it, but none on the eagle. Mrs. J.A. Donaghy, Okanase, at right.	
apwai_009	Delegates on stairs of Cecelia Jeffreys Indian Residential School, 1915. 1 photograph: b&w ; 10.1 x 11.8 cm	Cecelia Jeffreys, 1915. A Group of delegates: Dr. Hamilton, Kewatin, Right front; Miss Bruce, front, dark dress; Mrs. Dodds, 2nd from L, 2nd row back; Principal Dodds, back row, L.end.	1915
apwai_010	Delegates before leaving Kenora by boat, 1915. 1 photograph: b&w ; 9.2 x 12.5 cm	The return trip on "Wanderer", young Indian Engineer hoisting the flag.	1915

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