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UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA COMMITTEE ON WORSHIP FONDS. – 1926-1980. – 3 m of textual records.

The Committee on Church Worship and Ritual was constituted by the second General Council (1926) and was soon engaged in the task of revising the Book of Common Order for the church. This task was begun by the committee in the 1930s, and several orders of worship were produced in the next twenty years. In 1958 a complete revision of the Book of Common Order was demanded by the General Council and the Committee set about the task with vigour, appealing to ministers and congregations to use several draft documents during the period 1958-1974. The committee eventually produced three volumes, Service Book for the use of Ministers conducting Public Worship (1969), Service Book for the Use of the People (1969) and the Service Book for Use in Church Courts (1974). In the course of its work the committee's name was shortened to the Committee on Worship.

In addition to the provision of services for worship ceremonies (including the sacraments), the committee was also charged with developing appropriate models of public worship for chaplains, war and commemorative occasions, and developing a program of worship for the anniversaries of the chuch, especially the Fiftieth Anniversary which took place in 1975. In the 1970s the committee was associated with the Celebration Advisory/Resource Committee of the Division of Mission in Canada.

A third task of the committee was the revision of the Hymnal, which was undertaken by a subcommittee. The resulting book was an ecumenical document that was used by both the United and Anglican churches.

In 1980 the committee was amalgamated with the Celebration Committee and placed under the direction of the Division of Mission in Canada.

Fonds consists of three series; Series 1: Committee on Church Worship and Ritual, 1926-1970; Series 2: Revision of the Service Book, 1958-1978; Series 3: Committee on Worship, 1969-1980.

See related materials in the following fonds: See also Presbyterian Church in Canada Committee on Church Praise fonds (136) for records of the above Committee to 1931; United Church of Canada Division of Mission in Canada fonds 512/9 for successor files in the Worship and Liturgy Working Unit, records of the Joint Committee on the Preparation of a Hymnal for the Anglican and United Churches (not described in guide); and Committee on Architecture series (501/200) for other records of the committee.

SERIES 1: COMMITTEE ON CHURCH WORSHIP AND RITUAL. -1926-1970.

Series consists of minutes 1926-1948, 1959-1968, correspondence of the secretary, 1927-1951, reports, correspondence, musical scores and lyrics for hymns, and similar types of material for the Order of Service, 1930-1943.

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82.209C	1-6		1926-1930
	1-7		1930-1941
	1-3	[incomplete]	1939-1948
	22-1	[incomplete]	1959-1960
	18-1	and reports	1961-1962
	18-2	and reports	1963
	18-3	and reports	1964

18-4	and reports	1965
22-2		1966-1968
	Correspondence of the Secretary of the Committee	
2-3		1927-1928
2-4		Jan-Feb, 1929
2-5		Mar-Apr, 1929
2-6		May-Jul, 1929
2-7		Aug-Dec, 1929
2-8		1930
1-1		1931
2-9		1932-1939
1-2		1943-1951
2-10	re bills of lading, Ryerson Press	1919-1932
	The Hymnary	
1-9	Sub-Committee on the Music of the Hymnary: Minutes	1927-1930
3-1	Correspondence re musical scores	1928-1929
3-2	Musical scores	1928
3-3	Remits from Presbyteries	1929
3-4		1928-1929
3-5		1929
3-6		1929
3-7	Replies to Remits [includes annotated copy of The	1929
	Sunday School Hymnary- London, 1925, 16th ed.	.020
4-1	Hymns – words submitted for study	[1929?]
4-2		[1929?]
4-4	Miscellaneous drafts from the committee with emphasis on copyright	1926-1930
4-5	Prose psalms – drafts, correspondence	1928-1929
4-6		1928-1929
4-7	Work with Sir Ernest McMillan re tunes prior to Seventeenth Century	[1928?]
5-1	Proofs of music scores	1930
5-2	Music scores	[1929?]
1-5	Reports of the Special Committee – compilation of a songbook for kindergarten and primary children	1930
5-6	Miscellaneous small hymn books with tunes	
26-1	Proposed hymns from committee	1928-1929
28-7	'Draft of Hymnary submitted to Third General Council,' [3 items]	1928
28-8	[2 items]	1928
28-9	Programme and menu of celebration dinner on publication of the Hymnar, 16 April	1931
28-10	'The Hymnary improvied and modernized', W.G. Colgrove, London, Ont. [manuscript]	

5-5	Drafts of selected songs for children	1933-1934
1-5	Report of the Special Committee compilation of a songbook for kindergarten and primary children	1930
26-2	Committee on Hymn Book for Youth: Minutes	1937-1940
26-3		
27-4	'Innario Cristiano' [Italian hymnal] – manuscript	[1920?]
27-5		
	Order of Service	
1-8	Sub-Committee on Order of Worship: Minutes	1931
4-3	Miscellaneous drafts, Order of Service	[1929-1930?]
4-8	: Toronto Conference, Bay of Quinte Conference	1926-1930
5-3		[1927?]
5-4		[192-?]
2-1	Drafts of Order of Service	1928
2-2	Supplementary drafts and drafts for special services	1930-1941
1-4	Drafts of suggested material for special services	1930-1943
27-2	Research papers on public worship including	[1928?]
	reports of the Federal Council of Churches	
28-1	'The Order for Ordination of Ministers, 'Toronto Conference [3 items]	1928-1930
28-2	Twentieth Anniversary [1945] proposed Order of Service and sermon suggestions	1945
28-3	'Organization and Procedure of the local congregation or pastoral charge'	[1942?]
28-4	'Prayers for War-Time'	1939
28-5	Centenary Year – United Church of Canada Day – suggestions for worship	1948
28-6	'An order for the celebration of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion,' [2 items]	[1949?]
29	Orders of Service from external bodies	
	Committee on the Revision of the Hymnary	
	[At time of 2018 Finding Aid Revision, these files 1-1 to 1-11 cannot be located]	
1-1	Minutes	1963-1969
1-2	Questionnaire re Hymnary Revision	
1-3	Correspondence	1962-1963
1-4		Jan-Apr, 1964
1-5		May 1-15, 1964
1-6		May 16-31, 1964
1-7		Jun, 1964
1-8		Jul-Aug, 1964
1-9		Sept-Dec, 1964
1-10		Jan-Mar, 1965
1-11	+ clippings	Apr-Dec, 1965

SERIES 2: REVISION OF THE SERVICE BOOK. -1958-1978.

The Revision of the Common Book of Order

The 18th General Council instructed the Committee on Worship to revised the Book of Common Order (1932), and for that purpose, named a standing committee with R.H.N. Davidson as Chairman.

The 21st General Council approved the Committee's recommendation that this General Council authorize the printing and distribution to ministers of services which the Committee felt ought to be used experimentally before the Book of Common Order. The following orders were so printed and distributed by the Ryerson Press:

- -An order for the Ministration of the Sacrament of Baptism of Children (Lent 1965)
- -An order for the Solemnization of Marriage, (Easter 1964)
- -An order for the Burial of the Dead, (August 1966)
- -An order for Confirmation with the Provision for the Baptism of Persons Able to Answer for Themselves, (August 1966)
- -An order for the Restoration or Admission of Members by Re-affirmation of Faith, (August 1966)
- -An order for the Welcoming of Members from Other Churches (August 1966)
- -An order for the Celebration of Holy Communion or Lord's supper (Pentecost 1967)

The 23rd General Council authorized the Service Book for use in the Church and gave authority to The Committee to prepare and issue contemporary Services for use in the congregations. Services of Baptism, Burial, Marriage and Confirmation in contemporary language, already authorized in the new Service Book, were given general approval by the Executive of General Council. Refer to Year Book 1969, pg. 10.

It was the opinion of the Committee that to put the Marriage and Burial Services into contemporary language was not necessary. The Service Book contains, therefore, three services in contemporary language, i.e. Baptism, Confirmation and The Lord's Supper.

As instructed, the Committee immediately set to its task and continued therewith to its completion in 1969, holding, in general, ten meetings each year. (The minutes of these meetings are contained in Volume 3 and 4).

The complete material relating to the revision of the Book of Common Order is contained in 23 volumes as indicated in the General Index. The Committee, with permission, divided the Book of Common Order into 3 books (1. Service Book for the Use of Ministers, 2. Service Book for the Use of the People, 3. Service Book for the Use of Church Courts).

Series consists of minutes, 1941-1968, proofs of revisions of the service orders (Lord's Supper, Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Burial, occasional services, etc), correspondence, booklets, and reports and correspondence of the Sub-Committee on Revision of the Hymnary.

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
		The Revision of the Common Book of Order:	
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		Vol 2 - The Committee	
		: Section 1: Index, Authorization, Committee	
		Names	

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		: Section 2: Minutes of Meetings of the Committee [containing items dealing with the	
		Committee]: Section 3: personnel (chart showing duration	
		of tenure of each member), correspondence: Section 4: Assignment of Work (chart showing	
		work assignment to each sub-committee or personnel)	
		: Section 5: Finance, budget, expenses	
		: Section 6: Reports to General Council	
		: Section 7: General Correspondence.	
	6	Vol 3 - Minutes	
		Section 1: Index	D 4 4050 D
		Section 2: Committee on Church Worship and Ritual	Dec 1, 1958-Dec 28, 1964
		Section 3: The 2 nd Toronto Sub-Committee on the Revision of Book and Common Order	Nov 9, 1960-Mar 8, 1961
		Section 4: Committee on Church Worship	Apr 5, 1951-Jan 17, 1958
		Section 5: Sub-Committee Appointed by the Committee on Church Worship and Ritual	Apr 24, 1941-Jun 13, 1950
	6	Vol 4 – Minutes	10, 1000
		Section 1: Index	
		Section 2: The Committee on Worship	Sept 23, 1968-Dec 1, 1969
		Section 3: The Committee on Church Worship and Ritual	Jan 25, 1965-Jun 11, 1968
		Vol 5: Material for, and copy of Sections 1 and 3 of	,
	6	Service Book Section 1: Index	
		Section 2: Comments from the Committee	
		members on the draft copy	
		Section 3: The draft copy Section 4: material for draft copy	
	7	Vol 6: Material for Proof Copy only Sections 1 and	
	,	3 of Service Book	
		Section 1: Index	
		Section 2: Material for proof copy only sections 1	
1982.209C	7	and 3 of the service book Vol 7: Material for Proof Copy only Section 2 of	
1902.2090	1	Service Book	
		Section 1: Index	
		Section 2: Scripture Sentences	
		Section 3: Prayers	
		Vol 8: Service Book for the Use of Ministers	
	7	Section 1: Index	

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		Section 3: Comments from Ministers	
		Section 4: Comments from Presbyteries	
		Section 5: Services in Contemporary Language:	
		The Minutes	
		Section 6: Services in Contemporary Language:	
		drafts/revisions (paper prepared by Rev. R. C.	
		Atkinson, marriage service, morning worship, burial of the dead)	
	8	Vol 9: Preface – Introduction – Contents – Orders	
		for Public Worship	
		Section 1: Index	
		Section 2: Minutes	
		Section 3: drafts/revisions	
		Section 4: minutes	
		Section 5: drafts/revisions.	
		Orders for Public Worship:	
		Section 6: Minutes	
		Section 7: drafts/minutes	
		First Directory	
		Section 8: Minutes	
		Section 9: drafts/minutes	
		Second Directory	
		Section 10: Minutes	
		Section 11: drafts/revisions	
		Section 12: Comments from Ministers	
	0	Section 13: Comments from Presbyteries	
	8	Vol. 10: Services for the Celebration of the Lord's Supper Section 1: Index	
		An Order (including introduction) Section 2: Minutes	
		Section 3: drafts/revisions	
		Another Order: Contemporary	
		Section 4: Minutes	
		Section 5: drafts/revisions	
		An Order (Revised from B.C.O. 1932)	
		Section 6: Minutes	
		An Order for Use in the Home or a Small Group	
		Section 7: Minutes	
		Section 8: drafts/revisions	
		Section 9: correspondence	
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		Presbyteries on the Services for the Celebration of	
		the Lord's Supper Section 1: Index	
		Second Version	
		Section 2: Comments from Ministers	
		Section 3: Comments from Presbyteries First Version	
		Section 4: Comments from Ministers	
	9	Section 5: Comments from Presbyteries	
	9	Vol. 12: Initiation – Introduction – Baptism of Children	
		Section 1: Index	
		Section 2: Minutes	
		Section 3: Initiation	
		Section 4: Introduction	
		Section 5: Explanatory Note	
		Section 6: Drafts/Revisions	
		A Service in Contemporary Language	
		Section 7: Minutes	
		Section 8: drafts/revisions	
		Section 9: Correspondence	
	9	Vol. 13: Comments from Ministers and	
		Presbyteries on Initiation – Introduction – Baptism	
		of Children	
		Section 1: index	
		Section 2: comments from ministers	
	•	Section 3: comments from Presbyteries	
	9	Vol. 14: Adult Baptism and Confirmation	
		Section 1: Index	
		Section 2: Minutes	
		Section 3: Drafts/Revisions	
		Section 4: Correspondence	
		In Contemporary Language	
		Section 5: Minutes	
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	10	Vol. 15: Comments from Ministers and Presbyteries on Adult Baptism and Confirmation	
		Section 1: Index	
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		Section 3: Comments from Presbyteries	
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. 302.2000	. •	and Prayers	
		Section 1: Index	

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		Scripture Sentences	. ,
		Section 2: Minutes	
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		Prayers	
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		Section 6: Sources of Accepted Prayers	
		Section 7: Correspondence	
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		Prayers Section 1: Index	
		Section 2: The Lord's Prayer	
		Section 3: Prayers Collected by Dr. Davies	
		Section 4: Prayers from Miscellaneous Sources	
		Section 5: Intercessions	
	11	Vol. 18: The Solemnization of Marriage	
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		Section 2: Minutes	
		Section 3: drafts/revisions	
		Section 4: Correspondence	
		Section 5: Papers: "Causes of Marriage	1962
		Breakdown" M. Patricia White	.002
		"Christian Marriage and Divorce" Dick Davidson	
		"Marriage as an Impersonal Relationship" W.E. Boothroyd	1962
		"Causes of Marital Failure and Contributing	1962
		Factors" Dr. R.S. Hosking	
	11	Vol. 19: Comments from Ministers and	
		<u>Presbyteries on Marriage</u> Section 1: Index	
		Section 2: Comments from Ministers	
		Section 3: Comments from Presbyteries	
	13	Vol. 20: Burial of the Dead – Burial of a Child	
	10	Section 1: Index	
		Burial of the Dead	
		Section 2: minutes	
		Section 3: drafts/revisions	
		Section 4: Comments from Ministers	
		Section 5: Comments from Presbyteries	
		Burial of a Child	
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		Section 8: Comments from Ministers	
		Section 9: Comments from Presbyteries	
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		Section 6: minutes Section 7: drafts/revisions The Induction of Elders Section 8: minutes Section 9: drafts/revisions The Installation of teachers, Officers and Leaders Section 10: minutes Section 11: drafts/revisions The Dedication of Memorials and Gifts Section 12: Minutes	
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	13	Vol. 23: General Correspondence Section 1: index Section 2: printing matters Section 3: general correspondence	
	14	Vol. 24: Service Book for the Use of the People Section 1: index Section 2: Authorization Section 3: What is to go in the book Section 4: minutes Section 5: Preface and introduction The Psalter Section 6: A Commentary on the Psalter Arranged for Worship in the United Church of Canada (with related correspondence)	

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		Section 7: The Psalter Arranged for Worship in the	()
		United Church of Canada (with related	
		correspondence)	
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		(with related correspondence)	
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	14	Vol. 25: Galley Proofs	
		Section 1: Galley Proofs: Proof Copy Only	
		Section 2: Galley Proofs for Service Book for use of the Ministers	
	14	Vol. 26: Printed Booklets of Order of Service	
		(proof copy only), Miscellaneous booklets and	
		Order of Service	
		Section 1: a) The Solemnization of Marriage, b) The Celebration of Holy Communion or the Lord's	
		Supper, c) The Burial of the Dead, The Burial of a	
		Child, d) Confirmation and Baptism, Restoration or	
		Admission of Members by Reaffirmation of Faith,	
		The Welcoming of Members from Other Churches,	
		e) The Ministration of the Sacrament of Baptism to	
		Children Section 2: proof copy only	
		Section 3: Miscellaneous Booklets and Order of	
		Service	
		The Service Book, 1974 – Fair copy and Drafts	
		of Orders	
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	21-1	Proposed Service Book	1968
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	21-4	Contents, Introduction, Prayers	1974
	21-5	Induction of Minister; Induction of Lay Supply	1966-1974
	21-6	Ordination and Commissioning of ministers with and without the Lord's Supper	1972-1974
	21-7	Reception of a minister from another Church	1973
	21-8	Constituting a Congregation	1973
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	21-10	Licensing of Lay Preachers	1973-1974
	21-11	Reception of Candidates	1972-1974
	21-12	Induction of an Ordained Minister	1970-1974
	21-13	Laying of the corner-stone	1974
	21-14	Dedication of a church building	1962-1973
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	21-18	An Order of Solemnization for Marriage	[1965?]
	21-19	Installation of Commissioned Ministers and Introduction of Lay Supplies	[1966-1972?]
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	23-14	Comments on the Service Book from General Council Commissioners	1977
	18-5	Correspondence and reports regarding the Orders	1957-1970
	22-3	Correspondence	1958-1969
	24-1	Service Book	1977
	24-7	Notes on presentation to General Council and presbyteries	1974-1975
		Sub-Committee on revision of the Hymnary	
	25-1	Repors	1964
	25-2	'The Psalter arranged for worship in the United Church of Canada'	[196-?]
	25-3	Correspondence	1962-1965
	25-4		1962-1966
	25-5	Selection of Hymns	1965
	25-6	Resources from other denominations	[196-?]
	25-7	Research papers on hymns	[197-?]
	30-1 to 30- 3, 12-1	Index of Hymns [4 binders]	1965

SERIES 3: COMMITTEE ON WORSHIP. --1969-1980.

Series consists of minutes, 1969-1980, correspondence of the executive, reports and research papers prepared for the committee on several of the issues involved in the revision of the Service Book and correspondence, reports, and the Order of Service for the Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations.

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	15-5		1974-1977
	15-6	Notes on meetings; correspondence	1974-1977
	15-7	Agendas; correspondence	1974
	15-8	Minutes	1978-1979
	15-9	Reports to the Committee	1978-1979
	15-10	Minutes	1980
	15-11	Membership	1972-1979
	24-2	Personnel	1975-1977

24-6	Joint meetings of Committee with Celebration	1975-1976
23-8	Advisory/Resource Committee – Minutes, reports Proposed Committee on Liturgy – proposal, report,	1979-1980
	correspondence	
	Correspondence of the Executive	
16-1	Correspondence of the Chair	1970
16-2		1971
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16-5	Correspondence of the Special Assistant – Worship, Division of Mission in Canada	1971-9174
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17-1	Correspondence	1974
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17-7		1980
17-8		1972-1973
17-9		1973-1977
17-10		1974-1980
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	Reports Prepared for the Committee	
19-1	Order of Service	1970
19-2	Sexism and Liturgy	1975-1978
19-3	Children's Worship; Christian Initiation	1975-1979
19-4	Ordination	1973-1977
19-5	Lectionary	[1977?]
19-6	Services for the Armed Forces	1973-1974
19-7	Symbols and Colours in Celebration	1971-1976
19-8	Worship and Liturgy	1971-1976
19-9	Marriage Ceremony	[197-?]
19-10	Installation Orders	[197-?]
19-11	Covenants	1975-1976
19-12	Intergenerational events	[197-?]
19-14	Installation of Moderator	1980
19-16	'The 1972 Ordination Rite: is it acceptable?' G.	1975
	Campbell Wadsworth	
19-17	Lectionary	1977-1980
19-18	Miscellaneous Reports and working papers	1971-1975
20-2	Worship Materials for Festive occasions	1972-1973

20-3	Miscellaneous worship reports	1973
20-4		1974
20-5		1970-1977
20-6	Dedication Services	1925-1965
20-7		1959-1972
23-5	Service of Commissioning of Missionaries	1979
23-6	French translation of Service Book sections	1978
23-7	Personal reflections on worship by committee members	[1978?]
23-9	Miscellaneous reports on worship	1977-1979
23-12	Working papers	1976-1977
23-13		1975-1976
23-15	Women and Liturgy	1977
23-16	'How to' Series – Christian Baptism	1977
23-17	Research Papers on worship subjects	1978-1979
23-18	Research papers on lectionary and children's hymns	1978
23-19	Worship resources	190
24-3	Table of Lessons	[1976?]
24-8	Research papers	1976-1977
24-9	Research materials	1972-1977
23-1	Lectionary – reports on Consultation of Common Texts (U.S.)	1978-1980
23-2	Lectionary Reform – resources	1977-1980
23-3	New Ecumenical Lectionary – correspondence, reports	1979
23-4	Ecumenical Consultation on Liturgical Change – correspondence Fiftieth Anniversary	1978
19-15	Celebration	1975
20-1	Service	1975
24-4	Correspondence and Reports	1975
24-5	Service and Worship - drafts, correspondence	1974