

FINDING AID

Administrative Records of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Fonds

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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.

**512/3 Inter-Conference and Ecumenical Groups reporting to the Evangelism and Social Action Council. -
- 1974-1993. -- 4m textual records and other material.**

Records in this series concern inter-conference and ecumenical organisations supported by the Conference after 1972. Support usually involved a member of Conference serving on a supervisory board or committee and might include some sort of monetary aid towards the work of the organisation. Usually, these groups and organisations would make an annual report to Conference on the progress of their work. This was not compulsory, however. After 1983, many of these groups liased with Conference through the Evangelism and Social Action Council.

In most cases, the record consists of small amounts of correspondence and reference materials created and acquired by the Conference Executive Secretary or Conference Administrative Support and Evangelism and Social Action Staff in the course of their work. These items were transferred to the Conference Archives in 1996 as part of a larger group of inactive records of Conference administration that had been stored at the Conference Offices at 120 Maryland. In some cases, such as with the Church and Community Inquiry into Unemployment, the Inter-Church Task Force on Northern Flooding, and the Manitoba Interfaith Council it appears that the Archives have acquired the majority of the records created or acquired by these bodies. This may include minutes, submissions to the group, reports and correspondence as well as research material collected by the group.

Records pertaining to every Inter-Conference and Ecumenical group with which the United Church was involved have not been acquired by the Archives. Records described as part of this series include the following sub-series: Canadian Foodgrains Bank, 1987-1991; the Christmas Cheer Board, 1973-1978; the Church and Community Inquiry into Unemployment, 1993; the Committee on Theological Education for Ministry, 1987-1988; Inter-Church Coalition on Africa, [ca.1990]; the Inter-Church Commission for Isolated Communities, 1978-1985; the Inter-Church Committee on World Development Education (Ten Days for World Development), 1973-1984; the Inter-Church Task Force on Northern Flooding, 1973-1986; the Manitoba Inter-Church Coalition on Resource Development (provincial arm of Project North), predominant 1975-1988; the Interfaith Pastoral Institute, 1975-1980; the Manitoba Interfaith Council, 1972-1992; PLURA, 1990; and the Social Assistance Coalition of Manitoba, 1989-1990. Groups for which records have not yet been located include the Interfaith Coalition for Reconciliation: The French Language Issue in Manitoba and the Refugee Concerns Committee.

Title based on contents.

Location: Box 512/1-2 to Box 512/1-5; Box 519/2-3.

For more information pertaining to Inter - Conference and Ecumenical Groups, see Ecumenical Task Forces and Organizations Boxes A and B (CA0457 and CA0458; records cover the InterChurch Seminar for Workers with Indian People, Manitoba Aboriginal Rights Coalition, Inter-Church Inquiry into Northern Hydro Development, InterChurch Task Force on Northern Flooding and Project North).

File Description

512/3/1 Canadian Foodgrains Bank. -- 1987-1991. -- 1 folder.

The United Church was one of the partners, along with eight other denominations, in the Winnipeg based Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The Bank collected donations in the form of grain from farmers in the Prairies and Ontario and distributed this grain to the homeless, the starving and development groups in third world countries.

Items found here include samples of resource materials (brochures and posters) produced by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and a few items of correspondence pertaining to the Foodgrains Bank received by Conference Social Action Staff Janet Silman.

Title based on contents.

Reverse chronological order.

The finding aid is the sub-series description; box list available.

Location: Box 512/1-2.

512/3/2 Christmas Cheer Board. -- 1973-1978. -- 1 folder.

The Christmas Cheer Board of Greater Winnipeg, begun in 1948, evolved from an initiative begun by Rev. David O. Reece of the Central Winnipeg Parish. The idea behind the Board was to co-ordinate the various Christmas fund-raising projects operating in the city and provide a central registry for hamper recipients to avoid duplication of efforts. After 1968, the Roman Catholic, Anglican and United Churches decided to pool resources for the packing of hampers. For many years the administrative headquarters of the Board operated out of the United Church's Central Winnipeg Parish offices and later Maclean House (after old St. Andrew's/Central Winnipeg Parish was destroyed by fire in 1968).

Items found here include correspondence of Conference Administrative Support Staff (Rev. R. Smith) pertaining the Christmas Cheer Board of Greater Winnipeg dating from 1973 to 1978 including several items pertaining to the use of the United Church's 'Live Love' slogan by the Christmas Cheer Board of Greater Winnipeg.

Title based on contents.

Reverse chronological order.

The finding aid is the sub-series description; box list available.

Location: Box 519/2-3.

512/3/3 Church and Community Inquiry into Unemployment. -- 1993. -- 1m textual records and other material.

The Church and Community Inquiry into Unemployment grew out of community concern about the increasing economic hardship caused by the widespread downsizing and layoffs that had been occurring for several years. United Church members were part of the community group involved in organising a public inquiry into the problem.

The items described here were transferred to the Conference Archives in 1996 as part of a larger group of inactive records of Conference administration that had been stored at the Conference Offices at 120 Maryland. It has not been possible to determine who had custody of these items prior to their coming to the Conference Offices.

Items include briefs and submissions made to the Inquiry and two copies of the Inquiry Report "Much Work to Do" and the Summary Report as well as Inquiry correspondence, press releases, the Inquiry schedule and other miscellaneous materials.

Title based on contents.

Items also include eighteen 90 minute audio cassette recordings of Inquiry submissions (numbered); three KSP-30 video tape dubs of Spirit Connection television programs featuring the Inquiry; one T-130 video tape (unlabelled); as well as an undetermined number of negatives and 37 photographs.

Some items have been foldered that were not in folders when received; otherwise original folders have been retained.

Items culled when these records were transferred to the archives include flip chart sheets; extra copies of inquiry submissions; background and research materials not forming part of Inquiry submissions; labels and letterhead; outreach organisation addresses; reference materials on workshop planning; a copy of "An act respecting unemployment insurance in Canada"; unemployment insurance regulations pertaining to voluntarily leaving employment; and a copy the Canadian Federation of Students 1991 publication "Strategy for Change (3rd ed.)".

File level description; box lists available.

Location: Box 512/1-3; Box 512/1-4.

File Description

1. Report. -- 1993. -- 1 bound volume + 2 folders.

Items found here include two copies of the report of the church and Community Inquiry into Unemployment "Much Work to Do" and two copies of the report summary.

Title based on contents.

2. Briefs and Submissions. -- 1993. -- 5 folders.

Items found here include the original briefs and submissions made to the Church and Community Inquiry into Unemployment with supporting documentation.

Title based on contents.

Written submissions are numbered in order of presentation; the number key is found in Brief folder #2.

3. Schedule. -- 1993. -- 1 folder.

This folder contains the schedule for Inquiry presentations with corrections noted.

Title taken from folder label.

4. Letters. -- 1993. -- 2 folders.

These folders contain correspondence received in response to an invitation to make a presentation to the Inquiry.

Title taken from folder labels.

5. Miscellaneous. -- 1993. -- 1 folder.

This folder contains original copies of form letters to presenters and contact information for resources on unemployment.

Title taken from folder label.

6. Clippings. -- 1993. -- 1 folder.

Clippings found here were collected from Manitoba and other Canadian newspapers.

Title based on contents.

Items include photocopies and originals.

7. Sundayscope. -- 1993. -- 1 folder.

This folder contains scripts for the television program "Sundayscope" on the topic of unemployment and economic reform.

Title taken from folder label.

8. Spirit Connection Transcript. -- 1993. -- 1 folder.

This folder contains transcripts of "Spirit Connection" television programs dealing with the Inquiry.

Title based on contents.

9. Audio Tape Index. -- 1993. -- 1 folder.

This folder contains an index to the eighteen audio-cassette recordings of Inquiry submissions accessioned as part of the Inquiry record.

Title based on contents.

512/3/4 Committee on Theological Education for Ministry. -- 1987-1988. -- 1 folder.

Items found here pertain largely to discussion around proposals for the creation of a Western Diaconal Education Program in co-operation with the Centre for Christian Studies. Diane Cooper, Executive Secretary of Conference from 1985 to 1994 served on this committee and likely created or acquired the items described here.

Items include an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Committee on Theological Education for Ministry (CTEM) dating from March 1988; a copy of the "Report to the Committee on Theological Education for Ministry from the Centre for Christian Studies" dating from March 1988; and a copy of the "Report of a Commission to Study the Place and Role of the Educational Centres in the Four Western Conferences..." dating from April 1988.

Title based on contents.

The finding aid is the sub-series description; box list available.

Location: Box 512/1-2.

512/3/5 Inter-Church Coalition on Africa -- [ca.1990]. -- 1 folder.

Items in this folder largely pertain to the response of Canadian Churches, through the Inter-Church Coalition on Africa, to the maiming of anti-apartheid activist Fr. Michael Lapsley in a letter bomb attack shortly after his return to Africa from a tour of Ontario and the Prairies in 1990.

Title based on contents.

The finding aid is the sub-series description; box list available.

Location: Box 512/1-2.

512/3/6 Inter-Church Commission for Isolated Communities. -- 1978-1985. -- 1 folder.

The Inter-Church Commission for Isolated Communities was formed in 1978 in order to administer co-operative ministries in communities too small and isolated to support more than one self-supporting congregation. The Commission included representatives from the Diocese of Brandon (Anglican Church of Canada), the Central Canada Synod (Lutheran Church of Canada), the Presbytery of Brandon (Presbyterian Church of Canada), and the Presbytery of Northland (United Church of Canada). The authority of the Commission as well as how it would function and how new communities of faith would be organised was spelled out in a detailed constitution. Leaf Rapids was one of the communities served by the Commission.

Items described here were created or acquired by Conference Executive Secretary William Hickerson and were transferred to the Conference Archives in 1996 as part of a larger group of inactive records of Conference administration that had been stored at the Conference Offices at 120 Maryland. Also, Rev. Norm Velnes, Conference Stewardship Education and Administrative Support served as the Secretary of the Commission.

Items include a copy of the Commission Constitution and a copy of the Covenant for a Community of Faith. Also found here is correspondence dating from 1985 pertaining to possible areas of work for the Commission and the nature of co-operative ministry.

Title based on contents.

The financial records of the committee were culled when these records were transferred to the Archives.

Reverse chronological order.

The finding aid is the sub-series description; box list available.

Location: Box 512/1-2.

512/3/7 Inter-Church Committee for World Development Education. -- 1973-1984. -- 6 folders.

By 1971, the United Church had been co-operating for some time with the Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, and Presbyterian churches in fund-raising for development and relief projects. In that year, these churches joined together to develop an educational component later known as Ten Days for World Development. The aim was to inform Canadians about 3rd world struggles and promote active concern within church congregations. To this end the committee produced a number of educational resources and made them widely available. Regional committees were formed to serve as a liaison between the national Inter-Church Committee and local congregations. The Winnipeg Committee operated a Resource Centre as well as planning educational events and co-ordinating speakers.

Items appear to have been created or acquired by Conference Administrative Support Rev. R. Smith and Paul Duval, Chair of the Evangelism and Social Action Council in 1984/1985.

Items found here include program materials dating from 1973 to 1977. Also found here is a Study Guide dating from 1981, correspondence dating from 1973 and 1983, and program material dating from 1984.

Title based on contents.

The finding aid is the sub-series description; box list available.

Location: Box 512/1-2.

512/3/8 Inter-Church Task Force on Northern Flooding. -- 1973-1986. -- 2m textual records and other material.

The Inter-Church Task Force on Northern Flooding grew out of the Conference Committee on Northern Flooding that was constituted in 1973 by Rev. Jack McLachlan in his capacity as President of Conference. Rev. McLachlan was acting in response to a letter from Rev. Doug McMurtry expressing concern about the consequences for First Nations communities of planned hydro electric development in Northern Manitoba. By 1974, the Task Force included representatives from the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Mennonite Churches. The Task Force encouraged the release of Hydro studies detailing the effects of planned hydro development on Northern rivers, lobbied for public hearings and co-ordinated intervention where necessary. When the government did not consent to hold public hearings, the Task Force convened the first public hearings ever held by a private body in Canada.

The Task Force also encouraged the formation of the Northern Flood Committee. This Committee was comprised of the Band Chiefs and Community Council Mayors of the communities of Nelson House, Cross Lake, South Indian Lake, Norway House, Ilford, Split Lake, Fox Lake, and York Landing. The Northern Flood Committee was encouraged to confront government and provoke a dialogue, secure funding, hire researchers and legal personnel, and "take on a life of their own". They eventually came to serve as the representatives of Northern Manitoba communities in negotiations with Manitoba Hydro through which the Northern Flood Agreement was ratified in March of 1978. After 1978 the Task Force continued to lobby for funding for the Northern Flood Committee, or a similar co-ordinating body, in order to insure that the promises contained in the Northern Flood Agreement were implemented. The Task Force was disbanded in January of 1990 after it became apparent that the Northern First Nations had become effective in pursuing their own social justice goals.

Some of the members of the Task Force included Rev. Ian Macdonald, Menno Wiebe, Bob Haverluck, Rev. Jack McLachlan, Fr. Brian Teixeira, and Rev. Doug McMurtry. Secretaries of the Task Force included Menno Wiebe, Fr. Brian Teixeira, and Rev. Ian Macdonald.

Items described here came to the Conference Archives in at least three separate accessions in 1976, 1979 and 1987. Items received in 1976 and 1987 were previously in the custody of Rev. Jack McLaughlin, Task Force Chair. Those accessions also include items that were acquired or created by Fr. Brian Teixeira, Task Force Secretary ca.1975/76. Items received in 1979 had been in the custody of Rev. Ian McDonald, Task Force Secretary after Fr. Teixeira.

This sub-series consists of minutes of Task Force meetings, predominantly dating from 1974 to 1976. Items also include Task Force correspondence; background and resource materials; copies of written submissions to the public inquiry and transcripts of oral submissions; copies of inquiry and other relevant reports; publicity materials; and items pertaining to the activities of the Northern Flood Committee.

Title based on contents.

Initially also known as the Ad Hoc Committee on South Indian Lake, the Inter-Church Flood Committee and the Inter-Church Task Force on the Churchill River Diversion; also known as ARK.

Items have been re-folded and re-labelled; original fasteners were removed when these items were accessioned.

Exhibit files; pamphlets; a copy of the "Royal Commission Inquiry into Northern Transportation", 1969; and copies of the Lake Winnipeg, Churchill and Nelson Rivers Study Board Reports, Summary Report and Technical Report Appendixes, vols. 1-8, dating from 1975 were discarded on receipt in 1979; duplicates were discarded from all three accessions on receipt and during arrangement and description in 2001; order reconstructed based on accession record where possible.

See also Ecumenical Task Forces and Organizations fonds (boxes CA0457 and CA0458; box lists in boxes), which contain copies of the Northern Flood agreements and other related records.

File level description; box lists available.

Location: Box 512/1-6 to Box 512/1-9.

File Description

1. Minutes. -- 1974-1976. -- 4 folders.

Items described here consist of minutes of Task Force meetings up to 1976. Minutes dating from after 1976 have not yet been located. Reports, proposals and other documents are interspersed throughout along with items of correspondence. Also found here are meeting notes, minutes and transcripts of groups other than the Inter-Church Task Force on Northern Flooding, including the Northern Flood Committee. This includes minutes of the Northern Flood Committee Workshop held in Winnipeg 3 and 4 July, 1974.

Title based on contents.

Chronological order was imposed during arrangement and description taking place in 2001.

Accession: 1976-1.

2. Correspondence. -- 1973-1986. -- 12 folders.

Items described here consist of correspondence and other items received by members of the Task Force dating from 1973 to 1986. Items dating from 1973, largely created or acquired by J. McLachlan, include hand-written notes of initial meetings and consultations that led to the creation of the Conference Committee on Northern Flooding. Also dating from 1973 are original letters received from John McFarlane, J. D. McMurtry and others encouraging action by the United Church on behalf of Northern Manitoba communities facing flooding as a result of the Churchill River diversion along with supporting documentation. Items also include a copy of a Conference study kit on "Development in Northern Manitoba" containing a copy of the "Resume of Nelson-Churchill Hydro-Electric Development" received from the office of Premier Ed. Schreyer in 1973. Items dating from 1974 include drafts of correspondence that may or may not have been sent and correspondence with government and hydro officials.

Many of the items found here were created or acquired by Menno Wiebe, Fr. Brian Teixeira and Ian Macdonald in their capacity as Task Force Secretaries.

Title based on contents.

Chronological order was imposed during arrangement and description taking place in 2001.

Accession: 1976-1; 1987-40.

3. Background and Resource Material. -- 1972-1984, predominant 1972-1976. -- 28 folders or bound documents.

Items described here were acquired by members of the Task Force and include printed publications, maps, newsletters, and clippings. Also described here are reports from various agencies detailing environmental impacts of hydro-electric development. This includes a copy of the report and summary report impact study produced by the Lake Winnipeg, Churchill and Nelson Rivers Study Board. This also includes reports on the impact of other large scale resource developments such as the McKenzie Valley Pipeline.

Title based on contents.

Accession: 1976-1; 1987-40.

4. South Indian Lake Pilot Project. -- [ca.1974]. -- 1 folder.

Items found here include notes and other documents that pertain to early efforts to encourage negotiation between First Nations communities and the Manitoba Government regarding the effects of hydro electric development on Northern communities, especially South Indian Lake.

Title based on contents.

Accession: 1976-1.

5. Public Hearing Exhibits. -- 1970-1975. -- 54 exhibits.

Items found here include written briefs and presentations made to public hearings into the effects of hydro-electric development on Northern Manitoba communities held Sept 22-29, 1975.

Title based on contents.

Exhibits 6.(b)7 and 44 are missing; a list of presenters and titles is located in Box 512/1-7.

Accession: 1979-16.

6. Report of the Panel of Public Inquiry into Northern Hydro Development. -- 1976. -- 6 folders.

The Task Force conceived the idea of citizen-called public hearings in April of 1975. Charles Rhodes Smith, former MLA, Cabinet Minister, Attorney General and judge agreed to chair the public panel. Hearings were held in Winnipeg 22-24 Sept 1975 and Nelson House 29 Sept 1975. Mr. Smith's report to the Task Force was handed in March 1976.

Items described here include the report of the panel and four appendices consisting of transcripts of oral testimony. This also includes copy of C. Rhodes Smith's report to the Task Force.

Title based on contents.

Accession: 1979-16; 1987-40.

7. Report of the Overview Planning Institute. -- [ca.1979]. -- 1 bound item.

This report assesses the implementation of the Northern Flood Agreement and includes proposals for improvement of implementation process.

Title based on contents.

Accession: 1987-40.

8. Northern Flood Committee. -- 1973-1977. -- 3 folders.

Items described here include a resume of accomplishments of the Northern Flood Committee; Northern Flood Committee Proposals for Nelson House, 1976 (proposed compensation package); a copy of the "Draft Agreement Between: Northern Flood Committee and Manitoba Hydro and Government of Manitoba"; the Lake Winnipeg, Churchill and Nelson River Study Board Progress Report #3; amendments to Northern Flood agreement proposed by Northern Flood Committee; and papers on development.

Title based on contents.

Accession: 1979-16.

9. Hearing Notices and Press Releases. -- 1974-1975. -- 1 folder.

Items include notices and press releases issued by the Government of Canada, the Northern Flood Committee, and the Inter-Church Task force on Northern Flooding.

Title based on contents.

Accession: 1979-16.

10. Support Letters. -- 1975. -- 1 folder.

Items found here consist of letters of support from Conference congregations.

Title based on contents.

Accession: 1979-16.

11. Development Resources. -- 1975-1977. -- 3 items.

Items described here include pamphlets on the topic of Northern Development produced by the Canadian Catholic Conference and the Manitoba Department of Industry and Commerce. Items also include an analysis of news coverage on development issues, a copy of the paper "The Dene: A Struggle for De-colonisation" on the topic of development in Northern Canada, and a copy of the book *Moratorium: Justice, Energy, the North, and the Native People*.

Title based on contents.

Accession: 1979-16.

12. Financial Statements. -- 1975-1976. -- 1 folder.

Items found here include statements of task Force income and expenses for 1975 and 1976.

Title based on contents.

Accession: 1979-16.

Interchurch Task Force on Northern Flooding. -- 1973-1976. -- 1 folder.

...file of reference materials collected by Ray Smith to be housed with files of Conference Admin. Support...includes copy of "Report of the Panel of Public Inquiry into Northern Hydro Development Appointed by the Interchurch Task force on Northern Flooding" and other reference materials such as newspaper clippings, press releases, task force progress reports (May 1975, Feb, 1975)

Title based on contents.

Manitoba Inter-Church Coalition on Resource Development (Project North). – 1975-1988.—two boxes

The InterChurch Coalition on Resource Development in Manitoba was founded in 1977 in response to the Polar Gas Pipeline issue. ICCRDM provided a forum for members of various Christian denominations (including the United Church) to work together to address concerns about large-scale resource development projects in northern Manitoba and the impact of such developments upon local First Nations communities. The Coalition's interests expanded beyond the Polar Gas development and through the years the Coalition continued to educate both churches and the public about development issues in addition to supporting First Nations groups in their efforts to obtain justice in regard to land claims and constitutional rights. ICCRDM later changed its name to Manitoba InterChurch Coalition on Resource Development in order to reflect its interest in national First Nations rights issues rather than purely Manitoba issues. The Coalition served as the local chapter of Project North.

Project North was formed in 1975 as a Christian organization that intended to actively address the challenges of aboriginal rights and northern development in Canada after First Nations leaders accused church leaders of acting too passively (namely passing resolutions or issuing statements). The Project's mandate was renewed in 1977 and 1980 and grew to include nine sponsoring bodies, including the United Church of Canada. The Project was represented at the national, provincial and local levels. In Manitoba, the Manitoba InterChurch Coalition on Resource Development served as the provincial chapter of Project North. In 1989 Project North was restructured and became the Aboriginal Rights Coalition. This Coalition joined with other groups in 2001 to become Kairos: Ecumenical Justice Initiatives.

The surviving records of Project North and the Manitoba InterChurch Coalition on Resource Development (M.I.C.C.R.D.) include the following:

Pertaining to the M.I.C.C.R.D.'s administration the collection includes correspondence, financial records, annual reports and meeting minutes. Pertaining to Project North's administration, the collection includes newsletters and planning documents for events. Some material from other provincial groups that were a part of Project North have also been gathered in the collection. In addition to such administrative records, the collection includes a large number of records gathered or originated by M.I.C.C.R.D and/or Project North relating to northern energy development in Canada (including the Polar Gas Pipeline project, the Arctic Pilot project, the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline, the Norman Wells pipeline and hydroelectric developments), land claims (especially regarding Denendeh, claims in Manitoba, claims in the Yukon and Nunavut), self-governance and self-determination for First Nations groups, the Inuit, the Dene, national and provincial events designed to raise awareness of First Nations issues in Canada, the entrenchment of rights for First Nations groups in the Canadian Constitution, the relationship (both historic and present) between First Nations groups and other Canadians, the theological implications of supporting First Nations groups (in the areas of land claims and rights) and various interest/support groups whose foci were similar to M.I.C.C.R.D. and Project North.

Title based on contents.

Folder-level descriptions and box lists are available.

See also Ecumenical Task Forces and Organizations boxes A and B (CA0457 and CA0458, respectively; box lists in boxes), which contain records generated by or relating to the Manitoba Aboriginal Rights Coalition as well as Project North.

Accession described here: 93-09 (see also 89-22 and 06-31).

512/3/9 Interfaith Pastoral Institute. -- 1975-1980. -- 1 folder.

The Interfaith Pastoral Institute was created in 1972 as a result of discussions between the Manitoba Interfaith Council and the University of Winnipeg. The mandate of the Institute was to provide training for clergy and other church leaders; consultation and back-up to clergy and other church leaders involved in counselling; individual, group and marriage and family counselling services; and to promote research related to these aims. The Institute came into being as a successor to the Pastoral Institute, which had existed under the direction of Dr. Gordon Toombs of Winnipeg Presbytery from 1963-1970.

Items described here came to the Conference Archives from the files of Rev. Doug McMurtry and Conference Executive Secretary William Hickerson.

Items found here include a copy of the project proposal for the creation of the Institute, correspondence dating from 1975 pertaining to funding for the Institute, correspondence dating from 1979 pertaining to the relationship between the Interfaith Pastoral Institute and the Manitoba Interfaith Council, and annual reports of the Institute for 1977/1978, 1978/1979, and 1979/1980.

Title based on contents.

The Institute is currently known as the Interfaith Marriage and Family Institute.

The finding aid is the sub-series description.

Other items pertaining to the Interfaith Pastoral Institute are found with the records of the Manitoba Interfaith Council described elsewhere in this sub-series.

For information on the predecessor Pastoral Institute, also known as the Pastoral Counselling Service, see records pertaining to the Inner City Council housed with the records of Winnipeg Presbytery.

Location: Box 512/1-2.

512/3/10 Manitoba Interfaith Council. -- 1972-1992. -- .5m of textual materials.

The Manitoba Interfaith Council, representing several of Manitoba's faith groups, was formed in 1969 as an organisation to work jointly on matters of spiritual concern, to function as a liaison between church and government in matters (especially pertaining to the appointment of chaplains in hospitals and correctional institutions), and to co-operate in the administration of the Interfaith Pastoral Institute. The founding faith groups included representation from the Anglican, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Mennonite, Presbyterian, Salvation Army, United, Ukrainian Orthodox, and Jewish communities. The Christian reformed group joined the Council in 1978. Earlier initiatives that convinced the faith groups of the value of such a council included the co-operative appointment of chaplains for correctional institutions (beginning in 1962) and the co-operative appointment of hospital chaplains (beginning in 1963). As time went on the Council evolved. In 1978 a committee of the Council was struck to develop standards for the chaplains serving Manitoba's correctional system. The result was the creation of the Manitoba Correctional Advisory Board (later the Correctional Chaplaincies Sub-Committee), the co-ordination of chaplaincy activities and the monitoring of standards. Another Council sub-committee was the Winnipeg Hospital Chaplaincy Advisory Committee. In 1986, with most chaplaincy needs met, the Council was re-organised and a revised Constitution was adopted. The mandate of the Council remained essentially the same, however.

Manitoba's penitentiary chaplaincy services related to the federal justice ministry through their relationship with the national Interfaith Committee on Chaplaincy in the Correctional Services of Canada. The Council also worked with the Manitoba Association for Institutional Care (MAIPEC) in matters of setting standards for training and with the Canadian Association for Pastoral Education, which set standards for training nationally.

The original accession record for most of these items has not been located and it is unclear how they came to be acquired by the Conference Archives although it is certain they have been acquired from a number of sources. This includes correspondence of the Conference Executive Secretary, William Hickerson pertaining to the Council and dating from 1981 to 1984 as well as later items accessioned in 1996 along with other records of Conference administration. Rev. Hickerson also served as President of the Council in 1990. Items found here also include those created and acquired by a number of United Church representatives to the Council and items created and acquired by other denominational representatives including Miss Helen Janzen (representing the Mennonite faith community), who served as Council Secretary ca.1977-1979.

Items include minutes of the Council dating from 1975 to 1991 as well as various versions of the Council Constitution, the records of council officers such as the President and Secretary, Council correspondence, and reports and studies created or acquired by the Council. Also described here are records of the Winnipeg Hospital Chaplaincy Advisory Committee dating from 1972 and 1973.

Title based on contents.

Some items appear to have been re-folded when accessioned while others remained in their original binding; all items have now been re-housed and/or re-labelled.

File level description; box lists available.

Annual Reports of the Manitoba Interfaith Council may be found interspersed with the minutes described as part of "512/2/1 Records of the Evangelism and Social Action Council".

For further information pertaining to United Church and ecumenical chaplaincy programs prior to 1972 see the Home Missions sub-series "509/1/6 Sub-Committee on Chaplaincy in Hospitals and Custodial Institutions"; see also records of the Winnipeg Presbytery Home Missions Committee and the Winnipeg Presbytery Inner-City Council.

Location: Box 512/1-2; Box 512/1-5.

File Description

1. Constitutions. -- 1982-1986. -- 1 folder.

Items described here include versions of the Council Constitution dating from 1982 and 1986.

Title based on contents.

Duplicates and samples of constitutions from other organisations have been discarded.

2. Minutes. -- 1975-1991. -- 4 folders.

The minutes described here have been reconstructed from several different sources and it is not known if this is a complete set of Council minutes. Correspondence and other items are interspersed among the minutes.

Title based on contents.

Chronological order has been imposed; duplicates were discarded during arrangement and description taking place in 2001.

3. President's Records. -- 1978-1988. -- 3 folders.

Items described here include collections of documents that appear to have been removed from loose leaf binders and also appear to have been created or acquired by the Council Presidents including Dik Habermehl, 1983/84; Harold Ritchie, 1985/86 and 1986/87; and R. J. Gillanders, 1987/88.

Items described here may include correspondence, copies of reports received by the Council and materials collected for information, lists of Council members, materials pertaining to the annual meeting and may include materials removed from the files of previous office holders.

Title based on contents.

Copies of minutes and constitutions originally found here have been removed and re-housed with "Minutes" and "Constitutions"; any 'histories' also found here were discarded as copies are included with File #6 "Reports and Studies".

4. Secretary's Records. -- 1986-1988. -- 1 folder.

Items described here date from 1986 to 1988 and appear to be created or acquired by Michael Moore who served as the Secretary of the Manitoba Interfaith Council during this period. This includes lists of Council members, correspondence, guidelines and other background materials dealing with chaplaincy programs. Other Council secretaries included A. F. Judd, 1977/78.

Title based on contents.

Copies of minutes and constitutions originally found here have been removed and re-housed with "Minutes" and "Constitutions".

5. Correspondence. -- 1975-1989. -- 8 folders.

Items described here consist of Council correspondence not originally housed in the President's or Secretary's binders.

Title based on contents.

6. Reports and Studies. -- 1981-1991. -- 3 folders.

Items described here include the Provincial Chaplain's Annual Report for the Agassiz Centre for Youth, 1981-1982; the Provincial Chaplain's Annual Report for the Manitoba Youth Centre, 1982-1983; and the Annual Report on Chaplaincy Programs in Manitoba Correctional Institutions, 1984/85-1990/91. Also found here are the report "Institutional Pastoral Care in Manitoba: A Study Prepared by the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg, 1984; "Report on the Role and Function of Prison Chaplaincy at Stony Mountain and Rockwood Institutions, [after 1970]; "A Proposal for Chaplaincy Services to the Following Institutions Within the Town of Selkirk, Man.: ...", 1987; "The Roles and Objectives of Chaplaincy Services in Manitoba Correctional Institutions, 1986; and "The Chaplain in Canadian Corrections: Study Paper of Manitoba Correctional Chaplain's Associations, [ca.1975]; as well as histories of the Council.

Title based on contents.

The report of the Interfaith Committee on Chaplaincy in the Correctional Service of Canada for 1983 and 1984 and duplicates of other reports were discarded during arrangement and description taking place in 2001.

7. Winnipeg Hospital Chaplaincy Advisory Committee. -- 1972-1992. -- 4 folders.

Items described here pertain to the management and administration of the chaplaincy programs in Winnipeg hospitals including the appointment of chaplains. These records appear to have been created or acquired by Dr. A. S. Majury, Secretary of the Hospital Chaplaincy Advisory Committee during the period covered by these records.

Items include minutes of the meetings of the Committee and the Committee Executive dating from April 1972 to February 1974 and incorporating Chaplain's reports to the Committee. Also included are various items such as copies of the Committee constitution, list of Committee members and guidelines/job descriptions for chaplains. Topics of correspondence include the appointment of Protestant chaplain for St. Boniface Hospital, revisions to the constitution of the committee regarding denominational representation, correspondence concerning the appointment of Rabbi S. L. Epstein to the position of Jewish Chaplain to the hospitals and correctional institutions in the Winnipeg area, and the appointment of chaplain to Municipal and Misericordia Hospitals.

Also found here is a file of materials dating from 1978 to 1992 largely consisting of correspondence but also including reports of the Hospital Chaplaincy Advisory Committee to the Interfaith Council Annual Meeting; copies of Orders of Service for the induction of chaplains and resource information on job descriptions and salary scales for chaplains. These items were acquired or created by Rev. Harry Ritchie, Chair of the Hospital Chaplaincy Advisory Committee for much of the period covered by these records.

Title based on contents.

Items appear to have been originally housed in loose-leaf binders and were re-folded prior to arrangement and description taking place in 2001.

Approximately twenty applications for the position of chaplain at St. Boniface Hospital dating from 1973, with the responses of the committee attached, were discarded during arrangement and description taking place in 2001.

512/3/11 Plura. -- 1990. -- 1 folder.

Plura, a national church group with a Manitoba presence, was formed in 1974 and was supported with funds from the national agencies of the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, Lutheran and United Churches. Members of the Manitoba committee, which had representatives from the contributing churches as well as from the community, met monthly in order to consider requests for funding from anti-poverty and self-help groups, usually for seed money for new projects or funds for staff training. Around six projects would receive funding each year. Some that benefited from Plura support were the Inner City Voice, M.A.P.O., the Society for Injured Workers, the Wanipigow Women's sewing Club, Native Clan, Roseau River Women's Organisation, the Council for Self-Help, and the Popular Theatre Alliance. Conference representatives to Plura included John Nesbitt and Douglas P. Flint.

Items found here a brochure and correspondence that describe the mandate of Plura as well as a copy of the document whereby the national churches would recommit to Plura.

Title based on contents.

The finding aid is a box list.

Location: Box 512/1-5.

512/3/12 Social Assistance Coalition of Manitoba. -- 1989-1990. -- 1 folder.

The Social Assistance Coalition of Manitoba was organised in the spring of 1987 and included membership from among social assistance recipients, church groups, and community organisations. Its mandate was to push for social assistance reform in Manitoba. The United Church was represented on the SACOM by a member from Winnipeg Presbytery.

Items found here include reports and other documents pertaining to actions by the United Church to support the efforts of the Coalition to lobby for adequate housing for low income, inner city families. This includes reference materials such as news clippings, various position statements including a copy of "A Statement of Solidarity for Social Assistance Reform", a SACOM newsletter and a SACOM news release dating from December 1989.

Title based on contents.

The finding aid is a box list.

Location: Box 512/1-5.

Box Lists

Box 512/1-2 (former Box S-7-1) CA0082

Records of Inter-Conference and Ecumenical Groups reporting to the Evangelism and Social Action Council

- Canadian Foodgrains Bank. -- 1987-1991. -- 1 folder.
- Committee on Theological Education for Ministry. -- 1987-1988. -- 1 folder.
- Inter-Church Coalition on Africa -- [ca.1990]. -- 1 folder.
- Inter-Church Commission for Isolated Communities. -- 1978-1985. -- 1 folder.
- Inter-Church Committee on World Development Education. -- 1973-1983. -- 6 folders.
- Interfaith Pastoral Institute. -- 1975-1980. -- 1 folder.
- Manitoba Interfaith Council. -- 1972-1992. -- 5 folders.

Box 512/1-3 (former Box S-7-2) CA0083

Records of Inter-Conference and Ecumenical Groups reporting to the Evangelism and Social Action Council

- Church and Community Inquiry into Unemployment. -- 1993. -- .5m textual records and other material.

Box 512/1-4 (former Box S-7-3) CA0084

Records of Inter-Conference and Ecumenical Groups reporting to the Evangelism and Social Action Council

- Church and Community Inquiry into Unemployment. -- 1993. -- .5m textual records and other material.

Box 512/1-5

Records of Inter-Conference and Ecumenical Groups reporting to the Evangelism and Social Action Council

- Manitoba Interfaith Council. -- 1972-1992. -- 13 folders.
- Plura. -- 1990. -- 1 folder.
- Social Assistance Coalition of Manitoba. -- 1989-1990. -- 1 folder.

Box 512/1-6

Records of Inter-Conference and Ecumenical Groups reporting to the Evangelism and Social Action Council.

Interchurch Task Force on Northern Flooding.

Accession 1976-1

- Minutes. -- 1974-1976. -- 4 folders.
- Correspondence. -- 1973-1975. -- 3 folders.
- Background and Resource Material. -- 1972-1976. -- 24 folders or bound documents.
- South Indian Lake Pilot Project. -- [ca.1974]. -- 1 folder.

Accession 2010-81

- Reports and Correspondence.--1973-1978.--1 folder

Box 512/1-7

Records of Inter-Conference and Ecumenical Groups reporting to the Evangelism and Social Action Council.

Interchurch Task Force on Northern Flooding.

Accession 1979-16

- Public Hearing Exhibits. -- 1970-1975. -- 54 exhibits.

Box 512/1-8

Records of Inter-Conference and Ecumenical Groups reporting to the Evangelism and Social Action Council.

Interchurch Task Force on Northern Flooding.

Accession 1979-16

- Public Hearing Exhibits. -- 1970-1975. -- 54 exhibits. (cont.)
- Report of the Panel of Public Inquiry into Northern Hydro Development. -- 1976. -- 5 folders.
- Northern Flood Committee. -- 1973-1977. -- 3 folders.
- Hearing Notices and Press Releases. -- 1974-1975. -- 1 folder.
- Support Letters. -- 1975. -- 1 folder.
- Development Resources. -- 1975-1977. -- 3 items.
- Financial Statements. -- 1975-1976. -- 1 folder.

Box 512/1-9

Records of Inter-Conference and Ecumenical Groups reporting to the Evangelism and Social Action Council.

Interchurch Task Force on Northern Flooding.

Accession 1987-40

- Correspondence. -- 1976-1986. -- 9 folders.
- Background and Resource Material. -- 1972-1976. -- 4 folders or bound documents.
- Report of the Panel of Public Inquiry into Northern Hydro Development. -- 1976. -- 1 folder.
- Report of the Overview Planning Institute. -- [ca.1979]. -- 1 bound item.

Box 519/2-3

Records of the Evangelism and Social Action Council Inter-Conference and Ecumenical Groups

- Christmas Cheer Board. -- 1973-1978. -- 1 folder.