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Administrative Records of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Fonds

Series 515/1

Conference Communications

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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.

515/1 Conference Communications. --1964-1992. -- .5m of textual records and other material.

Items described as part of this series consist of the surviving records of various Conference committees concerned with the oversight and promotion of the communications activities and media relations of the Conference of Manitoba (later Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario). These activities included (but were not confined to) broadcasting; book publishing and sales; newsletter writing and distribution; audio visual rentals; submissions to public hearings on broadcasting policy; and membership in inter-conference and ecumenical groups involved with media production and public policy formulation. As one Communications Co-ordinator (chair of the Conference Communications Committee) stated, these committees were "concerned with the presentation of the church's message through the media of mass communications" (Record of Proceedings, 1966, p. 67).

The items described here came to the Conference Archives in 1996 as part of a larger accession of Conference records that had been stored in the basement of 120 Maryland. The surviving record for these committees is somewhat sparse and large gaps exist in the record. It was created or acquired by a number of individuals including both Conference staff and Committee members and was in a disorganised state with no existing organisation or access points apparent when accessioned. Order based on administrative structure has been imposed by the arranging archivist.

Series consists of the following sub-series: Conference Broadcasting Committee, 1964-1968; Conference Communication Committee, 1970-1982; Media Resource Committee, 1984-1989; and the Inter-Council Communications Committee, 1985-1989.

Title based on contents of series.

Some file level description; box list available.

For items pertaining to the communications related activities of the Worship and Education Council following Conference restructuring in 1982, specifically local oversight of AVEL and CANEC, and the production of the 'Cross-Currents' Conference newsletter see the series "516/1 Worship and Education Council".

For items pertaining to the [Inter-Council] Communications Committee from 1989 to 1992, see the sub-series "512/2/3 Evangelism and Social Action Council [Inter-Council] Communications Committee".

Accession: 1996-21.

515/1/1 Broadcasting. -- 1964-1968. -- 2cm textual records.

The first standing committee on Broadcasting, more often called the Radio Committee, was named by the Conference in 1945. This committee, consisting of four members under convenor Rev. G. A. McMillan, soon grew to twelve Winnipeg members plus six corresponding members representing areas outside of Winnipeg where radio stations operated. The committee's first major project was a series of ten fifteen-minute radio broadcasts titled "Crusading for Christ - The Story of the United Church at Grips with Life in the Manitoba Conference" and was produced in co-operation with CKRC Winnipeg. In the following years the committee continued to co-ordinate the airing of United Church radio and television programs within Manitoba Conference and co-operated with inter-denominational groups in collaborative programming. Another main activity of the Conference Committee was conducting Broadcast Training Workshops for Conference clergy. Reflecting the re-organisation of the General Council Radio Committee, representation from the Conference Committees of Home Missions, Evangelism and Social Service, Religious Education, Missionary and Maintenance and the Woman's Missionary Society was added to the Broadcasting Committee in 1948. As time went on the demand for airtime for religious broadcasts increased as more faith groups took advantage of this opportunity for evangelism. In Winnipeg, requests were co-ordinated by the Radio Committee of the Ministerial Association of Greater Winnipeg, which included two representatives from the United Church. By 1954, the name of the Conference committee had been changed to the Radio and Television Committee to reflect the committee's concern with keeping up to date with exciting new broadcast opportunities.

The Radio and Television Committee ceased to be a separate standing committee in 1956 when it was absorbed into the new Conference Committee on Information and Stewardship. This reflected a move at the national level that saw the new Board of Information and Stewardship absorb all radio and audio-visual work within the United Church. Then, in 1964 the Conference Communications Committee assumed the communications responsibilities of the Committee on Information and Stewardship (which ceased to exist) and the Radio and Television Sub-Committee became known as the Broadcasting Committee. The Communications Committee was charged with administration of funds and policy formulation while Presbytery Broadcasting Committees did the actual work of broadcasting in the name of the United Church. For example, Winnipeg Presbytery produced the series "Sundayscope" and the documentary on juvenile justice issues, "Society's Child". A Broadcast Committee Constitution was approved in November of that year stipulating that this committee was to be composed of one minister and one layman from each Presbytery (for Winnipeg, there were two ministers and two laymen). While Conference programming was well received the demands of production were creating strain. In 1966, special committees were formed to study "The Theology of Communication", "Broadcasting Policy for the Conference", and "Programming" with the purpose of deciding on future directions for Conference Broadcasting.

Increasing sub-committee responsibilities and a desire to produce programming of local interest led to the appointment of Miss Dorothy Forbes as full-time Regional Director of Broadcasting for the Manitoba Conference by the end of 1964. The appointment of Miss Forbes marked a move towards a more professional approach to broadcast production within the Conference although actual program production was limited by lack of funds. The Regional Director of Broadcasting encouraged local and regional broadcast production as well as presentations and workshops on media production and mass media relations. They also served as a press liaison for events such as the visit of United Church moderator Dr. McClure.

The records of the Conference Radio-TV/Broadcasting Committee described here have been reconstructed from the files of Dorothy Forbes, Director of Broadcasting for Manitoba Conference and Co-Director of the Prairie Regional Broadcasting Council and Graham Standing, Chair of the Prairie Regional Broadcasting Council.

This series consists of the following sub-series: Broadcasting Committee minutes and reports, 1964 to 1968; Broadcasting Committee correspondence, 1965 to 1967; and items pertaining to the Prairie Regional Broadcasting Council, 1967-1970.

Title based on contents.

Correspondence concerning the pension contributions of Dorothy Forbes and E.G. Standing has been removed. Expense vouchers, expense summaries, draft budgets and invoices and statements were culled when these items were accessioned in 1996.

File level description.

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

File Description

1. Minutes and Reports. -- 1964-1968. -- 1 folder.

Items include minutes of meetings of the Manitoba Conference Broadcasting Committee, proposals for broadcast production, proposal for creation of the Prairie Regional Broadcasting Council, reports of the Director of Broadcasting to the Conference Broadcasting Committee, and items pertaining to the employment of Ms. Forbes including her curriculum vitae.

Title based on contents.

2. Correspondence. -- 1965-1967. -- 1 folder.

The correspondence found here primarily deals with the administration of grants to the Broadcasting Committee and the creation of the Committee budget.

Title based on contents.

515/1/2 Conference Communications Committee. -- 1965–1984. -- 40cm textual records + 1 audiocassette.

The Conference Communications Committee created in 1964 was organised along the same administrative lines as the National Board of Information and Stewardship with the work divided between Radio-TV/Broadcasting, Audio-Visual, and Press and Information Sub-Committees. The Board of Management of the Regional Literature Depot located in Winnipeg also reported to Conference through the Communications Committee. (The activities of the Radio-TV/Broadcasting Sub-Committee are described as part of the sub-series on Broadcasting.) Press and Information was responsible for liaison with media and issuing press releases as required. Audio-Visual was responsible for facilitating training in audio-visual materials and equipment as well as previewing materials for acquisition. This structure soon changed, however, as the creation of the Conference Committee of Congregational Life and Work in 1966 precipitated changes in the entire Conference committee structure.

In 1966 a new Advisory Committee for the Audio-Visual Education Library (AVEL) was struck as a sub-committee of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Conference Christian Education Committees to administer funds and set policy. However, within the year, Saskatchewan had withdrawn their support for this structure. The following year the AVEL Advisory Committee became a joint sub-committee of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Communications Committees. AVEL was briefly known as the Regional Audio-Visual Depot. A joint sub-committee approved the amalgamation of the Book Store and Regional Audio Visual Depot effective 1 January 1969 (1969 ROP, p. 69).

The high cost of program production was one of the motivations for the creation of the Prairie Regional Broadcasting Council in 1967. The Council encouraged co-operation in broadcasting among the three Prairie Conferences and consequently took increasing responsibility for the Broadcasting initiatives of Manitoba Conference after 1967. Miss Forbes, Regional Director of Broadcasting for Manitoba Conference along with Rev. Harold Alston in Edmonton, were Joint Directors.

The disappearance of Congregational Life and Work and the development and implementation of a new model of Conference structure by 1973, confusion over the mandate of the Conference Communications Committee, and the possibility of a full-time Communications staff person in the Manitoba Conference led to the appointment of a Communications Task Group in April of 1974 and a reorganisation of the Conference Communications Committee by November of 1974. The reorganised Communications Committee was to be composed of one member nominated from each Presbytery and who would serve as the Communications Co-ordinator for the Presbytery as well as a Chairperson and Secretary to be named by Conference. The goal of the committee was to facilitate communication within Manitoba Conference, to plan and recommend the communications strategy of the United Church within the Conference and to interpret to the Conference "the role of communications in the life, the work and the witness of the Church" (ROP, 1975, p. 35). The Conference Field Staff person for Communications, appointed in 1974, was to be a corresponding member. (The Communications staff position evolved into the position of Program Resource/Communication staff in 1977 and continued until 1981 when this position was eliminated.) Also in 1977, responsibility for the administration of the United Church Book Store and AVEL were assumed by the national Church. However, responsibility for promoting those services still remained with the Conference Communications Committee and a regional advisory board continued to exist.

In 1980, the Communications Committee began to provide coverage of the annual Conference by creating daily bulletins for delegates and issuing press releases. The committee had already been responsible for the Conference Newsletter "Cross-Currents" since 1970. Further Conference restructuring in 1982 divided the work of Conference Communications between the Worship and Education Council and the Evangelism and Social Action Council. A new structure for inter-council co-ordination in Conference Communications would not exist until the creation of the Media Resource and Inter-Council Communications Committees in 1985.

The records of the Conference Communications Committee described here have been reconstructed from the files of Rob Campbell and Nelson Rajotte, Communications Committee Chairs, as well as other committee members.

The sub-series includes minutes and reports of the Conference Communications Committee, correspondence, special project files, samples of press releases, issues of 'Cross-Currents' (the Conference Newsletter), items pertaining to local productions, items pertaining to the operation of Prairie Regional Broadcasting Council between 1967 and 1973, and budget documents

Title based on contents.

Research materials, items created by the National Division of Communications, CANEC materials created and distributed by the national office, draft budgets, duplicates and hand-written rough notes were discarded when these items were accessioned in 1996.

File level description.

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

File Description

1. Minutes. -- 1977-1983. -- 1 folder.

The full Conference Communications Committee generally met two or three times annually with the Committee Executive meeting more frequently.

Title based on contents.

2. Reports. -- 1978-1983. -- 1 folder.

Reports found here include a draft of a report of the Conference Communications Committee to the Conference Congregational Life and Work Committee dating from 1978 and reports of the Conference Communications Committee to the Conference dating from 1980/81 and 1982/83.

Title based on contents.

3. Correspondence. -- 1980-1984. -- 1 folder.

Correspondence found here pertains to communications activities within the Conference and includes correspondence dealing with guidelines for Conference communications in view of upcoming Conference restructuring and proposals for broadcast programming.

Title based on contents.

Reverse chronological order.

4. Interchurch Communications Consultations on Religious Broadcasting. -- 1981-1983. -- 1 folder.

The Interchurch Communications Consultations on Religious Broadcasting was a national ecumenical organisation which held consultations in Winnipeg prior to the Canadian Radio and Television Commission hearings on religious broadcasting in October of 1982.

Items found here include correspondence, submissions and reports dating from 1981-1983.

Title based on contents.

5. Observer Inserts Correspondence. -- 1982-1984. -- 1 folder.

Correspondence described here pertains to Conference Inserts that appeared in issues of the United Church Observer magazine that were sent to church members of Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario after 1982.

Title based on contents.

6. Special Projects. -- [ca.1983]. -- 1 folder.

Items consist of proposals and project outlines for special projects that included the production of audio-visual resources on topics such as baptism and the taping of special events for later distribution.

Title based on contents.

7. Press Releases. -- 1980-1983. -- 1 folder.

Items consist of samples of press releases issued by the Conference Communications Committee between 1980 and 1983.

Title based on contents.

8. Cross-Currents. -- 1970-1982. -- 1 folder.

Items consist of issues of the Conference newsletter 'Cross-Currents' produced by the Conference Communications Committee.

Title based on contents.

For issues of 'Cross-Currents' dating from 1982 to 1993 see the series "516/1 Worship and Education Council".

9. Prairie Regional Broadcasting Council. -- 1967-1973. -- 3 folders + 1 binder.

Among the Inter-Conference and Ecumenical Organisations (Communications) for which Conference records survive is the Prairie Regional Broadcasting Council which was in existence from 1967-1974. The Council was made up of three representatives and two alternates elected from each Conference. An Executive with power to act between Council meetings included a Chair, two Vice-Chairs, a Secretary

and a Treasurer. The main function of the Council was to provide resources for local broadcast production and they were involved in producing several programs for radio and television. The Council also staged workshops and offered their expertise at Communications Committee meetings in all the Prairie Provinces. New Conference structures that came into effect in 1974 and the appointment of a full-time Conference Communications staff person led to the Prairie Regional Broadcasting Council being disbanded.

Items found here are mainly drawn from the files of founding Co-Director Dorothy Forbes and date from 1967 to 1969 when she left the Council to take up positions as Inter Church TV Program Organiser (Anglican and United) and Mass media Education Consultant in Toronto. Items described here consist of minutes (with reports and proposals interspersed), correspondence, and copies of workshop kits developed by the Council. Also found here is a binder containing minutes and correspondence of the Prairie Regional Broadcasting Council. Items in the binder appear to have been created or acquired by Rev. Howard Groom, Chair of the Broadcasting Sub-Committee of the Conference Communications Committee in 1972 and 1973.

Title based on contents.

Original folders have been retained.

National Division of Communication reports, expense vouchers and tax deduction records were discarded when these items were accessioned in 1996.

10. Interfaith Productions. -- 1965-1984. -- 1 folder.

In 1965, Ms. Dorothy Forbes, the new United Church Director of Broadcasting, proposed a new production format more suitable to television. The result was Sundayscope. The Interchurch Production Unit was formed in 1969 to share production responsibilities for Sundayscope between Winnipeg Communications Offices of Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches and Winnipeg Presbytery Broadcasting Committee. Sundayscope program spots were allotted among Winnipeg's denominations by the Ministerial Association, and later the Winnipeg Area Broadcasting Council (W.A.B.C.) until ca. 1976. At that time the W.A.B.C. and Interchurch Productions joined together to form Interfaith Productions. The United Church, Anglican and Catholic producers of Sundayscope spots changed their name to Tri-Church Productions but remained a production unit within Interfaith Productions. This situation continued at least until 1990.

Items described consist of a Winnipeg Interchurch Sundayscope Production Unit Prospectus, ca. 1965; correspondence of the United Church Communications Committee re: Interfaith Productions, 1980-1984; and a short history of Interfaith Productions, ca. 1983.

Title based on contents.

Reverse chronological order.

11. Meeting Place. -- 1981-1982. -- 1 folder.

Another national broadcasting initiative was the 'Meeting Place' programs, which featured various churches across Canada. This folder contains correspondence dating from 1981-1982 regarding possible Winnipeg United Church locations for upcoming broadcasts.

Title based on contents.

12. Godshow. -- [before 1982]. -- 1 audio cassette.

The item found here is a demo tape of the Conference production 'Godshow'.

Title based on contents.

13. Budget. -- 1979-1983. -- 1 folder.

Items found here pertain to the creation of Conference Communications Committee budgets.

Title based on contents.

515/1/3 Media Resource Committee. – 1984-1989. – 1 folder.

Following Conference restructuring in 1982, the work of the Communications Committee was divided between the Worship and Education Council and the Evangelism and Social Action Council. Under the umbrella of the Evangelism and Social Action Council, a person was designated with the Communications portfolio. However, there were no longer identifiable Presbytery Representatives concerned with communications. Soon a need for an ad hoc committee to deal specifically with communications concerns was recognised with one result being that, by 1985, the Media Resource Committee was established as a sub-committee of the Evangelism and Social Action Council. Its mandate was “to encourage, initiate and support communications with/through the media, particularly in the area of broadcasting (radio and television), print media and public relations” (Record of Proceedings, 1985, p.217) and to co-ordinate communications concerns with representatives from the Worship and Education Council. Members of the Media Resource Committee would also sit on the Inter-Council Communications Committee which was created at the same time.

The main work of the Media Resource Committee was the support of the production of ‘Sundayscope’ by Interchurch/Interfaith Productions (Record of Proceedings, 1987, p.46) and to give advice on the use of media by Conference members. In 1989, the Media Resource Committee and the Inter-Council Communications Committees were amalgamated into one [Inter-Council] Conference Communications Committee.

The records of the Media Resource Committee described here have been reconstructed from the files of Janet Silman, Conference Evangelism and Social Action Staff and committee member.

Records described here consist of the minutes of the Media Resource Committee for 1984-1989.

Title based on contents.

Reverse chronological order.

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

515/1/4 Inter-Council Communications Committee. -- 1985-1989. -- 1 folder.

When the Council system of Conference organisation was instituted in 1982, the work of the Communications Committee was divided between the Worship and Education Council and the Evangelism and Social Action Council. It was soon apparent that some sort of group was required to deal exclusively with Communications concerns and to co-ordinate the activities of the various Conference personnel involved in communications. The Inter-Council Communications Committee was formed in 1985 and operated outside of the Council portfolios to co-ordinate communication concerns, provide liaison, envision future directions and administer Division of Communication grants for the Conference (ROP, 1985, p.135). In 1989, the Media Resources Committee and Inter-Council Communications Committee were streamlined into one committee, called the Communications Committee, under the umbrella of the Evangelism and Social Action Council.

The records of the Inter-Council Communications Committee described here have been reconstructed from the files of Ted Dodd, Conference Christian Development Staff and committee member.

Records found here consist of minutes of the Inter-Council Communications Committee, 1985-1989. Correspondence and memos are interspersed throughout.

Title based on contents.

For the surviving records of the Inter-Council Communications Committee after it was moved under the umbrella of the Evangelism and Social Action Council see the series " 512/2 Evangelism and Social Action Council".

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

Box List

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Records of Conference Communications.

Conference Broadcasting Committee.

- Minutes and Reports. -- 1964-1968. -- 1 folder.
- Correspondence. -- 1965-1967. -- 1 folder.

Conference Communications Committee.

- Minutes. -- 1977-1983. -- 1 folder.
- Reports. -- 1978-1983. -- 1 folder.
- Correspondence. -- 1980-1984. -- 1 folder.
- Interchurch Communications Consultations on Religious Broadcasting. -- 1981-1983. -- 1 folder.
- Observer Inserts Correspondence. -- 1982-1984. -- 1 folder.
- Special Projects. -- [ca.1983]. -- 1 folder.
- Press Releases. -- 1980-1983. -- 1 folder.
- Cross Currents. -- 1970-1982. -- 1 folder.
- Prairie Regional Broadcasting Council. -- 1967-1970. -- 3 folders + 1 binder.
- Interfaith Productions. -- 1965-1984. -- 1 folder.
- Meeting Place. -- 1981-1982. -- 1 folder.
- Godshow. -- [before 1982]. -- 1 audio cassette.
- Budget. -- 1979-1983. -- 1 folder.

Media Resource Committee.

- Minutes. -- 1984-1989. -- 1 folder.

Inter-Council Communications Committee.

- Minutes. -- 1985-1989. -- 1 folder.