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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN TORONTO FONDS

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN TORONTO FONDS. —1894-1966.
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Connected to provincial (Ontario Council for Christian Education) and national (Department of Christian Education, Canadian Council of Churches) parent bodies, the Toronto Religious Education Council (T.R.E.C.) administered Christian education programming to children and youth at the city level. Early ecumenical cooperation for Christian education first came about through the amalgamation of the Primary Teachers Union and the Sunday School Association that became known as the Toronto School of Religious Education Workers. In the 1930s, the Toronto Religious Education Council (T.R.E.C.) was formed as separate agencies for Boys' Work, Girls' Work, and Religious Education Workers joined together. In 1961, T.R.E.C. became known as the Christian Education Council of Metropolitan Toronto.

Community Vacation Church Schools (C.V.C.S.) also operated in Toronto for programming of young children since the start of the 20th century that began when churches would offer childcare and Christian teaching for children during the summer holiday period. In 1961, the Toronto C.V.C.S. becomes a branch of the Christian Education Council of Metropolitan Toronto. The C.V.C.S. was governed through an Area Council, of regional representatives, and a Board of Directors, made up of denominational representatives (Anglican, Christian Church (Disciples), Presbyterian, and United Churches as well as the Salvation Army). Additionally, the Area Council was also supported by Area Committees of members from across the GTA.

Fonds consists of Series 1) Primary Teachers Union, 1894-1917, consisting of minutes; Series 2) Toronto Sunday School Association, 1904-1919, consisting of a minute book; Series 3) Toronto School of Religious Education for Children's Workers, 1927-1929, consisting of a minute book; Series 4) Christian Education Council of Metropolitan Toronto (includes Toronto Religious Education Council), 1921-1966; Series 5) Toronto Community Vacation Church Schools, 1939-1965.

Related Groups of Records: See also records of the Ontario Council of Christian Education Fonds (4001); Toronto Institute for Religious Education Fonds (4034); Canadian Girls in Training Fonds re: Toronto Girls' Work Board.

The finding aid for the UCC Board of Christian Education Fonds provides a detailed administrative history and background into the ecumenical participation of the United Church.

SERIES 1: RECORDS OF THE PRIMARY TEACHERS UNION, 1894-1917

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| 1985.082C | 1-1 | Minutes | 1894-1895 |
| | 1-2 | --- | 1895-1897 |
| | 1-3 | --- | 1901-1914 |
| | 1-4 | --- [Note: also called Toronto Elementary Graded Sunday School Teachers Union from 1912] | 1909-1917 |

SERIES 2: RECORDS OF THE TORONTO SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, 1904-1919

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| 1985.082C | 2-1 | Minutes | 1904-1919 |

SERIES 3: RECORDS OF THE TORONTO SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN'S WORKERS, 1927-1929

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| 1985.082C | 1-5 | Minutes | 1927-1929 |

SERIES: 4 RECORDS OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL OF METROPOLITAN TORONTO (includes TORONTO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL), 1921-1966

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| Administrative Records | | | |
| 1985.082C | 2-2 | Minutes and correspondence | 1932 |
| | 2-3 | --- | 1940-1947 |
| | 2-4 | --- | 1948-1949 |
| | 2-5 | --- | 1950-1952 |
| | 2-6 | --- | 1953-1955 |
| | 2-7 | --- | 1956 |
| | 2-8 | Minutes | 1957-1960 |
| | 2-9 | --- | 1961-1962 |
| | 3-1 | --- | 1962-1963 |
| | 3-2 | --- | 1963-1966 |
| | 2-10 | Committee on relationship/finance between O.R.E.C. and T.R.E.C. | 1948-1949 |
| | 1-6 | Finance Committee | 1938-1941 |
| | 2-11 | Financial records | 1938-1948 |
| | 3-3 | Critical Review Committee | 1963-1964 |
| | 4-19 | Three-C's Coordinating Committee [includes T.R.E.C., O.C.C.E., D.C.E.] | 1957-1963 |
| | 3-4 | Annual reports | 1956-1961 |
| Leadership Training Unit | | | |
| | 3-5 | Leadership Training Committee | 1936-1949; 1952; |

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| | | | 1959, predominantly 1936-1948 [ca. 1949] |
| | 3-6 | --- re: youth work | |
| Boys' Work Unit | | | |
| | 3-7 | Toronto Boys' Work Board minutes | 1921 |
| | 3-8 | --- | 1949-1950 |
| | 3-9 | --- | 1952-1953 |
| | 3-10 | --- | 1958-1963 |
| | | --- membership and by-laws | 1932; 1946-1947 |
| | | --- finances | 1938-1948 |
| | 3-12 | --- correspondence | 1958 |
| | 3-13 | --- annual Conference | 1936 |
| | 3-14 | --- "The Church's Ministry to Youth: How Do They See Their World" – prepared by Rev. James E. Smith for the Conference with Youth Leaders | 1958 |
| | 3-15 | --- conference programmes | 1941 |
| | 3-16 | --- Young Men's "Churchmen of Tomorrow" Conference | 1961-1962 |
| Children's Work Unit | | | |
| | 4-1 | Toronto Children's Work Committee | 1951-1954 |
| | 4-2 | --- | 1961-1964 |
| Correspondence | | | |
| | 4-3 | General correspondence | 1961 |
| | 4-4 | --- - Rev. James Smith re: Social Planning Council of Metropolitan Toronto | 1958-1959 |
| | 4-5 | --- --- re: Community Chest funding | 1947-1948 |
| | 4-6 | Memos | 1961 |
| Subject Files | | | |
| | 4-7 | Agreement with St. Paul's-Avenue Road UC and T.R.E.C. for building renovations | 1960 |
| | 4-8 | Analysis of church school relations with T.R.E.C. and O.R.E.C. - notes | 1947 |
| | 4-9 | Camp records | 1959-1960 |
| | 4-10 | Constitutions and organizational history | [n.d.]; 1938; 1949; 1961 |
| | 4-11 | Co-ed Youth Conference | 1963 |
| | 4-12 | Insurance policies re: building, camps | 1959 |

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| | 4-13 | National Council of Churches Christian Education Conference, St. Louis, and the proposed Teen Club-Youth Counsellor | 1963 |
| | 4-14 | Ontario Older Boys Parliament | 1961-1962 |
| | 4-15 | Questionnaire re: inner-city churches | [196?] |
| | 4-16 | Rental agreement TREC bulidng | 1933 |
| | 4-17 | Service re: Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Yorkminster Baptist Church | 1952 |
| | 4-18 | T.R.E.C. <i>Digest</i> newsletter | 1940; 1946 |
| | 4-21 | T.R.E.C. <i>Bulletin</i> newsletter | 1957-1958 |
| | 4-22 | --- | 1959-1960 |
| | 4-20 | T.R.E.C. publications re: Christian education | [ca. 1958] |

Series 5: RECORDS OF TORONTO COMMUNITY VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS, 1939-1965

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| 1985.082C | 5-2 | Minutes | 1951-1952 |
| | 5-3 | --- | 1953-1954 |
| | 5-4 | --- | 1955-1956 |
| | 5-5 | --- | 1957-1959 |
| | 5-6 | --- | 1960-1961 |
| | 5-7 | --- | 1962-1963 |
| | 5-8 | --- | 1964-1965 |
| | 5-9 | Reports | 1932; 1941-1942 |
| | 5-10 | Annual report | 1943-1950 |
| | 5-11 | Constitutions and policy manual | 1939-1959 |
| | 5-12 | T.R.E.C. agreement | 1960 |
| | 5-1 | Organizational history | [Ca. 1940]-1951 |
| | 5-13 | C.V.C.S. <i>Bulletin</i> newsletter | 1940; 1942; 1950-1953 |
| | 5-14 | --- | 1954-1960 |