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TORONTO CHRISTIAN RESOURCE CENTRE (ONT.) FONDS

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**FONDS 1053: TORONTO CHRISTIAN RESOURCE CENTRE. – 1960-1993** - 71 cm of textual records. – 12 photographs. – 12 architectural drawings.

The Toronto Christian Resource Centre (TCRC) is an outreach ministry of the United Church of Canada in the Regent Park neighbourhood of Toronto. It began operations in 1964 out of the work of a group of people from Rosedale United Church interested in church renewal in the inner city. It was incorporated in 1965.

The TCRC first operated from a house at 615 Ontario Street and shortly after, due to the development of St. James Town area, the ministry then moved to 306 Bleeker Street. In 1969, the TCRC learned that their Bleeker Street property was to be demolished and the Board decided to move into the Don Vale community (now known as Cabbagetown) to 297 Carlton Street to provide this community with "the same kind of leadership that the Church had been providing in the St. James Town area." One of the first projects was aiding citizens who had been relocated as a result of the St. James Town development. The ministry stayed in this area until it moved into Regent Park United Church at 40 Oak Street in 1980. In 2011, Regent Park United Church was demolished. The Centre is now housed in a joint social housing/community centre known as 40 Oaks.

Fonds consists of the following series: records of the Board of Directors, 1965-1982; records of the Executive Director, 1965-1975; records of programs and programming, 1965-1975; administrative records, 1965-1974; legal and property records, 1966-1993; and financial records, 1968-1980.

See related records in Toronto Conference fonds (1033), Toronto Area Presbytery fonds(1038), Toronto South Presbytery fonds (1040) and Toronto United Church Council fonds (1043).

See series descriptions for restrictions

For item-level descriptions of multimedia, contact the Archives.

**SERIES 1: RECORDS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 1965-1982. - 10 cm of textual records.**

Series consists of minutes and correspondence of the Board of Directors, including minutes and reports of Executive Committee, Finance Committee and Annual General Meetings, 1965-1974, 1979-1982; minutes and reports of the Annual General Meeting, 1973-1974; and correspondence (including research before the formation of the Centre), 1960-1970

Acc. No.	Box/File	Reel	Title	Date
<b>2013.267C</b>	1-1		Minutes	1965-1968
	1-2		---	1969
	1-3		---	1970-1972
	1-4		---	1973-1974
	1-5		---	1979-1982
	1-6		Annual General Meeting minutes and reports	1973-1974
	1-7		Correspondence re. Inner City Christian Movement (East Harlem Protestant Parish)	1960-1962
	1-8		Correspondence re. Inner City Christian Mission	1960-1964
	1-9		Report on Christian Resource Centre to Listening to Lay People Project (Don Cameron)	1970

SERIES 2: RECORDS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. – 1965-1987. - 24 cm of textual records.

The executive directors of the Toronto Christian Resource Centre were Dr. John Metson (1964-2003); Michael Blair (2003-2007); Debra Dineen (2007-2012); and Louise Moody (2013-2015).

Series consists of general correspondence, 1965-1971; reports, 1967-1979, and subject files on community activities, including housing, tenants' rights, St. James Town redevelopment, and West Don Parish Council.

Certain files are restricted for seventy-five years from the last date indicated.

Acc. No.	Box/File	Reel	Title	Date
<b>2013.267C</b>	1-10RR		Correspondence	1965
	1-11RR		---	1966
	1-12RR		---	1967
	2-1		---	1971
	2-2		Reports	1967
	2-3		---	1968
	2-4		---	1974
	2-5		---	1976, 1979
	2-6		Anglican participation	1965-1967
	2-7		A Christian Response to People in the City report	[1971]
	2-8		Christmas activities	1968
	2-9		Committee for the Don Vale Community Centre	1970
	2-10		Community housing	1966
	2-11		---	1971-1972
	2-12		CRC Evaluation report	1969
	2-13		Dialogue excerpts (J. Metson and S. Finson)	1967
	2-14		Don District Housing Committee / Don District Resources Committee	1970, 1973
	2-15		Don Vale Community Centre	1968-1973
<b>2013.267C</b>	2-16		Don Vale Property Owners Association	1970
	2-17		Don Vale Residents' Association	1970
	2-18		Don Vale Tenants' Association	1969-1970
	2-19		Don Vale Renewal Through Citizen Action	1971
	2-20		Downtown Action	1972-1973
	2-21		Film on Christian Resource Centre	1971
	3-1		Friends of Centre	1970
	3-2		---	1971
	3-3		Inner City Council	1964-1967
	6-11		International Year of Shelter for the Homeless	1987
	3-4		Presentations	1970
	3-5		South of Carlton Working Committee (Neighbourhood Improvement Programme)	1974-1975
	3-6		St. James Town project	1965-1967
	3-7		West Don Parish Council	1968-1971

SERIES 3: RECORDS OF PROGRAMS AND PROGRAMMING. – 1965-1987. - 25 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, reports and proposals of programs of the Toronto Christian

SERIES 3: RECORDS OF PROGRAMS AND PROGRAMMING cont.

Resource Centre, including: Costruct, 1972-1975; Creative Resource Centre, 1969-1970; Don Vale Youth project, 1972-1974; Neighbourhood Legal Services, 1974; Neighbourhood Service Unit, 1965-1967; Operation Springboard, 1970-1974; Project Handi-Van, n.d.; Project Time Out, 1975; Reading program, 1975; Roomers, 1969-1972; Rose Avenue Community After-school Project, 1967-1968; summer activities, 1967-1970; summer youth workers, 1965-1969 and theatre, 1987.

See also records of Executive Director (Series 2) and administrative records (Series 4).

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2013.267C	3-8RR		Costruct minutes, correspondence and reports	1972-1975
	3-9		Creative Resource Centre	1969-1970
	4-1		Don Vale Youth project	1972-1974
	4-2		Mental Health proposal	1974
	4-3		Neighbourhood Legal Services (summer project)	1974
	4-4		Neighbourhood Service Unit	1965-1967
	4-5RR		Operation Springboard	1970-1974
	4-6		- - - funding	1972
	4-7		- - - proposal	1972
	4-8RR		- - - staff and volunteers	1972
	4-9		Project Handi-Van	n.d.
	4-10		Project Time Out funding proposal	1975
	4-11		Reading Program reports	1965
	4-12		Roomers : Action proposal	1971
	4-13RR		Roomers : survey	1970
	4-14		Roomers : the lost race of society brief	1969, 1971
	5-1		A study on Roomers	[1972?]
	5-2		Rose Avenue Community After-school project	1967-1968
	5-3		Summer activities	1967
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	5-5RR		Summer Youth Worker	1965-1966
	5-6RR		- - -	1967-1968
	5-7RR		- - -	1969
	6-12		Theatre (Cabbagetown: the 30s)	1987

SERIES 4: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS. – 1965-1974. – 7 cm of textual records.

Series consists of records created by staff, 1965-1974, including staff seminar minutes, staff correspondence and reports, including: newsletters, Nine Winchester, publicity, birth control legislation, volunteers, and youth participation.

Certain files are restricted for seventy-five years from last date indicated.

2013.267C	5-8		Newsletters	1969-1971
	5-11RR		Nine Winchester – Short term Residence for Girls (Anne Walsham)	1970
	5-9		Publicity	1970-1971
	5-10		- - -	1971

SERIES 4: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS cont.

Acc. No.	Box/File	Reel	Title	Date
<b>2013.267C</b>	5-12		Secretary correspondence re. Birth Control legislation	1968
	5-13RR		Staff correspondence (Shelly Finson, Youth Director)	1966-1967
	5-14RR		--- (Rev. Barry Morris)	1970-1974
	5-15RR		Staff file (Norman Browne)	1969-1974
	5-16RR		Staff reports	1966
	5-17RR		---	1970
	5-18RR		Staff Seminar minutes	1970
	5-19RR		---	1971
	6-1RR		---	1972
	6-2RR		Volunteer Program	1965-1969
	6-3RR		Youth participation	1966

SERIES 5: LEGAL AND PROPERTY RECORDS. – 1966-1993. – 3 cm of textual records; architectural drawings

Series consists of incorporation, 1966; general correspondence regarding property, including properties on Bleeker and Carlton, 1966-1971 and the Regent Park redevelopment proposals, 1993.

See also maps and architectural database.

<b>2013.267C</b>	6-4		Incorporation	1966
	6-5		Correspondence	1970-1971
	6-6		297 Carlton Street	1969
	6-7		306 Bleeker Street	1966
<b>2014.015C</b>	TR-1		Regent Park North redesign proposal	1993
	TR-2		Regent Park Community Corporation feasibility study	1993

SERIES 6: FINANCIAL RECORDS. – 1968-1980. - 2 cm of textual records.

Series consists of financial reports for Toronto Christian Resource Centre, 1968-1971, 1976-1977, 1979-1980.

<b>2013.267C</b>	6-8		Financial reports	1968-1971
	6-9		---	1976-1977
	6-10		---	1979-1980