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**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION FONDS. --1929-1986. Predominately 1929-1961. -- 3.6 m of textual records. –8 photographs.**

The first organization of Woman's Associations dates from Church Union in 1925, but prior to that time the Methodist Ladies' Aid Society had some formal organization in Toronto, beginning in 1913. The purpose of the organization was to deepen the spiritual life of the women of the Church and to promote a programme of Christian fellowship and service, personal evangelism and stewardship. This was defined as assistance to the local minister, visitation, the promotion of Christian education in the home, Sunday School, and general oversight of the furnishing of the manse.

The Association was at first a local and Presbyterial body, the Toronto Conference being the first to organize a Conference-wide Council in 1936. The Dominion Council of the Woman's Association was organized in 1940, as a national voice for the body, but it was not until 1953 that the Council had a full-time Executive Secretary. The Dominion Council was made up of officers (a President, Vice Presidents, Secretaries and a Treasurer), Chairpersons of standing committees, and representatives from the Conference Woman's Associations, along with the Moderator and Secretary of General Council and representatives from several of the Boards of the United Church. Over time committees on Christian citizenship, Christian education, stewardship, devotions, leadership, literature and other areas were developed. It also published The Bulletin, a quarterly report to the membership, from 1954.
The first suggestion that it join with the Women's Missionary Society in the formation of a unified body of women in the church was made in 1943.

In 1956 the Dominion Council cooperated in the work of the Commission to Study Women's Work in the Church and in 1961-1962 it was dissolved (By this time there were 6,322 associations across the country with 214,000 members). This was part of larger restructuring which also saw the demise of the Woman's Missionary Society, and the creation of The United Church Women as the new organization for all.

Fonds consists of nine series: W.A. Dominion Council and subordinate bodies,1940-1962; Records of the Bay of Quinte Conference W.A., 1933-1961; Records of the Hamilton Conference W.A., 1940-1960; Records of the Toronto Conference W.A., 1933-1986; Records of the London Conference W.A., 1937-1963; Records of the Montreal – Ottawa Conference W.A., 1928-1962; Histories of the W.A., 1950-1961; Annual Conferences: United Church Women,1946-1962; Miscellaneous Documents, 1950-1962; Photographs, 1936-[1953?].

Some restrictions may apply.

*See related materials in the following fonds: See United Church of Canada United Church Women fonds (523) and Board of Women fonds (507) for successor files. For information on the union of the Association with the WMS, see Woman's Missionary Society fonds (505/1).*

*See related materials in the following fonds: United Church of Canada Bay of Quinte Conference (Fonds 1000); United Church of Canada Lindsay Presbytery (Fonds 1005); United Church of Canada Guelph Presbytery (Fonds 1013); United Church of Canada Haldimand-Norfolk Presbytery (Fonds 1014); United Church of Canada Hamilton Presbytery (Fonds 1016); United Church of Canada Toronto West Presbytery (Fonds 1041)*

*See also local church records for Woman's Association records at the local level.*

**SERIES 1: WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION DOMINION COUNCIL AND SUBORDINATE BODIES. –1940-1961.**

Series consists of records minutes and reports of the Executive Committee, Sub-Executive Committee and Annual Meetings, as well as publications, programs and records relating to publicity.

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1983.067C | 1-1 | Executive Committee, sub-executive committee and annual meeting minutes, (Includes Inaugural Meeting) | 1940-1941 |
| | 1-2 | --- | 1942 |
| | 1-3 | --- | 1943 |
| | 1-4 | --- | 1944 |
| | 1-5 | --- | 1945 |
| | 1-6 | --- | 1946 |
| | 1-7 | --- | 1947 |
| | 1-8 | --- | 1948 |
| | 1-9 | --- | 1949 |
| | 1-10 | --- | 1950 |
| | 2-11 | --- | 1951 |
| | 2-12 | --- | 1952 |
| | 2-13 | --- | 1953 |
| | 2-14 | --- | 1954 |
| | 2-15 | --- | 1955 |
| | 2-16 | --- | 1956 |
| | 3-17 | --- | 1957 |
| | 3-18 | --- | 1958 |
| | 3-19 | --- | 1959 |
| | 3-20 | --- | 1960 |
| | 3-21 | --- (Final meeting, Nov. 22, 1961) | 1961 |
| | 3-22 | Minutes, sub-executive | 1962 |
| | 4-23 | Reports: 11th Annual Meeting | 1951 |
| | 4-24 | ---: 12th Annual Meeting | 1952 |
| | 4-25 | ---: 13th Annual Meeting | 1953 |
| | 4-26 | ---: 14th Annual Meeting | 1954 |
| | 4-27 | ---: 15th Annual Meeting | 1955 |
| | 4-28 | ---: 16th Annual Meeting | 1956 |
| | 4-29 | ---: 17th Annual Meeting | 1957 |
| | 4-30 | ---: 18th Annual Meeting | 1958 |
| | 4-31 | ---: 19th Annual Meeting | 1959 |
| | 4-32 | ---: 20th Annual Meeting | 1960 |
| | 4-33 | ---: Final Meeting | 1961 |
| | | **Publications** | |
| 1983.067C | 5-34 | Annual Meeting Agendas | 1951-1961 |
| | 5-35 | Bulletins | 1954-1961 |
| | 5-36 | Christian Education publications, (including minutes of pre-conference study group, 1944). | 1944-1961 |
| | 5-37 | Constitution and By-Laws, various editions | 1946-1960 |
| | 5-38 | Finances | [between 1940-1961] |
| | 5-39 | Handbook for the Local Woman's Association | 1954-1960 |
| | 5-40 | Handbook for the Presbytery & Conference | [between 1940- |

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Woman's Association | 1961] |
| | 5-41 | History of the Woman's Association | 1943-1962 |
| | 5-42 | Leadership resources | 1950-1952 |
| 1983.067C | 5-43 | Life Membership resources | [between 1940-1961] |
| | 5-44 | Membership resources | Ca. 1951 |
| | 5-45 | The Parsonnage or Manse, pamphlets | [between 1940-1961] |
| | 5-46 | Special Worship Services (Organzational, Easter, Christmas) | --- |
| | 5-47 | The Teen-Age Girl | --- |
| | 5-48 | Theme Hymn for the WA | --- |
| | 5-49 | Visiting on behalf of the church | 1953-1957 |
| | 5-50 | The WA and the Church | Ca. 1949 |
| | 5-51 | Woman's Federation materials | 1951-1959 |
| | 5-52 | Worship | [between 1940-1961] |
| 2019.004C | TR-1 | Pamphlets:<br>-Come Visiting With Us<br>-Fund Raising in the W.A. *You were Asking?<br>-What the Woman's Association Can Mean to the Church<br>-Let's Face It!<br>-Are You?<br>-The Organization of Christian Education in the Local Church<br>-Life Membership<br>-Raising Funds in the Local Woman's Association<br>-Woman's Association of the United Church of Canada | |
| | | **Programs** | |
| 1983.067C | 6-53 | Christian Citizenship Programs: Second World War Concerns | 1954 |
| | 6-54 | Christian Citizenship | 1953 |
| | 6-55 | Program planning literature | 1955 |
| | 6-56 | Programs | 1957 |
| | 6-57 | --- | 1958 |
| | 6-58 | --- for January to August | 1959-1960 |
| | 6-59 | --- | 1960-1961 |
| | 6-60 | --- | 1961 |
| | 6-61 | --- | 1962 |
| | 6-62 | Program Packets, No.1 and No.2 | [between 1940-1961] |
| | 6-63 | Unified Program for all the Women of a Congregation | --- |
| | 6-64 | Worship, suggested topics | 1942-1961 |
| | | **Publicity** | |
| 1983.067C | 7-65 | United Church Observer, miscellaneous publicity | 1953-1954 |
| | 7-66 | Scrapbook, press clippings, miscellaneous | 1954?-1960 |

## SERIES 2: BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION. –1931-1962.

Series consists of programs, financial statements, minutes, reports, correspondence, and membership rolls.

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1983.067C | 8-67 | W.A. Bay of Quinte Conference: Programs | 1954, 1956, 1960 |
| | 8-68 | W.A. Correspondence from Dominion Council | [between 1940-1961] |
| | 8-69 | Financial Statements | 1960, 1961 |
| | 8-70 | Bay of Quinte Conference W.A. Minute book | 1951-1961 |
| | 8-71 | Cobourg Presbytery, Annual Reports for year ending | 1958, 1959, 1960 |
| | 8-72 | Cobourg Presbytery W.A. minute book | 1953-1960 |
| | 8-73 | --- | 1961 |
| | 8-74 | Kingston Presbytery W.A. minute book | 1952-1957 |
| | 8-75 | --- | 1957-1962 |
| | 8-76 | Counties of Prince Edward and Hastings W.A. and Ladies Aid Societies, Minute book | 1933-1954 |
| | 8-77 | Officers and Chairmen of Presbyteries and Standing Committees within the BQ conference W.A. | 1957-1961 |
| 1983.067C | 25-1 | Peterborough Presbyterial: Programmes of annual meetings. | 1950-1954 |
| | 25-2 | ---: Annual reports | 1943-1946 |
| | 25-3 | --- | 1947 |
| | 25-4 | --- | 1948 |
| | 25-5 | --- | 1950 |
| | 25-6 | ---: President's correspondence. | 1949-1954 |
| | 25-7 | ---: Correspondence and records of corresponding secretary. | 1952-1954 |
| | 25-8 | ---: Minutes | 1960-1961 |
| | 25-9 | Membership roll. | 1955 |
| | 25-10 | Life membership roll | 1949-1961 |
| | 26-1 | Oshawa Presbytery: Membership lists or life membership roll [Probably W.A.; not indicated] | 1952-1954 |
| | 26-2 | ---: Registration at semi-annual meetings, and account book | 1947-1957 |
| | 26-3 | ---: Minutes | 1931-1946 |

## SERIES 3: HAMILTON CONFERENCE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION. –1947-1961.

Series consists of programs, minutes, annual reports, financial records, clippings and histories.

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1983.067C | 9-1 | Programmes of annual meetings. (1st - 13th) | 1949-1961 |
| | 9-2 | Programme Planning Committee: Minutes | 1953-1961 |
| | 9-3 | Minutes of annual meetings | 1949-1959 |
| | 9-4 | Annual Report | 1948 |
| | 9-3 | Minutes of annual meetings | 1949-1959 |
| | 9-4 | Annual Report | 1948 |
| | 9-5 | Reports presented at annual meeting | 1952 |
| | 9-6 | --- | 1953 |

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 9-7 | --- | 1954 |
| | 9-8 | --- | 1955 |
| | 9-9 | --- | 1956 |
| | 9-10 | --- | 1957 |
| | 9-11 | --- | 1958 |
| | 9-12 | --- | 1959 |
| | 9-13 | --- | 1960 |
| | 9-14 | --- | 1961 |
| | 9-15 | Registration at annual meetings (1st - 13th) | 1949-1961 |
| | 10-1 | Officers | [1948?], 1960-1961 |
| | 10-2 | Minutes of executive meetings | 1947-1952 |
| | 10-3 | --- | 1950-1961 |
| | 10-4 | Special motions of Hamilton executive | 1949-1954 |
| | 10-5 | Cash book | 1947-1956 |
| | | --- | 1957-1961 |
| | | memo re final expenses | 1961 |
| | 10-6 | Nominations | 1954-1958 |
| | 10-7 | Newspaper clippings | [between 1940-1961] |
| | 11-1 | Officers: Brantford Presbytery. | 1953-1961 |
| | 11-2 | Officers: Bruce Presbytery. | 1952-1961 |
| 1983.067C | 11-3 | ---: Guelph Presbytery. | 1953-1961 |
| | 11-4 | ---: Haldimand-Norfolk Presbyerial. | 1953-1961 |
| | 11-5 | ---: Halton Presbytery | 1953-1961 |
| | 11-6 | ---: Hamilton Presbytery | 1953-1961 |
| | 11-7 | ---: Niagara Presbytery | 1953-1961 |
| | 11-8 | ---: Sudbury Presbytery | 1953-1961 |
| | 11-9 | Various Reports | 1947-1961 |
| | 11-10 | Histories – Conference, Guelph Presbytery | [between 1940-1961] |
| | 11-11 | Guelph Presbytery: Minutes | 1946-1956 |
| | 11-12 | --- | 1957-1961 |
| | 11-13 | Brantford Presbytery: Minutes, 3 volumes | 1958-1961 |
| | 11-14 | ---: Annual Reports | 1956-1960 |
| | 11-15 | ---: Programmes of annual meetings (7th-13th) | 1955-1961 |
| | 11-16 | ---: Unsorted correspondence and newspaper clippings | [between 1940-1961] |
| | 11-17 | Hamilton Presbytery, programs of annual meetings | 1947-1951 |
| | 11-18 | Halton Presbytery, programs of meetings | 1948-1960 |

## SERIES 4: TORONTO CONFERENCE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION. –1933-1962.

Series consists of minutes, "historical data", and some financial records.

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1983.067C | 12-1 | Minutes | 1933-1939 |
| | 12-2 | --- | 1943-1950 |
| | 12-3 | --- | 1950-1953 |
| | 12-4 | --- | 1953-1957 |
| | 13-1 | --- | 1957-1960 |

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 13-2 | --- | 1961 |
| | 13-3 | "Historical data" - programmes, constitution, life member certificate, etc. | |
| | 14-1 | Toronto East Presbytery: Minutes | 1930-1934 |
| | 14-2 | ---:--- | 1934-1939 |
| | 14-3 | ---:--- | 1939-1946 |
| | 14-4 | ---:--- | 1946-1953 |
| | 14-5 | ---:--- | 1953-1959 |
| | 14-6 | ---:--- | 1959-1961 |
| | 14-7 | ---: Treasurer's Book | 1951-1956 |
| | 14-8 | ---:--- | 1957-1961 |
| | 14-9 | ---: "Social Drinking and Young People: a panel discussion." | 1946 |
| | 15-1 | Toronto West Presbytery: Minutes | 1929-1933 |
| | 15-2 | ---:--- | 1934-1939 |
| | 15-3 | ---:--- | 1939-1944 |
| | 15-4 | ---:--- | 1949-1956 |
| | 15-5 | ---:--- | 1957-1961 |
| | 16-1 | Cochrane Presbytery: Minutes | 1950-1962 |
| | 16-2 | York Presbytery: Account book | 1957-1961 |
| | 16-3 | Dufferin and Peel Presbytery: Minutes (3 volumes) | 1948-1961 |
| | 16-4 | Muskoka Presbytery: Minutes | 1948-1961 |
| 2005.094C | TR-1 | Dominion Council, WA, Misc. | ca. 1958, 1986 |
| | TR-2 | --- | 1959-1960 |

## SERIES 5: LONDON CONFERENCE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION. --1937-1963.

Series consists of annual reports, records of donations, treasurer's books, secretary's books and correspondence.

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1983.067C | 17-1 | Annual reports. | 1954-1961 |
| | 17-2 | Records of donations - to organ fund | 1960-1961 |
| | | - to Five Oaks. | 1954-1961 |
| | 17-3 | Treasurer's Book. | 1952-1962 |
| | 17-4 | Treasurer's Book - Five Oaks Fund. | 1955-1960 |
| | 17-5 | Treasurer's Book - MacKinnon House Fund | 1956-1961 |
| | 17-6 | Correspondence re MacKinnon House Fund. | 1963 |
| | 17-7 | Minutes of executive and annual meetings. | 1952-1961 |
| | 18-1 | Middlesex Presbytery - Minutes. | 1951-1959 |
| | 18-2 | --- | 1959-1962 |
| | 18-3 | --- Treasurer's Account Book. | 1951-1962 |
| | 18-4 | --- Christian Stewardship Committee. | 1957-1960 |
| | 19-2 | Essex Presbytery. Minutes. | 1937-1941 |
| | 19-3 | --- | 1941-1946 |
| | 18-5 | --- | 1946-1957 |
| | 18-6 | --- | 1958-1961 |
| | 19-1 | --- Treasurer's Account Book. | 1955-1962 |
| | 19-4 | Perth Presbytery. Treasurer's Account Book. (also | 1953-1961 |

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | includes newspaper clippings and programmes of annual meetings) | |
| | 20-1 | Elgin Presbytery. Minutes. | 1936-1946 |
| | 20-2 | --- | 1947-1962 |
| | 20-3 | Huron Presbytery. Minutes (2 vol). | 1953-1958<br>1958-1961 |
| | 20-4 | Lambton Presbytery. Minutes. | 1949-1961 |
| | 20-5 | --- Treasurer's Book. | 1949-1962 |
| | 21-1 | Kent Presbytery. Recording Secretary's Book. | 1947-1952 |
| | 21-2 | --- | 1952-1958 |
| | 21-3 | --- | 1959-1961 |
| | 21-4 | Oxford Presbyterial. Secretary's Book. | 1951-1961 |
| | 21-5 | --- Treasurer's Book. | 1951-1961 |
| | 21-6 | --- Correspondence, clippings, annual reports and other papers. | [between 1940-1961] |
| | 29-1 | Perth Presbytery. Minutes | 1954-1957 |
| | 29-2 | --- | 1957-1961 |
| | 29-3 | Huron Presbytery, treasurer's book | 1953-1961 |

## SERIES 6: MONTREAL AND OTTAWA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION. –1928-1961.

Series consists of minutes, reports, manse records and newsclippings.

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1983.067C | 30-1 | Minutes of Meetings | 1959-1962 |
| | 30-2 | --- | 1955-1959 |
| | 30-3 | --- | 1951-1954 |
| | 30-4 | --- | 1943-1951 |
| | 30-5 | Reports and miscellanea | [1959-1961?] |
| | 30-6 | Attendees of semi-annual meetings | 1952-1955 |
| | 31-1 | Regional Rallies | 1953-1961 |
| | 31-2 | Manse Records | 1958-1960 |
| | 31-4 | Minutes, St. Andrew's Association | 1947-1954 |
| | 31-5 | ---, Cumberland Region Association | 1947-1960 |
| | 31-6 | ---, No. 5 Region Association | 1946-1961 |
| | 31-7 | Newsclipping announcing organization of Ottawa Regional Association, Ottawa Citizen (May 17) | 1928 |

## SERIES 7: HISTORIES OF THE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION. –1950-1961.

Series consists of histories of the Woman's Associations by Conference, Dominion Council and some Presbyteries.

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1983.067C | 22-1 | Bay of Quinte Conference | |
| | 22-2 | Montreal-Ottawa Conference | |
| | 22-3 | Maritime Conference | |
| | 22-4 | Newfoundland Conference | |
| | 22-5 | Toronto Conference | |
| | 22-6 | British Columbia Conference | |
| | 22-7 | Alberta Conference | |

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 23-1 | Saskatchewan Conference | |
| | 23-2 | Manitoba Conference | |
| | 23-3 | London Conference | |
| | 23-4 | Hamilton Conference | |
| | 23-5 | Dominion Council - Annual meetings. | |
| | 23-6 | Dominion Council | |
| | 23-7 | --- | |
| | 23-8 | W.A. - General | |
| | 23-9 | --- | |
| | 23-10 | Presbytery associations | |
| | 23-11 | Oxford Presbytery | |
| | 23-12 | The United Church Observer, June 1 (25th anniversary of church union) | 1950 |
| | 24-1 | Lists of officers - conferences and presbyteries across Canada. | 1960-1961 |

**SERIES 8: ANNUAL CONFERENCES: UNITED CHURCH WOMEN. –1946-1962.**

Series consists of minutes of the Planning Committee, programmes and miscellaneous papers.

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1983.067C | 27-1 | Minutes of Planning Committee, etc. | 1948-1956 |
| | 27-2 | Programmes. | 1946-1962 |
| | 27-3 | Miscellaneous papers. | |

**SERIES 9: MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS. --1950-1962.**

Series consists of miscellaneous material re women in The United Church of Canada, information re the organization of W.A. and various pamphlets.

| Acc. No. | Box-File | Title | Date(s) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1983.067C | 28-1 | Miscellaneous material re women in The United Church of Canada | pre-1961 |
| | 27-4 | Information re organization of W.A. - historical lists of chairmen, etc. | 1962? |
| | 27-5 | Various pamphlets. | |

**SERIES 10: PHOTOGRAPHS. --1936-[1953?]. --8 photographs.**

Series consists of photographs of members and events of the Woman's Association, 1936-[1953?].

See Archives Catalogue for item-level descriptions of photographs.