

# General Synod Archives



## Woman's Auxiliary fonds. - 1883-1974

<http://archives.anglican.ca/en/permalink/mss208>

**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



## Dominion Annual WA Meeting-Sarah Simon, Dorothy Robinson and Helen Gruben (L to R). - September 1962

<http://archives.anglican.ca/en/permalink/graphics10137>

**Fonds Number:** 007

**Fonds:** Woman's Auxiliary fonds

**Material Type:** Graphic material

**Description Level:** Item

**Physical Description:** 1 photoprint : b&w ; 25.5 x 20.5 cm

**Statement of Responsibility:** Canadian Churchman

**Scope and Content:** Photo consists of three women standing together beside a "Diocese of the Arctic" flag. A map covers the wall behind them.

**Notes:** Taken from the Canadian Churchman, "For the first time a Dominion Annual WA meeting was attended by an Eskimo and a Loucheux Indian. At right is Mrs. Helen Gruben, of Tuktoyaktuk, NWT, a 29 year-old Eskimo mother of four, who received her education at the Church's Hay River Indian Residential School. At left is Mrs. Sarah Simon, of Whitehorse, Yukon, whose husband, the Rev. James Simon, has recently been raised to the priesthood. Between them Miss Dorothy Robinson, WA missionary at Inuvik, NWT, and president of the WA for the diocese of the Arctic, holds the diocesan WA banner.

**Personal Name:** Simon, Sarah, 1901-2001

Robinson, Dorothy Lydia, 1916-1998

Gruben, Helen

**Accession Number:** P8409

**Item Number:** 05

### Images





## 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