

General Synod Archives



Woman's Auxiliary fonds. - 1883-1974

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Fonds Number: 007

Fonds: Woman's Auxiliary fonds

Material Type: Multiple media

Description Level: Fonds

Physical Description: 5.6 m of textual and graphic materials

Administrative History: The Woman's Auxiliary was founded in April 1885 "for the promotion of missionary effort". The first president was Margaret Medley, wife of the Bishop of Fredericton and Archbishop of the Province of Canada.

Roberta E. Tilton of Ottawa was the major force in organizing both diocesan and parochial branches and in promoting the affiliation of existing groups and societies. The "Letter Leaflet" was a monthly publication first produced in the Diocese of Toronto. It expanded and became the W.A.'s official publication and in 1923 it was renamed "The Living Message". The W.A. was reorganized in 1908 following the founding of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada (MSCC) to conform to the structure of General Synod. Caroline M. Patterson Hall was elected president and the first meeting of the General Board was held in Winnipeg. Initially the work of the W.A. included mission education among Girls; Juniors and Little Helpers (Babies) branches; support of women working as missionaries and assistants in Japan (later China and India) and on Indian Reserves; Dorcas work and financial support for the education of missionaries children. A pension fund for women missionaries was established in 1910. In 1912 after several years of discussion the W.A. agreed to assume responsibility for work with women and children overseas. This included additional budgeted expenditures for evangelism, schools and hospitals. This agreement was extended to the Canadian mission field in 1919. In 1928 the general meeting became annual. Recognizing an expanded social service role in 1931 the W.A. added a clause to its Constitution governing its cooperation with the General Board of Religious Education (GBRE) and the Council for Social Service (CSS). In 1966 the constitution was amended and the Woman's Auxiliary became the Anglican Church Women (ACW). Integration with General Synod was agreed as a national goal and took place in 1973. Since that time the organization exists by choice at the diocesan and parish levels.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of the constitution; minutes; legal records; reports; correspondence; missionary employment records; financial records; administration files; printed materials; photographs; scrapbooks; and audiovisual materials.

The fonds is arranged in the following series: Series 1. Minutes of the National Board of the Woman's Auxiliary and Anglican Church Women, 1889-1973; Series 2. Constitution of the Woman's Auxiliary and Anglican Church Women, 1885-1970; Series 3. Legal records, 1883-1968; Series 4. Annual Meeting Reports, 1886-1973; Series 5. Executive Committee Minutes of the National Board of the Woman's Auxiliary and Anglican Church Women, 1886-1973; Series 6. Records of the W.A. President, 1885-1960; Series 7. Records of the Corresponding Secretary, 1890-1948; Series 8. Records of the Recording Secretary, 1918, 1929; Series 9. Records of the Dorcas Secretary, 1886-1964; Series 10. General, 1886-1962; Series 11. Literature and Supply, 1913; Series 12. Junior and Little Helpers, 1926-1964; Series 13. Committees, 1893-1974; Series 14. Missionaries, 1891-1961; Series 15. Finance records, 1887-1971; Series 16. Anglican Church Women Administration Files, 1969-1974; Series 17. Printed Materials, 1886-1971; Series 18. Diocesan Reports, 1885-1974.

Related Fonds: Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada (MSCC) fonds
Anglican Women's Training College (AWTC) fonds

Main Entry: Woman's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church of Canada

Corporate Name: Church of England Woman's Auxiliary to Missions
Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Church of England in Canada
Woman's Auxiliary to the Church of England in Canada
Woman's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church of Canada
Anglican Church Women

Subjects: Missionaries - Women

Accession Number: GS76-15; GS87-19; M2011-10
P7562; P8402; P8439



Letter Leaflet / Living Message

<http://archives.anglican.ca/en/permalink/microforms122>

Dates: 1889-1982
Format: microfilm
Extent: 11 reels
Exposure: negative
Dimensions: 16 mm

Biographical Sketch: Preceded by Monthly Letter Leaflet, the Letter Leaflet was established November 1888 and ran until October 1922. The Monthly Letter Leaflet was the newsletter of the Church of England's Woman's Auxiliary to Missions. It was renamed The Letter Leaflet when the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society was formed and ran under that title from Feb. 1893 until December 1922. It was followed by the Living Message, 1923 to May 1986, and then the Anglican Magazine, Jan. 1987-Dec. 1991. Volume numbering was continuous.

Scope and Content: Microfilm consists of :

- Reel 1 - Letter Leaflet, 1889-1895 [on Reel 6 of Mf 83-9]
- Reel 2 - Letter Leaflet, Jan. 1896-Dec. 1904
- Reel 3 - Letter Leaflet, Nov. 1904-May 1914
- Reel 4 - Letter Leaflet, June 1914-Dec. 1916
- Reel 5 - Letter Leaflet, Jan. 1917-Dec. 1922
- Reel 5 - Living Message, Jan. 1923-Dec. 1925
- Reel 6 - Living Message, Jan. 1926-Dec. 1934
- Reel 7 - Living Message, Jan. 1935-Dec. 1943
- Reel 8 - Living Message, Jan. 1944-Dec. 1951
- Reel 9 - Living Message, Jan. 1952-Sept. 1961
- Reel 10 - Living Message, Oct. 1961-Dec. 1973
- Reel 11 - Living Message, Jan. 1974-Dec. 1982

Related Fonds: Woman's Auxiliary fonds

Corporate Name: Church of England's Woman's Auxiliary to Missions
 Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Church of England in Canada
 Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada
 Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Anglican Church of Canada
 Anglican Church Women

Subject: Anglican Church of Canada. Periodicals
 Anglican Church of Canada. Woman's Auxiliary
 Anglican Church of Canada. Anglican Church Women

Originals and Reproductions: GSA has copies of the originals. See Periodicals Database

Accession Number: Mf 83-10



Anglican Women's Training College (AWTC) fonds. - 1890-1990

<http://archives.anglican.ca/en/permalink/mss42>

Fonds Number: 101

Fonds: Anglican Women's Training College (AWTC) fonds

Material Type: Multiple media

Description Level: Fonds

Physical Description: 719 cm of textual records and other material.
334 photographs : b&w, 120 slides : glass and 5 printing blocks : wood.
36 audio cassettes and transcripts

Administrative History: The Church of England Deaconess and Missionary Training House was established in 1890 as a residential school to prepare women workers for Deaconess and missionary service. In 1947 the name was changed to the Anglican Women's Training College (AWTC). Anglican women from all over Canada came to Toronto to train for work in Christian Education in parishes, medical and teaching services overseas, Indian and Eskimo Residential Schools and reserves, Bishop's Messengers in western Canada, Sunday School by Post and Radio, youth and social work. The Woman's Auxiliary recruits were sent to the AWTC for missionary training for a year or less before being sent out. This was different from the three year diploma program offered to AWTC students. In 1969, the AWTC merged with the United Church's Covenant College to become the Centre for Christian Studies using the former AWTC building on Charles Street, Toronto. In 1997, the building in Toronto was sold and a decision was made to discontinue the traditional residential program in favour of the community based program and to relocate the administrative offices to Winnipeg. In July, 1998, CCS officially moved.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of correspondence, fundraising and insurance records, architectural plans and blueprints, minutes of meetings, Alumnae and student records, daybooks, financial and legal records, annual reports, scrapbooks, pamphlets and other printed materials, photographs, artifacts, and oral history interviews.

Fonds is arranged in 7 series: Series 1: Committee on Deaconesses, 1890-1897. Series 2: Administration Records of the Deaconess House and AWTC, 1893-1990. Series 3: Committees, 1899-1973. Series 4: Associations, 1896-1990. Series 5: Printed and Miscellaneous Material, 1892-1998. Series 6: Anglican Women's Training College: A Background Document. – 1893-1990. Series 7: Photographs, 1900-1969.

Related Fonds: Woman's Auxiliary fonds
Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada (MSCC) fonds

Main Entry: Anglican Women's Training College (AWTC)

Corporate Name: Church of England Deaconess and Missionary Training House
United Church of Canada. Covenant College.
Centre for Christian Studies.

Subjects: Deaconesses
Missionaries - Women

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