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FONDS 1044 UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA ONTARIO COUNCIL FONDS. - 1969-1981. – 85 cm of textual records.

Since 1953, the Ontario Conferences of the United Church of Canada had united in dealing with the question of religious education. The committee, called the "Inter-Conference Consultative Committee on Christian Education for Ontario" or "The Committee of Ten" gave the Ontario-based Church one voice. However, it was clear that a number of other social and religious issues were also peculiar to the Ontario region. In 1970, it became clear that a cooperative committee would be very useful and hence the Council of Ontario United Churches or the Ontario Council was formed, formally in 1972.

This body was not to interfere with the normal operations of the regional annual conferences, but was rather to allow the church in Ontario to speak with one voice when dealing the provincial government or other groups. After the initial problem of the presbyteries of the Montreal-Ottawa Conference and Manitoba and Northwest Ontario had been solved by allowing them partial representation and charging them a proportional levy, the Council functioned effectively until 1981.

By that time, the increased costs and activities of the Council led to a reassessment of its functions. Hamilton Conference refused to pay its increased charge and the Council was assessed. In 1981, with its functions transferred to General Council, the Council formally ceased to exist. In the decade of its activities, it was most clearly involved in Ontario-oriented social and educational questions and lobbied the government and other groups to have the Church's views effectively represented.

Fonds consists of Council minutes, 1969-1981; records of Committees, Task Groups and ecumenical partnerships, 1972-1981; and records of the Executive Secretary, 1969-1981.

SERIES 1: MINUTES OF COUNCIL– 1969-1981. – 7 cm of textual records.

Series consists of general meeting and executive minutes of Ontario Council and its antecedent planning bodies, 1969-1981; constitutions and membership lists, 1972-1980; reports to Council, 1975-1980, and financial statements, 1970-1981.

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84.058C	1-1		Minutes and inauguration	1969-1972
	1-2		Council and executive minutes	1973
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	1-12		Constitutions and membership lists	1972-1980
	1-11		Council reports	1972-1980
	1-13		Financial statements	1970-1978
	1-14		---	1979-1981

SERIES 2: RECORDS OF COMMITTEES, TASK GROUPS AND ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS. – 1972-1981. – 42 cm of textual records.

Series consists of files, including minutes, correspondence, and reports of committees and task groups of Ontario Council and ecumenical groups in which Council belonged: Agricultural Power

SERIES 2: RECORDS OF COMMITTEES, TASK GROUPS AND ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIPS cont.

Seminar, Caravan Committee, Committee on Christian Development, Committee on Ministry with Native People, Economic Issues Task Force, Inter-faith Liquor Legislation Committee, Medicare Task Force, Nuclear Power Committee, Ontario Committee for International Cooperation, Rural Life Planning Committee, Social and Economic Issues Committee, Social Services Action Committee, Task Force on Conference for Women, Task Force on Constitution, Membership, Budget, and Taxation Committee.

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84.058C	2-10		Agricultural Power Seminar and evaluations (Rural Life Seminar Planning Committee)	1976
	2-11		- - - correspondence	
	5-9		Assessment Task Force	1980
	2-14		Caravan Committee correspondence	1975-1976
	2-17		Committee on Christian Development minutes and reports	1972-1979
	3-1		- - - correspondence	1973-1977
	5-12		- - - correspondence	1978-1981
	3-11		Committee on Ministry with Native People minutes and reports	1976-1980
	3-13		- - - correspondence	1975-1976
	3-14		- - -	1977-1979
	6-7		- - -	1979-1981
	5-13		Economic Issues Task Force minutes and correspondence	1978-1979
	3-4		Inter-faith Liquor Legislation Committee minutes	1973-1979
	3-6		- - - correspondence	1973-1976
	3-7		- - -	1976-1981
	3-5		- - - reports	1976-1980
	6-2		Medicare Task Force minutes	1980
	3-15		Nuclear Power Committee minutes, reports and correspondence	1977-1979
	6-8		- - - correspondence	1980-1981
	3-16		- - - resource material	1970-1978
	4-1		Ontario Committee for International Co- operation minutes and correspondence	1974-1975
	4-2		- - -	1976-1977
	4-3		- - - correspondence	1974-1975
	4-4		- - -	1976-1977
	4-5		- - - member groups	[1976]
	4-6		- - - briefs, reports	1974-1975
	4-7		- - - briefs, reports and clippings	1976-1977
	4-8		- - - Report to the Government of Ontario on Aid to Developing Countries	1976
	4-13		Rural Life Planning Committee minutes and correspondence	1973-1977
	6-11		- - - minutes	1978-1979
	4-14		- - - correspondence	1974-1978
	6-12		- - - correspondence	1978-1981
	4-15		- - - briefs and reports	1975
	4-16		- - -	1976-1978
	6-16		Social and Economic Issues Committee minutes and correspondence	1980-1981

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84.058C	5-2		Social Services Action Committee minutes	1976-1977
	5-3		- - - correspondence	1972-1980
	5-4		- - - reports	1972-1980
	5-5		- - - resource material	1976-1977
	7-4		Social Services Cut-backs Task Force correspondence	1980
	6-15		Task Force on Conference for Women minutes and correspondence	1979-1981
	7-5		Task Force on Constitution, Membership, Budget correspondence	1979
	5-6		Taxation Committee minutes and correspondence	1972-1978
	5-7		- - - briefs and reports	1972-1976
	5-8		- - - resource material and publicity	1976-1978

SERIES 3: RECORDS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.- 1969-1981. – 36 cm of textual records

The Ontario Council appointed an executive secretary to attend to Council business, including the responsibilities: to record minutes of meetings, to handle Council correspondence, to have oversight of Council finances, to coordinate work of task groups and committees, to cooperate with and inform Conference staff of concerns and activities and to demonstrate and encourage ecumenical cooperation. The Ontario Council Executive Secretaries were: R. B. Davey (1972-1978) and Ruby Waters (1978-1981).

Series consists of files from the Executive Secretary of the Ontario Council, including: general correspondence, 1969-1981; chaplain services, Children's Services, Economic Study Commission on Public Education, French-English relations, Funeral Services Act, human rights, lotteries, Marriage Act, Medicare, native people, Ontario Anti-Poverty Coalition, Ontario Campaign for Community-based Services, Ontario Lesotho Sustaining Fund, penal reform, P.L.U.R.A., pornography, Psychologists Act, recreational ministry, Religious Education in Ontario Schools, senior citizens, staffing, and Sunday shopping.

Certain files are restricted for seventy-five years beyond the last dated item in the file.

84.058C	1-16		Correspondence (Secretary of Council)	1969-1970
	1-17		- - -	1971
	1-18		- - - (January – June)	1972
	1-19		- - - (July – December)	1972
	1-20		- - - (January – April)	1973
	1-21		- - - (April – June)	1973
	1-22		- - - (July – December)	1973
	1-23		- - - (January – May)	1974
	1-24		- - - (June – September)	1974
	1-25		- - - (October – December)	1974
	1-26		- - - (January – April)	1975
	2-1		- - - (May – December)	1975
	2-2		- - - (January – May)	1976
	2-3		- - - (June – December)	1976
	2-4		- - - (January – August)	1977
	2-5		- - - (September – December)	1977
	2-6		- - -	1978
	2-7		- - -	1979

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84.058C	2-8		Correspondence outgoing	1980
	2-9		- - -	1981
	7-1		Correspondence outgoing	1978
	7-2		- - -, outgoing	1979
	7-3		- - -, outgoing	1980
	7-8		- - - re closure of Council	1977-1981
	5-10		Block funding for social services	1978-1979
	2-15		Chaplaincy services	1972-1981
	2-16		Children's Services briefs	1977
	5-14		Ecumenical Study Commission on Public Education	1979-1980
	7-6		French – English relations	
	3-2		Funeral Services Act correspondence	1976-1979
	3-3		Human rights	1976-1980
	3-8		Lotteries	1974-1977
	6-4		Marriage Act	1978-1980
	3-9		Marriage certification	1974-1977
	6-5		- - -	1978-1981
	6-6		- - -, Judicial Commission and General Council involvement	1980
	3-10		Medicare	1978-1980
	6-3		- - -	1979-1981
	3-12		Native people's work manual	[1968]
	2-13		Ontario Anti-Poverty Coalition Conferences	1972-1975
	2-12		Ontario Anti-Poverty Coalition	1972-1975
	5-11		Ontario Campaign for Community- based Services	1979
	1-15		Ontario church statistics	1973-1974
	6-9		Ontario Lesotho Sustaining Fund	1980
	4-9		Penal reform	1977-1978
	6-10		P.L.U.R.A.	1981
	6-14		Pornography	1977-1978
	4-10		Psychologists Act	1978
	4-11		Recreational ministry	1972-1973
	4-12		Religious Education in Ontario Schools	1969-1977
	5-1		Senior citizens	1973-1978
	7-7RR		Staffing	1977-1980
	4-17		Sunday shopping	1973-1974
	6-13		- - -	1979-1981