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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNITED CHURCH AOTS MEN'S CLUBS FONDS. – 1923-1989.—96 cm of textual records.**

AOTS (As One That Serves) is a men's organization, drawing its membership from the United Church while maintaining an independent organizational and financial structure. It began within Methodist congregations of Vancouver in 1923, and remained a fully independent operation as it spread across the country, finally adopting a Nation Association of AOTS Clubs in 1947. As the organization grew within United Church congregations there arose a confusion concerning its relationship to the church and the United Church Men. In 1954 AOTS became a department of the newly-constituted Board of Men.

Over the next five years an integration process was undertaken and in September 1959 the first National Association AOTS Men's Clubs was constituted. While it was now a department of a church board, AOTS did not surrender its organizational structures at the conference and presbytery levels. This meant that there were competing Conference and Presbytery United Church Men and Conference and Presbytery AOTS Men's Club Councils, and this situation continued until 1963.

In that year a new structure at the Conference and Presbytery level was developed, the Conference United Church Men's Council, with all men's club work being the responsibility of a Men's Club Committee of the Council. The AOTS National Council, the administration body of the National Association, become the Men's Club Committee of the Board of Men. At the local level a new Committee of United Church Men of the Pastoral Charge was constituted, linking the local church with the Board.

At the time of the creation of the Division of Mission in Canada (1971), the Board of Men was dissolved and AOTS was again on its own, although it retained a connection with the new Division. Throughout the 1970s AOTS became increasingly independent from the Committee on Lay Organizations of the Division. A new constitution in 1975 reverted to the name 'National Council of the United Church AOTS Men's Clubs' (dropping the title 'Men's Club Committee'), while at the regional level the Conference and Presbytery Men's Club Committees returned to Conference and District Councils of United Church AOTS Men's Clubs. As of January 1976, AOTS evolved further in its responsibility for its operation and staffing.

The role of AOTS is to lead men to an understanding and commitment to the work of the Church, promoting Christian fellowship through service, to give leadership within the church and community, to foster good citizenship, protect civil liberties and to work among youth. The National Association holds biennial conventions to which local clubs as well as District and Conference Council send representatives. The Association's executive is composed of the immediate past president, the president, three vice presidents who must represent the Western, Central and Eastern regions of Canada, an executive secretary and a treasurer. The National Council consists of the officers of the Association, the executive secretary, the president of each AOTS Conference Council, the chairmen of the standing committees and five members-at-large. The officers and chairmen are elected at the national convention. The Council operates as an administrative body, coordinating the work of the local, district and conference clubs, and holds annual meetings from which it reports to the Division of Mission in Canada on the year's work. The executive of the Council consists of the officers of the Association, plus representatives of the conference and the standing committees. The national standing committees include: membership, programme, projects, youth, communications, convention, constitution, international and leadership.

Fonds contains records of the National Association of United Church AOTS Men's Clubs 1923-2009. Textual records include addresses, biographies, clippings, reports, minutes and publications of the National body. In addition, there are records from the Provincial Councils (excluding Ontario) which include clippings, minutes, publications and reports. Graphic material includes photographs accompanying the biographies and photographs of various AOTS events. The fonds is arranged into three series: Administrative Records, Publications and Provincial Councils.

See related materials in the following fonds: Fonds 506 Board of Men and Fonds 512 Division of Mission in Canada

**SERIES 1: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND COUNCIL. --1952-1983.**

Series contains records of the National Association and Council and related committees 1952-1983. Records include minutes, reports and national project work.

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1990.131C	3-3	National AOTS Council: Annual Meeting, Minutes	1961, 1964, 1965
	3-4	---:---, Minutes 1967, Agendas and Reports 1969-1971	1967, 1969-1971
	4-1	---:---, Minutes and Reports 1972, 1977, Agendas and Reports 1973, 1976	1972, 1973, 1976, 1977
	4-2	---:---, Minutes and Reports	1981, 1983
2009.046C	1-7	---:---, Minutes and Reports	1980
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1988.106C	1-1	---: Annual Reports	1954
	1-2	---:---	1955
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	1-7	---:---	1969
	1-8	---:---	1970
	1-9	---:---	1971
	1-10	---:---	1977
	1-11	---:---	1980
	1-12	National AOTS Council Executive: Proposed Budget	1983
	2-9	---: Minutes	1960, 1966
1990.131C	1-1	---:---(Sep. 16, 1965- Aug. 28, 1967) (part 1)	1965-1967
	1-2	---:---(part 2)	---
	1-3	---:---(Aug. 28, 1967- Aug. 24, 1969) (part 1)	1967-1969
	1-4	---:---(part 2)	---
	1-5	---:---(Aug. 24, 1969- Aug. 22, 1971) (part 1)	1969-1971
	2-1	---:---(part 2)	---
	2-2	---:---(Aug. 22, 1971- Aug. 26, 1973) (part 1)	1971-1973
	2-3	---:---(part 2)	---
	2-4	---:---(Aug. 26, 1973- Aug. 21, 1975) (part 1)	1973-1975
	2-5	---:---(part 2)	---
1988.106C	3-1	---:---	1974-1955
1990.131C	2-6	---:---(Aug. 24, 1975- July 17, 1977) (part 1)	1975-1977
	2-7	---:---(part 2)	---
	3-1	---:---(July 17, 1977- May 12, 1979)	1977-1979
	3-2	---:---(July 26, 1979- May 30, 1981)	1979-1981
2009.046C	2-1	---:---	1996-1999
	2-2	---:---	1997-2005
1988.106C	2-10	---: Men's Club Committee, Board of Men, Minutes	1967-1973

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1988.106C	1-13	National Convention of AOTS Clubs: Record of Proceedings	1952
	1-14	---:---	1954
	1-15	---:---	1956
	3-12	---:---	1923-1973
1990.131C	4-3	---:---	1958, 1959, 1961, 1963
1988.106C	1-16	---:---	1959
	2-1	---:---	1961
	2-2	---:---	1964
1900.131C	4-4	---:---	1965, 1967, 1969, 1971
1988.106C	2-3	---:---	1965
	2-4	---:---	1967
	2-5	---:---	1969
1990.131C	4-5	---:---	1973, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1983
1988.106C	2-6	---:---	1977
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1990.131C	4-6	---:---	1985, 1987, 1989
1988.106C	2-8	---:---	1987
2009.046C	3-13	Miscellaneous Reports	[197-]-2002
		<b>Committees</b>	
1988.106C	3-2	Boys and Youth Committee: Minutes, Correspondence, Newsletters etc.	1965-1966
	3-3	Convention Committee: 9 <sup>th</sup> Convention, Minutes	1975
2009.046C	1-3	National Standing Committees: Terms of Reference	1967-1977
1988.106C	3-4	Programme Committee: Minutes	1966
2009.046C	1-5	Staff Committee: Correspondence and Reports	1989-1993
		<b>National Projects</b>	
2009.046C	1-4	National Projects Committee Meeting Minutes	1968
	1-2	National Association Projects: Harry Colnett Scholarship, Hospital Project, David Sherwood Trophy	1987-2003
	1-8	National Projects: D.R. Poole Memorial Award	1961-2003

**SERIES 2: PUBLICATIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND COUNCIL. --1923-1988.**

Series contains publications including: an evaluations, newsletter, 'Bridges Builder,' 1961-1972 (incomplete run); handbooks, pamphlets and booklets explaining aspects of the work; history of AOTS; president's newsletter, and related material. In addition there are biographical profiles of leaders, reports from Annual Conference held at Banff, Elgin House (Ontario), programmes and registrations from conventions, 1953-1987, directories of local clubs and membership, 1980s, and personal files of executive members.

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2009.046C	3-14	AOTS Pins and Resources	1958-2007

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1988.106C	3-5	Biographies from "Bridge Builder" Files	
2009.046C	3-8	National Association AOTS By-Laws	1995
1988.106C	3-13	Conventions: No. 1	1953
	3-14	---: No. 2	1954
	3-15	---: No. 3	1956
	3-16	---: No. 4	1958
	3-17	---: No. 1	1959
	3-18	---: No. 3	1963
	3-19	---: No. 4	1965
	3-20	---: No. 5	n.d.
	3-21	---: No. 7	1971
	3-22	---: No. 8	1973
	3-23	---: No. 9	1975
	3-24	---: No. 10	1977
	3-25	---: No. 11	1979
	3-26	---: No. 12	1981
	3-27	---: No. 13	1983
	3-28	---: No. 15	1987
	3-36	---: Film Strip Commentary	1956
2009.046C	2-7	Biennial National Convention	2003
	2-8	---	2009
	2-6	National Convention Material	1975
		<b>Directories</b>	
1988.106C	3-10	---	1981-1983
	3-11	Men's Groups	1970-1973
	3-7	Provincial and District Councils	1955
	3-8	---	1970-1973?
	3-9	Local Clubs	1980
	4-1	Local Clubs	1982
	4-2	National Council	1983-1985
1990.131C	5-1	Men's Groups-Statistics of Clubs (part 1)	1968-1975
	5-2	---(part 2)	---
1988.106C	4-3	<b>Executive Personal Files</b>	1956-1958
	4-4	---: Biographies, Seward Modeland (B.C. Vancouver)	
	4-14	---:---, Jack Cullen (ON Ferris)	
	4-8	---:---, Charles Collins Burritt	
	4-9	---:---, Dr. Harry R. Grant	
	4-10	---:---, Locke, Cyril	
	4-11	---:---, D.R. Poole	
	4-12	---:---, Jack Robinson	
	4-13	---:---, David J. Sherwood	
	4-15	---:---, Jack Arthur (photographs relocated?)	
	4-16	---:---, Charles E. Atchison, inc. photographs	
	4-17	---:---, Fred Saunderson, (photographs relocated?)	
	4-18	---:---, Phil Spence, inc. photographs	
1988.106C	4-5	---: Correspondence, D.R. Poole	1951-1952, 1954-1956

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1988.106C	4-6	---:---, Phil Spence	1968, 1969	
	4-7	---:---, Bill Hastings	n.d.	
	4-19	---: Special Funds, Harry Colnett Scholarship Plan		
	4-20	Guest Book: Reception given by Judge R.G. Groom (Aug. 27)	1975	
	4-22	Layman's Services: Orders of Service		
	4-23	National Association and Local Clubs: Newspaper clippings	1981, 1983	
			<b>Membership</b>	
2009.046C	1-1	Record of National AOTS dues	1958-1976	
	1-10	Membership Records	1993, 1995-1997	
	3-9	AOTS Membership materials	[197-]-[199-]	
		<b>Publications</b>		
1988.106C	4-27	Printed Material	[196-]	
	4-24	"A National Project for AOTS"	1982	
	4-25	Bridge Builder, Vol. I, Nos. 1-6		
	4-26	---, Vol. II, Nos. 1-7	1960	
	4-28	---, Vol. III, Nos. 1-7	1961	
	4-29	---, Vol. IV, Nos. 1-5	1962	
	4-30	---, Vol. V, Nos. 1-4	1963	
	4-31	---, Vol. VI, Nos. 1-5	1964	
	4-32	---, Vol. VII, Nos. 1-5	1965	
	4-33	---, Vol. VIII, Nos. 1-5	1966	
	4-34	---, Vol. IX, Nos. 1-5	1967	
	5-1	---, Vol. X, Nos. 1-4	1968	
	5-2	---, Vol. XI, Nos. 2-4	1969	
	5-3	---, Vol. XII, Nos. 1-3	1970	
	5-4	---, Vol. XIII, Nos. 1-3	1971	
	5-5	---, Vol. XI, Nos. 1-3	1972	
	5-6	Challenge	Sep. 1986, Mar. 1988	
		5-7	Charter Application Form and Registration Cards	
		5-8	"Club Devotionals: by Burt Thornley	
	2009.046C	3-1	Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order "The Rules of Gov't of the National AOTS"	1987
1-6		Constitution Committee (to National Council)	2003-2005	
3-7		Constitutions	1955, [1965], 1977, 1998	
1988.106C	6-7	---	1965, 1973, 1956, 1960 n.d.	
	6-8	---	1975, 1948, 1977, 1967, 1961	
	5-9	---: Handbooks		
	5-10	---		
2009.046C	3-10	Historical Summaries	ca. 2007	
1988.106C	4-21	History, by Dr. Harry Grant		
1988.106C	5-11	History "AOTS, A Community Service Club Within the Church"	c.1960	
	5-16	"As One that Serves, A Short History of	1974	

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1988.106C	5-12	AOTS Clubs, Their First Half Century"	
2009.046C	1-11	"History of the National Association of AOTS Clubs" by Harry R. Grant and C.W. Ellis	1998
1988.106C	5-13	"A Short History of AOTS Clubs", by Fred Holberton	1967
	5-14	List of Local Clubs	1958-1977
	5-15	Local Club Like Membership Certificate, Officers Registration Cards, Application for Club Enrollment	
	5-17	National AOTS Newsletter	1978-1986
2009.046C	1-12	National Association Newsletter "The Handshake"	1988-2009
1988.106C	6-1	National Council of AOTS Clubs	
	6-2	President's Letter	1954-1958
2009.046C	1-9	---	1955-1957, 1974-1975
1988.106C	6-3	Programs with a Purpose	1959, 1966
2009.046C	3-2	--- Packets A-C	1966
1988.106C	6-4	Promotional Pamphlets	
	7-2	"You Were Asking About AOTS", Individual Membership Application, "Second Mile Support for AOTS", "Building the Bridge"	
	7-3	"Read What Some Ministers Think of AOTS"	
	6-5	Song Books	
	6-6	Speeches and Devotionals	
2009.046C	3-6	Devotionals	n.d.
	3-3	Spiritual Health Outreach handbook	1992-2001
	3-4	Spiritual Life: booklet	2004
	3-5	---: handbook	2006
1988.106C	6-9	United Church Men's manual	1966
	7-7	"First AOTS Meeting at Ryerson United Church, Vancouver BC" (Rev. J.G. Brown) "A New Image for AOTS" (Fourth National Convention Rev. Rex R. Dolan), "As One That Serves Whom?", Devotional at Annual Meeting 1964 (Ewart Peckford), Order of Worship Sumer 1974	1923-1974

### **SERIES 3: RECORDS OF THE PROVINCIAL COUNCILS. --1952-1982.**

Series contains files from Provincial Councils in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and include correspondence, 'Round-up Reports,' (reports of annual meetings', programs of annual meetings, some directories of members and related publications.

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2009.046C	3-11	Central Region Minutes	1992-2006
1988.106C	6-10	Board of Men: Provincial Councils, BC Publications, " British Columbia Image"	1970
	6-11	Maritime Conference: Newspaper Clippings	1963
		<b>Provincial Councils</b>	
1988.106C	6-12	Alberta: District Council, Edmonton	1962, 1965-1968

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1988.106C	7-1	Publication "The Torchbearer" British Columbia: Publications, Chas. C. Burritt Scholarship Society	
2009.046C	3-12	---: Local Clubs, Oak Bay U.C.	1998
1988.106C	7-2	Manitoba: District Council and Local Clubs, Display	
	7-3	---: District Council, Publications "On The Job"	1954-1955
	7-4	---: Local Clubs, Special Events, Wentworth Church Winnipeg	
	7-5	---: Round-up, Photographs	1982
	7-6	New Brunswick: Local Clubs, Fredericton Workshop	
2009.046C	3-13	NFLD and Labrador: round-up	1989
1988.106C	7-7	Quebec: District Council, Montreal "The Counsellor"	1956
	7-8	Saskatchewan: District Council, Moose Jaw, Flyers	
	7-9	---:---, Prince Albert, Round-up	1966
	7-10	---:---, Regina, Local Clubs Directories	1956-1965
	7-11	---:---, Minutes	1961-1962
	7-12	---:---, Program	1960
	7-13	---:---, Local Club Programs	1969, 1976
	7-14	---:---, Annual Report 1952 and Correspondence 1952, 1955, 1963, 1966	1952, 1955, 1963, 1966
	7-15	---:---, District Councils and Local Clubs, Newspaper clippings	
	7-16	---:---, Reports	1948-1953, 1956
	7-17	---:---, Saskatoon Publication "AOTS Newsletter"	1957
	7-18	---:---, Round-up Report	1955
	7-19	---:---, District Councils and Local Clubs Publications	1951-1954, 1956
	7-20	---:---, Reports	1954-1957, 1965-1968, 1970
	7-21	---: History of AOTS	
	7-22	---: Local Clubs, Moose Jaw, Directory	1965-1966
	7-23	---:---, Programs	1976
	7-24	---:---, Publications "The Menu"	1964-1965
1988.106C	7-25	---:---,---	1964, 1966-1971
	7-26	---:---,---	1971-1977
	7-27	---:---,---	1977-1979, 1980, 1955, 1964
	7-28	---:---,---	1988
	7-29	---:---, Prince Albert, Publications "Northern Newsletter"	1955
	7-30	---:---, Regina, Publications "The Torch" 1956 (Zion Church)	1955, 1956
	7-31	---:---. Annual Reports	1965
	7-32	---:---, Round-up	1955
	7-33	---:---, Passion Play	1955
	7-34	Local Clubs: Publications	1958, 1963



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1988.106C	7-35	---: Special Events Programs	
	7-36	Publications: "Western Bridge Builder"	1978
	7-37	---" Western Field"	1965, 1967
	7-38	Lapel Pins	1954, 1956