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FRANK PRESCOTT FIDLER FONDS

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**FRANK PRESCOTT FIDLER FONDS. --[191-?]-1991. -- 1.21 m of textual records; -- 106 photographs; --1 audio cassette. --2 vinyl records. --2 magnetic tapes.**

Frank Prescott Fidler (1907-1995) was a United Church Minister. He was born in Calgary but was raised in Winnipeg. He received his B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering in 1928 from the University of Manitoba and his B.D. from Emmanuel College in 1934. He acted as a Boys' Parliament Premier in 1924, and represented the Boys' Parliaments of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba at the World Conference of Y.M.C.A. in Helsingfors, Finland in 1926. After attending Emmanuel, he acted as Boys' Work Secretary of the British Columbia Conference of the Religious Education Council of Canada (1928-1931). Fidler was ordained in 1934 and called as an Associate Minister to Bloor Street United Church where he had been working as a student assistant to Dr. George Pidgeon. He remained there from 1933-1939. Then, Fidler acted as Minister of Glebe United Church, Ottawa, 1939-1949. For the next 20 years he served at General Council office as Associate Secretary of the Board of Christian Education in the area of family life education, Adult work, Couple's Clubs and secretary of the National Marriage Guidance Council. He was largely responsible for preparing the New Curriculum, and also helped write two reports to the United Church Commission on Christian Marriage and Divorce: "Toward a Christian Understanding of Sex, Love and Marriage" (1962) and "Marriage Breakdown, Divorce, Remarriage, a Christian Understanding" (1964).

His professional interests extended outside of the church such that he became a founding member of the executive of the board of the Vanier Institute of the Family, first president of the Planned Parenthood Association of Toronto and president of the Family Planning Federation of Canada (1963-1970). He also acted as Executive Director of the Richmond Hill and Thornhill Area Family Services and was a Consultant in Marriage and Family Services to the United Church of Canada after his work at the General Council Office was completed.

Fonds consists of the following Series: 1) Correspondence (1925-1991), 2) Manuscripts (1920?-1975), 3) Sermons (1933-1969), 4) Personal Registers (1934-1990), 5) Photographs, [191-?]-1966, and 6) Audio-visual Material, 1959-2003.

**SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE. - 1925-1991.**

Series consists of correspondence on a wide variety of topics, both personal and work related. Additionally, correspondence related to the many workshops and conferences Fidler presented at and attended. Workshop files may include additional resources. Some topics include marriage, marriage preparation, couples clubs, counselling, sexuality, sexual education, family, gerontology, Planned Parenthood, family planning, Christian education, Boys work, Lay preachers, the Publication Coordination Commission of the United Church of Canada, the Cedar Glen Implementation Committee, the Committee on Marriage Preparation, Marriage Guidance, the Marriage Guidance Council, the Canadian Council on Children, Ottawa Presbytery, Montreal and Ottawa Conference, Young Peoples, Tuxis, Divorce, Aging and Retirement, Christian Family Life Committee, United Church of Canada Board of Evangelism, The Vanier Institute, United Church of Canada Board of Christian Education.

<b>Acc. No.</b>	<b>Box/File</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1996.040C	1-3	Exercises	n.d.
	1-4	Lay Counsellors	1972-1973
	1-5	Marriage Preparation	1972-1974
	1-6	Therapy Techniques	[1970s]
	1-7	Toronto Conference: Cedar Glen Implementation Committee documents	1973-1975
	1-8	Committee on Marriage Preparation, Marriage Guidance (United Church of Canada)	1976-1977

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	1-11	[Marriage Guidance Council, United Church of Canada documents]	1953-1954
1996.040C	1-13	Canadian Council on Children, documents	1957-1971
	1-14	[Correspondence with General Council Secretary E. E. Long]	1968-1970
	2-4	Bulletins	1935, 1957
	2-8	Canadian Institute on Religion and Gerontology	1977
	2-10RR	PPFC: Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada	1977-1991
	2-11	Victoria University	1983-1993
	2-12	Western Hemisphere International Planned Parenthood Federation	1973-1981
	2-13	Don Mills United Church: Christian Education Committee	1973-1975
	2-15	Kitchener Interfaith Counselling Centre	1972-1979
	2-22	South America Family Study Tour	1963-1965
1996.040C	4-4	Personal: General Correspondence	1971-1972
	4-5	Sundry	1971-1972
	4-16	Marriage: Questionnaires and Forms	1974
	4-17	Supervisory Guides	1976-1977
	4-18	Toronto Institute of Human Relations	1976
	4-19	Group Counselling	Jan, 1973
	4-20	Richmond Hill	1972-1974
	5-9	[re: Birth Control]	1956
	5-16	Adults	1950-1957
	5-17RR	Bloor Street United Church	1937
	5-18	Chaplain Service	1942-1944
	6-1	Glebe United, Ottawa	1945-1960
	6-2	---	1939-1941
	6-3	Ministerial Fellowship	1937-1939
	6-4	The Ministry (Salaries, Settlement)	1938
	6-5	Mission Field	1932-1933
	6-6	National Boys Work Board	1934-1941
1996.040C	6-7	Normal School	1945-1948
	6-8	Ontario Religious Education Council	1939-1947
	6-9	Montreal and Ottawa Conference	1972
	6-10	Ministerial Association (Ottawa Centre)	1943-1946
	6-11	Ottawa Presbytery	1971-1972
	6-12	Ottawa Religious Education Council	1940-1943
	6-13	The Oxford Group	n.d.
	6-14	Personal	1943-1954
	6-15	---	1928-1947
	7-1	Presbytery Lay Preachers Training	1947
	7-2	Presbytery Committee on War Population	1942-1943
	7-3	Publication Coordination Commission	1937-1940
	7-5	Religious Education Council of B.C.	1928-1930
	7-6	Senior Adults	1953-1956
	7-7	Trail Rangers and Tuxis	1925-1935
1996.040C	7-8	Trans-Canada Boys' Conferences	1941
	7-9	War of 1939	1940-1945
	7-10	Young United Church [Winnipeg]	1945

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	7-11	Young Peoples' Program	1936-1938
	7-12	Personal	1972-1976
1996.040C	1-12	<u>Workshops + Conferences:</u> "Planning for Retirement, Continuing Family Relationships (Mohawk College, Brantford)	Nov 2, 1972
	1-15	---: Human Sexuality: Continuing Education Course	1972
	1-16	---: Family Court Judges Training Program	May, 1973
	1-17	---: Life Line International Convention	1973
	1-18	---: Family Life Centre	Feb, 1972
	1-19	---: Vanier Institute of the Family: Implications of Reconciliation Provisions, Divorce Act	Jan, 1973
	1-20	---: BC Conference: Family Life Associations	Nov, 1973
	2-1	---: The Pastoral Institute	Nov, 1972
	2-2	---: Central United Church, Windsor, Counselling Services	1972
1996.040C	2-3	---: Telecare Training Session	1977
	2-7	---: Aging and Retirement	1976
	2-9	---: [ACME: Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment]	1974-1978
	2-16	---: The Middle Years, F. L. Series, Uxbridge	Feb, 1979
	2-17	---: Marriage Enrichment Weekends	1974-1978
	2-18	---: Communicating for Growth	Feb, 1973
	2-19	---: Marriage Growth Groups, Marriage Enrichment	1972
	2-20	---: Senior Adult Days, Five Oaks	1980-1981
	2-21	---: Canadian Congress on the Family	1964
	2-23	---: IUFO: International Union of Family Organizations: Rio Meeting	Jul, 1963
1996.040C	3-1	---: Canadian Conference on Children	Oct, 1960
	3-2	---: Methodist National Conference on Family Life	Oct, 1958
	3-3	---: International Conference on The Family	Aug, 1960
	3-6	---: The Vanier Institute: National Consultation on Family Life Education	1969
	3-7	---: ---: Task Force on Family Life Education	1971
	3-8	---: ---: Standing Committee on Family Life Education	1972
	3-9	---: ---: Family Life Education Committee	1971-1972
	3-10	---: ---: Cedar Glen Consultation	Sept, 1969
	3-11	---: IUFO: Canadian Committee (Conference)	Sept, 1972
1996.040C	3-12	---: Marriage Guidance Conferences with Ralph Bridgman and UCC Marriage Guidance Council	1954
	4-1	---: Worship Materials: How Do You Know It's Love?	1953
	4-2	---: ---: The Home in Human Development	1956
	4-3	---: Christian Family Life Program Clinic: Christian Family Life Committee of the Board of Christian Education	1955

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	4-6	---: The Institute of Pastoral Care and Counselling of the United Church of Canada: Summer Seminar	Aug, 1965
1996.040C	4-7	---: [Board of Christian Education: Couples Training Events]	1970-1971
	4-8	---: Family Life Consultation	Dec, 1970
	4-9	---: London Institute for Supervised Pastoral Education: Workshop: Families Under Stress	Nov, 1971
	4-10	---: Conference on Theology and Sexuality	May, 1967
	4-11	---: Covenant College Family Life Workshop	Apr, 1969
	4-12	---: Marriage Counselling Conference for Ministers in the Five Central Conference of the United Church of Canada (Marriage Guidance Council of UCC)	1954
	4-14	---: Keswick Mens' Conference	Jun, 1972
	4-15	---: Canadian Concerns Family Life 1976-1977 Mission Study Family Services Flyer	1976-1977
1996.040C	5-1	---: Don Mills Inter-Church Panel: "Are Marriage Values Changing?"	Nov, 1974
	5-2	---: Carlton Place Community Series: Preparation for Marriage and Clergy Session	Nov, 1971
	5-3	---: Bay of Quinte Conference: A Look at Men and Women in Our Society	Nov, 1967
	5-4	---: ---	Mar, 1969
	5-5	---: Canadian Churches: Missionary Orientation Course	1969
	5-6	---: Prairie Christian Training Centre: Pastoral Ministry to Families	1968
	5-7	---: School for Christian Workers	1963-1964
	5-8	---: Training Event for Leaders in Family Life Ministry	Feb, 1969
	5-10	---: Canadian School of Missions: Christian Home and Family Life	1954
	5-11	---: IUFO International Conference: Rio	1963
1996.040C	5-12	---: ---: Quebec City	1967
	5-13	---: IONA Marriage & Family Counselling Institute	1972
	5-14	---: Sheridan College: Seminar: Marriage and Family Counselling	1971
	7-13	---: Sexuality & Sexual Counselling (York Central Hospital)	Nov, 1976
	7-14	---: Oshawa Series: "Marriage and Family Life" Session	Mar, 1975
	7-15	---: Alma College: "Growing up with your children"	Feb, 1975
	7-16	---: NCFR: National Council on Family Relations, Annual Meeting	Oct, 1974
	7-17	United Church National Consultation of Counselling Centres	Jan, 1975
	7-18	---	June, 1973

**SERIES 2: MANUSCRIPTS. -1920?-1975**

Series consists of manuscripts written by Frank Prescott Fidler throughout his years of work with the United Church of Canada and additional Committees. Some topics include marriage, marriage counselling, couples clubs, counselling, family life, sex, theology.

<b>Acc. No.</b>	<b>Box/File</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	
1996.040C	1-1	Miscellaneous Notes	[1920s?]	
	1-2	Talks and Addresses	[1970s]	
	1-9	Articles written by F.P. Fidler	1951-1965	
	1-10	Plain Talk Broadcasts by F. P. Fidler	1965-1966	
	7-19	Plain Talk	1959	
	2-5	Marriage Counselling as a Remedial Activity: materials	1963-1969	
	2-6	Articles written by F.P.F.	1953-1975	
	2-14	Dr. Pidgeon manuscript for "Touchstone"	Feb, 1985	
	1996.040C	3-4	Handbook on Family Life Program [United Church Publication]	1957-
		3-5	---: Drafts	1957-
3-13		[Report: Sex, Family and Society in Theological Focus (F.P.F)]	Apr, 1967	
4-13		"Marriage Counselling Services Using Lay Counsellors": Fidler Report	1974	
5-15		Addresses	1929-1968	
7-4		B.D. Thesis: Religion in the Home	1938	
9-18		The Church and the Family: First Draft	Jul, 1957	
9-19		Script – Five Oaks Family Camp - 1953	1953	

**SERIES 3: SERMONS. -1933-1969.**

Series consists of sermons and resources for sermons compiled by Frank Prescott Fidler in his capacity as a minister and councillor. Prescott was a minister at Bloor Street United Church, 1933-1939 and Glebe United Church, Ottawa 1939-1949.

See also Series 4: Personal Registers for sermon record.

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1996.040C	7-20	[Miscellaneous]	1933-1940
	8-1	[Bloor Street United]	1933-1939
	8-2	[Miscellaneous]	1943
	8-3	---	1942
	8-4	---	1941
	8-5	---	1945
	8-6	---	1943
	8-7	---	1946
	9-1	---	1948
	9-2	---	1947
	9-3	Hymn Stories	1936-1956
	9-4	[Miscellaneous]	1957-1969

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	9-5	Addresses and Talks	1934-1949
	9-6	Baptism	n.d.
	9-7	Communion Service	1943-1946
	9-8	Funerals	1936-1962
	9-9	Installation of Officers	1960
1996.040C	9-10	Kappa Chi Delta	1937-1939
	9-11	Leadership Training Outlines	1935-1941
	9-12	Ordination of Elders	1940-1948
	9-13	Radio	1940-1952
	9-14	Reception of Members	1936-1945
	9-15	Special Services	1939-1945
	9-16	Story Sermons	1934-1948
	9-17	Sunday School Worship	1934-1935

**SERIES 4: PERSONAL REGISTERS. - 1934-1990.**

Series consists of a personal register consisting of sermon record, 1933-1975, baptisms, 1934-1967, marriages, 1934-1980; and burials, 1934-1990 in Ontario.

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2003.060C/TR	1-1	Ministers Record:	
		Sermons	1933-1975
		Baptisms	1934-1967
		Marriages	1934-1980
		Burials	1934-1990

**SERIES 5: PHOTOGRAPHS. -[191-?]-1966. -106 photographs.**

Series consists of photographs, postcards and slides documenting Frank Fidler's travels for his YMCA and youth work [191-?]-1966.

See Archives Catalogue for item-level descriptions of photographs.

**SERIES 6: AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS. --1959-2003. --1 audio cassette. --2 vinyl records. --2 magnetic tapes.**

Series consists of audio-visual material relating to the life and work of Frank Prescott Fidler, 1959-2003.

See Archives Catalogue for item-level descriptions of audio-visual material.