



## Research Guide to Maternity Homes

## **MATERNITY/UNWED MOTHERS HOMES THE UCC WAS INVOLVED WITH**

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### ***British Columbia***

1. United Church Home for Girls, Burnaby [1913-1973]

### ***Manitoba***

1. The Church Home for Girls (under the auspices of the Anglican and United Churches), Winnipeg [1911-1974]
2. McMillan House (under the auspices of The Church Home for Girls), Winnipeg [1972-1976]

### ***Ontario***

1. The Victor Home for Girls/Women, Toronto [1900-1989]; Incorporated as the Massey Centre for Women in 1989 <<http://www.massey.ca/who-we-are/our-history>>

### ***Québec***

1. Elizabeth House, (cosponsored with Anglican, Presbyterian Churches), Montreal [1968-1973]: [http://www.maisonelizabethhouse.com/EH/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=64&Itemid=64](http://www.maisonelizabethhouse.com/EH/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=64&Itemid=64)
2. Bethany House, Montreal [1912]-1942

## United Church Records and Archives Information

The United Church of Canada has 8 Archives locations across Canada –all are open to the public but please [contact the archives directly](#) for information about appointments and access to records:

The General Council Archives in Toronto holds the records of the national court of The United Church of Canada, the General Council. The Conference Archives located across the country hold the records created by the Conferences, Presbyteries and Congregations of The United Church of Canada –for more information on the organizational structure of The United Church of Canada visit: <https://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/organization-and-governance> The Maternity Homes that the Church was involved with were operated within the Conferences of The United Church of Canada; therefore records are primarily located at the Conference level, with some reporting to the General Council of The United Church of Canada. **This guide is organized by Archives to indicate the records available for research at each location.**

There are gaps in the records, like most collections in archives they are only as good as the records that were kept by the administrators and staff at the time and deposited in the archives. In some cases the Archives may not have received any records from the homes but where possible Archivists have identified external archives that may have records.

All records in The United Church of Canada Archives are preserved and cared for by professionals according to professional standards; please see the [Code of Ethics](#) available from the Association for Canadian Archivists

## **Records available, by location**

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## **General Council and Central Ontario Conference Archives: TEXTUAL RECORDS**

The General Council Archives is located in Toronto with the Central Ontario Conference Archives (including Toronto, Hamilton, London, Manitou and Bay of Quinte Conferences). The records listed include General Council AND Conference records held at this location. For more information, visit our website: <https://www.unitedchurcharchives.ca/>

### **Fonds 510: United Church of Canada. Board of Evangelism and Social Service Fonds**

The Board of Evangelism and Social Service was established at the time of Church Union, bringing together Methodist and Presbyterian traditions in the fields of social and spiritual welfare. The duties of the Board as outlined in the Manual of the United Church of Canada were "to give leadership to the Church ... in the promotion of evangelism, the development of the spiritual life and work of the Church and the application of the principles of the Gospel of Jesus to the whole life." This mandate was broadly interpreted over the years, and led to the Board's involvement in care facilities, chaplaincy services, the development of communications strategies, and the establishment of committees and commissions to investigate social and political issues in the areas of war and peace, human rights, poverty, industrial society, health care and welfare. In 1964 the Board became a part of the Division of Congregational Life and Work while retaining its independence of action and leadership. In 1972 the Board was absorbed into the Division of Mission in Canada.

### **SERIES 1/ RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. -- 1926-1978. -- 2.2 m of textual records**

The Secretaries of this Board were D.N. McLachlan, 1926-1938; James R. Mutchmor, 1939-1963; J. Ray Hord, 1964-1968; Charles H. Forsyth, 1969-1970; and W. Clarke MacDonald, 1971-1972.

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Box/File</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, April 20, 1961, p. 6 re: new building, Church Home for Girls, Winnipeg	1961
88.088C	Box 13-1	---, September 20, 1961, p. 17 re: resignation of Superintendent of the Church Home for Girls, Winnipeg	1961
88.088C	Box 13-1	---, September 20, 1961, p. 17, ; re Appointment of Superintendent of the United Church Home, Burnaby, BC	1961
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Sub-Exec, May 31, 1962, p. 13 re architect's plan for new building at the Church Home for Girls, East St. Paul, MB	1962
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Interim Executive, October 3, 1962, p. 21, re new building at Church Home for Girls, East St. Paul, MB well underway	1962
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, April 2, 1963, p. 3 re Church Home for Girls, East St. Paul, MB increase in annual grant	1963
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, September 19, 1963, p. 20 re deficit due from the Board to the Church Home for Girls, Winnipeg	1963
88.088C	Box 13-1	---, April 30, 1964, p. 5, re Church Home for Girls, MB operating very well after usual problem with new building	1964
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, April 29, 1965, re transfer	1965

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Box/File</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
		of custody of small parcel of land in the name of the UCC, from Fair Have Homes to the Board of the United Church Home for Girls, Burnaby, BC; re that the Victor Home for Girls in Toronto had been compelled to reject applications of some 200 girls due to lack of accommodation. Board voted to study the matter	
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, June 16, 1965, p. 10, re consultation regarding extension of counseling services to families of girls received in the Victor Home. Department was authorized to convene an conference for Superintendents and representatives of the Board of Directors of Homes for Unmarried Mothers and other related persons to be held November 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> , 1965.	1965
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, September 21, 1965, p. 13, re that the Board of the Church Home for Girls, Winnipeg together with the Roman Catholic Church Home for Girls was applying for inclusion in "United Way" which will assume 75% of the Board's deficit.	1965
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, November 11, 1965, p. 18 on Conference re Home for Unmarried Mothers will be held under the auspices of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Board to be held Nov 12-13, 1965. One government consultant from each province plus observers from children's Aid Societies would be in attendance	1965
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, November 11, 1965, p. 20, re that Anglican Church was planning on opening a Home for Unmarried Mothers in Kamloops, BC. Question raised on the relationship of the UCC to the project. No action to be taken until after the conference for unwed mothers concluded.	
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, April 29, 1966, p. 32, re report of Conference Committee on need for a Home for Unmarried Mothers in Montreal in co-operation with the Anglican Church. Voted that the report be forwarded to the GCE meeting May 3rd-4th	1966
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, June 10, 1966, p. 38, re that the Executive seek the approval of the GC sub-Executive re incorporation of the Board of the UC Home for Girls, Burnaby, BC	1966
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, June 10, 1966, p. 38, re that UC Observer was carrying an article in its July issue that was critical of the policies and the Director of the Victor Home for Girls. The article also involves the Home for Girls in Winnipeg and the Burnaby Home. Note: article came out in the August 1, 1966 issue	1966
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, June 14, 1967, p. 5, re retirement of Mrs. Doering, Superintendent of the	1967

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Box/File</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
		Victor Home for Girls on June 30th	
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, November 6, 1967, p. 14 re official opening of New Church Home for Girls, Burnaby, BC	1967
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, November 6, 1967, p. 14 re use of former Church Home for Girls, Burnaby, BC as possible site of BC Conference	1967
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Sub-Executive, April 17, 1968, p. 33 re short term interest free loan to the United Church Home for Girls, Burnaby, BC in view of financial pressures resulting from construction of new building	1968
88.088C	Box 13-3	Minutes of the Interim Executive, September 19, 1968, p. 8 re confirmation of loan, United Church Home for Girls, Burnaby, BC and that is repayable by August 28, 1970.	1968
88.088C	Box 13-3	Minutes of the Executive, April 18, 1969, p. 3 re payment of the Home of \$25,000 towards the interest free loan	1969
88.088C	Box 13-3	Minutes of the Executive, June 24, 1969, p. 5 re UCC was in the process of "buying back" the property situated on the Southeast side of maple avenue which was sold to St. John's UC on condition that it be used for church extension	1969
88.088C	Box 13-3	Minutes of the Sub-Executive, September 4, 1969, p. 3 re Special Grant to Victor Home for Girls, Toronto in connection with unanticipated costs in maintaining a resident	1969
88.088C	Box 13-3	Minutes of the Executive, September 18, 1969, p. 2 re Survey of Homes and Institutions report Report by Miss Margaret Jamieson on familiarization tour, May 24-June 20, 1969 re involvement of the Board of Evangelism and Social Services of the UCC with projects in community services (includes Burnaby Home for Girls, BC; Church Home for girls, Winnipeg, MB; Elizabeth House, Montreal, QC)	1969
88.088C	Box 13-4	Minutes of the Executive, January 9, 1970, p. 13, re budget - Grants to UC institutions and organizations (Victor Home for Girls, Toronto, UC Home for Girls, Vancouver, Church Home for Girls, Winnipeg)	1970
88.088C	Box 13-4	Minutes of the Executive, April 4, 1970, p. 2, re report of Committee re viability studies in connection with homes, institutions and projects (Note: Report included)	1970
88.088C	Box 13-4	Minutes of the Executive, June 25, 1970, p. 7 re Mrs. Lottie Lederman tendering her resignation as Executive director of the Church home for Girls, Winnipeg	1970
88.088C	Box 13-4	Minutes of the Executive, December 3, 1970, re sudden drop in number of residents poses threat to the future operation of the home	1970

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Box/File</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
88.088C	Box 13-5	Minutes of the Executive, December 2-3, 1971, re BESS General Fund, p. [13] Grants to UC institutions and organizations (includes UC Home for Girls, Vancouver, 793 McMillan Avenue Winnipeg, Church home for Girls, Winnipeg,	1971
88.088C	Box 13-5	Minutes of the Executive, June 12, 1971, p. 4 re request for financial support to establish a half-way house for unwed mother who elect to keep their babies, Winnipeg. Voted that the Board require more information	1971
88.088C	Box 13-5	Minutes of the Sub-Executive, March 8, 1971, p. 2 re representation Voted that the staff study the list of all the Homes and Institutions, Organizations, Boards and Committees on which the Board is expected to be represented	1971
88.088C	Box 13-5	Minutes of the Interim Executive , February 22, 1971, p. 2 re United Church Home in Burnaby, BC now filled to capacity	1971
88.088C	Box 13-5	Minutes of the Interim Executive , February 22, 1971, p. 2 re Board's relationship to Victor Home for Girls, Toronto. The home is now under the administration of the Toronto Home Missions Council...financial support is no longer required	1971
88.088C	Box 13-5	Minutes of the Interim Executive , February 22, 1971, p. 2 re relationship of Homes and Community projects to National Boards	1971
83.052C	48	Correspondence re finances of girl's home in Burnaby	1957
83.052C	49	Copy of financial statement for 1957, Burnaby Home for Girls	1957
83.052C	49-123	Correspondence re legal, insurance and staff information concerning the Fair Haven and Home for girls, Burnaby	1958

**Series 2/Records relating to Departments of the work. -- 1932-1978. -- 4.6 m of textual records**

Series consists of records re homes, treatment centres, institutions and associations supported, either in whole or in part, by the Board, predominantly for the period 1954-1974, including: Interprovincial Home for Young Women, Riverview, N.B., 1966-1970; Griffith-McConnell Home, Montreal, Que., 1970-1973; Cedarvale School for Girls, Georgetown, Ont., 1923-1963, including records re immigration of Armenian children; Street Haven, Toronto, Ont., 1969-1973; Ina Grafton Gage Home, St. Catharines, Ont., 1969-1972; Leone Residence for Women, Windsor, Ont., 1968-1972; Halfway House, Brandon, Man., 1967-1968; Rundle Lodge, Calgary, Alta.; Friendship House, Prince Rupert, B.C., 1966-1972.

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Box/File</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
83.052C	1-12	Elizabeth House, Montreal	1968-1973
83.052C	4-8	Victor Home for Girls	1965-1971
83.052C	8-14	United Church Home for Girls, Burnaby, B.C.	1970-1973

83.052C	9-2	Reports from Homes for Unmarried Mothers	1968-1974
83.052C	10-5	Papers, Conference of Superintendents and Representatives of Boards of Directors, Homes for Unmarried Mothers, 12-13 November 1965	1965
83.052C	10-6	Correspondence re Homes for Unwed mothers	1966-1971

**Fonds 512: United Church of Canada. Division of Mission in Canada Fonds.**

The Division, established in 1972, was one of the five divisions of the General Council of The United Church of Canada. It was the primary arm through which the national church developed programs to support the ministry and mission of the people within Canada. It was administered by a Secretary and made up of two departments, Christian Development and Church in Society.

The work of each Department was supervised by a Deputy Secretary. Associate Secretaries and Special Assistants, relating to one of the above departments, looked after the programmed of the Division. As early as 1973, a Committee on Style of Operations reported the dissatisfaction with the separation of the Division into two departments. An Organizational Design Task Force was established in 1974 to recommend structural changes. It reported in 1974 and its work was continued by two other related Task Groups up to the first major reorganization of the Division in 1977. By 1977, the departments were replaced by offices with operation run by more autonomous Working Units. The overall planning and screening of the work would be done by Functional Units.

In 1989, the Division restructured some 47 working units, sub-units, and committees into five new program units: Program Unit 1 (Children, Youth, Adults and Family Ministries); Unit 2 (Worship, Mission and Evangelism); Unit 3 (Human Rights, Participation and Lay Organizations); Unit 4 (Economic Justice and Social Well-Being); Unit 5 (Environment, Peace and Rural Life). Small functional groups, clusters, were created within each unit. Each program unit and committee was represented in the Executive.

In 2001, following the re-design and re-organization of General Council offices, the work of the Division was re-apportioned to the following working units: Support to Local Ministries Unit, Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit and Faith Formation and Education Unit.

**SERIES 9/ Subseries 1: Records relating to Homes, Institutions, Health and Social Services. - 1964-1994.**

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
88.088C	39-3	Church Home for Girls, Winnipeg : correspondence	1973-1977
83.054C	10-2	Victor Home for Girls: correspondence, reports	1972-1975

**FONDS 1043: TORONTO UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL FONDS. - 1843-2007**

The Toronto United Church Council was established in 1892 under the Methodist Church (Canada) as the Methodist Social Union of Toronto. The Unions objectives were to "promote fellowship, social intercourse, and spiritual life among members of the Methodist Churches; Cultivate the connexional principal of Methodism; to give advice and assistance to church indebtedness and location of churches and church buildings; and in practicable ways to promote the interest of the Methodist Church in Toronto". The Majority of its work involved responding to pleas from Toronto area churches for financial aid.



In 1894, The Toronto City Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was established. The Object of the society was to carry out city mission work in Fred Victor Mission as well as other locations around the city as deemed desirable. The directors of the society were appointed annually by the quarterly board of the participating Methodist congregations. The society directed Victor Home, Italian missions, Fred Victor Mission, and fresh air work in the city of Toronto.

In 1901 the society changed its name to The Fred Victor Mission Society of the Methodist Church, while its directives remained the same. In 1907, the name of the society was again changed in order to better reflect the work that they did. The new name was The Toronto City and Fred Victor Mission Society of the Methodist Church.

In 1912, the Methodist Social Union of Toronto amalgamated with the Toronto City and Fred Victor Mission Society of the Methodist church to create the Methodist Union of Toronto. This new Union carried out city mission, church extension and social service work in Toronto and its suburbs. It also had an advisory role in decisions such as the location of new church sites and the erection or removal of churches. Given the power to acquire property by purchase, gift or lease and money by bequest, donation or subscription, the Union was able to maintain Trust Funds and fulfill its objectives. The Loan Fund made available interest-free loans for the purchase of new sites, the construction of buildings on existing sites, and assistance to financially troubled churches.

In 1926, the Methodist Union at 141 Jarvis Street was officially replaced by the Toronto Church Extension and Mission Union of the United Church which continued the activities pursued by the Methodist Union of Toronto, the former Toronto Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the Missionary Society of the Congregational Church. The Union also advised on the selection of sites for new churches in the three Toronto Presbyteries (Toronto Centre, Toronto East and Toronto West). When allocating financial aid to churches, especially regarding mortgages, the Finance Committee of the Union evaluated each situation individually according to the needs and financial strength of the community involved. In order to undertake its home mission work, the Union could: acquire real or personal property; mortgage, hold or dispose of property; receive money from various sources; and maintain a trust fund.

The Union at 139 Jarvis Street in Toronto was unofficially renamed the Toronto Home Missions Committee in 1933. It changed its name officially in 1935 to the Toronto Home Missions Council of the United Church of Canada. At this time the Council also underwent a change in structure. The council was made up of representatives of the three Toronto presbyteries, and the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. Financially, the Council was supported by the Board of Home Missions and donations of the Toronto Congregations and individuals. The Council remained at the same address, and continued to direct the same work.

In 1973 the Toronto Home Missions Council updated its objectives and changed its name to the Toronto United Church Council. The duties of the Council, according to a 1972 reprinting of its constitution, were to supervise and administer, in conjunction with the Board of Home Missions, the four Presbyteries of Metropolitan Toronto and Toronto Conference, the work of City Missions, Church Extension and other areas of evangelism and social service assigned to it; to promote welfare of the churches and missions in the Toronto Presbyteries; to have oversight of additional work of common interest such as the Victor Home for Women and Fresh Air Work; to establish, maintain and expend funds available for prosecution of this work; to receive bequests, donations and subscriptions for this work; to present the claims of the work to the congregation of the Presbyteries concerned; and to acquire property required for its purpose.

In 1973 The Fred Victor Mission began steps to become an incorporated entity. In 1984, the Fred Victor Mission became incorporated with a director appointed by the Toronto Conference Executive.

The Victor Home became incorporated as the Massey Center for Women in 1989.

In 2008 the Dufferin - Peel Church Extension Presbytery amalgamated with the Toronto United Church Council under the name Toronto United Church Council.

Fonds consist of the following series: minutes and reports, 1892-2007; legal records 1910-1989; property records 1843-1994; mission records 1843-1990, records of non-church institutions 1906-

1993; records of bequests, 1894-1977; subject/ correspondence files, 1898-1987; financial records, 1909-1986; and photographs.

Some file names and numbers have been changed during revision of finding aid.

Records relating to personnel are restricted on a file by file basis for seventy-five years beyond the last dated item in the file. All researchers using these records must sign a "United Church Archives Research Agreement" (Form 26) since these records may include personal information on church staff, members, or clients.

See also United Church of Canada Toronto Conference fonds (1033).

### **SERIES 1: MINUTES AND REPORTS. -- 1892-2007**

Series consists of the minutes and reports of the Toronto United Church Council and its antecedent bodies and committees including the Methodist Social Union of Toronto, the Methodist Union of Toronto, Toronto Church Extension and Mission Union, Toronto Home Missions Council, and Dufferin - Peel Presbytery Church Extension Council. Records are predominately 1897-1935, and 1980-1990.

For records of Toronto City Missionary Society, Fred Victor Mission Society of the Methodist Church, and Toronto City and Fred Victor Mission Society see Series 4 subseries 1

### **SERIES 1/Subseries 1: Minutes of antecedent bodies and committees. -- 1892-2007.**

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
		<b>Methodist Union of Toronto</b>	
	1-3	Board of Directors minutes	1912-1918
	3-4	- - -	1918-1929
	4-1	Missionary Committee	1913-1925

		<b>Toronto Home Missions Council</b>	
	26-5	Board of directors/executive minutes and reports	1972
	26-1	- - - (unofficial)	1973

### **SERIES 1/Subseries 2: Minutes of the Toronto United Church Council. -- 1981-1986.**

<b>1993.029C</b>	1-3	Board of Directors minutes and related records	1981-1982
	1-4	- - -	1983
	1-5	- - -	1984-1985

### **SERIES 4/subseries 1: Records of the mission boards. -- 1894-1918**

In 1894 the Toronto City Missionary Society of the Methodist church began, with the donation by Hart A. Massey of a building on the corner of Queen and Jarvis Streets, known as the Fred Victor Mission. The Society was started for the purpose of carrying out evangelistic and mission work in the city of Toronto in connection with the Methodist Church of Canada. The work was not limited to the Fred Victor Mission location.

In 1901 the Society officially changed their name to the Fred Victor Mission Society of the Methodist Church, as it had become known colloquially, in honour of the original donation by Mr. Massey in memory of his son Fred Victor. The society remained the same in all other aspects.

By 1906 the Fred Victor Mission Society included mission work throughout the city of Toronto, including The Fred victor Mission which housed Mother's meetings, Children's Work and

classes such as household science; Italian Missions located at Agnes Street United Church and Elm Street United Church, Victor Home for Young Women, Victor Industrial Institute, and Victor Annex.

On November 14, 1907, The Fred Victor Mission Society decided to change its name in order to better to reflect the work that it did. It was renamed as Toronto City and Fred Victor Mission Society of the Methodist Church.

In 1912 the Methodist Social Union of Toronto and the Toronto City and Fred Victor Mission Society of the Methodist Church amalgamated to create the Methodist Union of Toronto. Department of City Missions and Social Service oversaw the mission side of the work that was done by the Methodist Union of Toronto.

Subseries consist of the records of the boards that oversaw the mission work in the city of Toronto. Records are subdivided by the originating body.

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
		<b>Fred Victor Mission Society of the Methodist Church</b>	
<b>1984.050C</b>	2-2	Board of Management minutes (includes Fred Victor Mission Deed)	1894-1906
<b>1993.029C</b>	5-11	--- History: These 20 years 1886-1906, the growth and work of the Fred Victor Mission	1906
<b>2003.135C</b>	3-4	Legal Records re. incorporation	1895,1901

		<b>Department of City Missions and Social Service</b>	
<b>1984.050C</b>	2-3	Department of City Missions and Social Service Board minutes (includes records of Toronto City and Fred Victor Mission Society)	1907-1913
	24-5	City Mission Budget	1917-1918

#### **Series 4/subseries 2: Records of Victor Home. -- 1887-1990.**

Victor Home began unofficially as early as 1900, at the Fred Victor Mission, where expectant mothers were accepted by the deaconess. In the minutes of the Fred Victor Mission Society of the Methodist Church this work was informally referred to as "Rescue work". In 1904, it was decided to make this a separate mission department and Victor Home for Women was opened under the name "Door of Hope" at 295 Jarvis Street.

In 1904, the old Metropolitan Church Parsonage at 266 Jarvis Street was acquired after it was decided that more space was required to carry out the work of the home.

In 1913, 341 Jarvis Street was purchased for the Home to expand their work which included a Well Baby clinic.

In 1939 Victor Home was run by a 16 member management executive that reported to the Toronto Home Missions Council.

Until 1957, adoptions for mothers at the homes were arranged by the Victor Home. At this time, in response to legal actions taken against the home and the Toronto Home Missions Council in 1956, it was decided to temporarily transfer adoption processes to the Children's Aid Society. In 1958 this arrangement was made official.

In 1989 the home was incorporated as Massey Center for Women.

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Research Agreement" (Form 26) since these records may include personal information on church staff, members, or clients.

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
1993.029C	6-3	Board of Directors minutes, reports and financial Statements	1983-1984
	6-5	---	1984-1986
	6-2	Correspondence	1976-1982
	6-6	---	1985-1986
1995.110C	27-8	Housing Project	1986-1988
	28-1	Victor Home Housing Task Force records	1986
	28-2	---	1987-1988
1995.110C	28-3	Victor Home Housing Task Force records (cont.)	1988
	28-4	---	1989
2003.135C	3-1	Deeds, surveys and trust agreements with Massey family	1887-1975
1984.050C	22-27	Deed (226 Jarvis Street)	1905
	18-1	Property records (Jarvis Street Houses #341, 343, 345, 347)	1936-1956
	18-2	Property records Sale of property	1952
	18-3	--- Financial correspondence	1953-1954
	18-4	--- ---	1955-1957
	25-1	Property records	1905-1920
1995.110C	20-3	---	1947-1990
	28-5	Insurance inspection report	1955
1984.050C	25-3	Mortgage correspondence	1914
	25-4RR	Correspondence re. finances and staff	1935-1936
	25-5RR	Correspondence re. finances, staff, property, proposed public hall on Jarvis Street, and a list of girls staying.	1937
	25-6RR	Correspondence re. finances and reorganization	1938-1939
1993.029C	6-4	Analysis of Victor Home by the Board of Evangelism and Social Service	1971
	6-1	Reports, addresses and operating budgets (1976 and 1978)	1976-1980
1984.050C	25-2	Financial statements and memoranda	1936-1939

LIBRARY MATERIALS:

*Annual report. United Church of Canada. Board of Evangelism and Social Service.*  
Toronto: The Board, 1926-1973

☐ **These annual reports provide details about the administrations of all redemptive and maternity homes operated by the church.**

BX 9981. A6 B6E

*Victor Home.*

Toronto: The United Church of Canada, 1962. 4 p.

PAM BV 2613 V5A5 <Available in pdf>

*The Victor Home: Care of the Unmarried Mother and her Child.*

Toronto: The Victor Home Board & Toronto Home Missions Council, 1954

PAM BV 2613 V5A2 <Available in pdf>

*Victor Home for Young Women, 1900-1939*

Toronto: The Toronto Home Missions Council, 1939

PAM BV 2613 V5 1939

*A Concern for People*

Toronto: The United Church of Canada, Board of Evangelism and Social Service, [before 1964].

PAM HV 530 U5B8 <Available in pdf>

*Homes and Institutions*

Toronto: The United Church of Canada, Board of Evangelism and Social Service, 1964.

PAM HV 530. U55H66 1964 <Available in pdf>

*A Report and recommendations regarding projects in community service related to the Board of Evangelism and Social Service of The United Church of Canada.*

Gordon K. Stewart, 1967

PAM HV 530. U5B81 1967

*People and Projects of Community Service*

Toronto: The United Church of Canada, Board of Evangelism and Social Service, 1967-1971.

PAM HV 530. U5B811 1971

- ☐ Additional resources in the library would include yearbooks and records of proceedings, minutes of boards at various levels of the Church Courts, as well as a review of periodicals (e.g. The United Church Record, The Observer, The New Outlook).

GRAPHICS RECORDS (Photographs, etc.)

**UNITED CHURCH HOME FOR GIRLS, WINNIPEG**

LOCATION: 76.001P/ 3667

PRELIMINARY FONDS NAME: Portraits Collection

**TITLE: Mabel E. Lindsay standing in front of a plane**

DATE OF CREATION: [n.d.]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 photoprint

**NOTES: 1. Superintendent, United Church Home for Girls.**

1. Lindsay, Mabel E., 1886-1953

LOCATION: 76.001P/ 3668

PRELIMINARY FONDS NAME: Portraits Collection

**TITLE: Mabel E. Lindsay sitting in a rowboat**

DATE OF CREATION: [n.d.]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 photoprint

**NOTES: 1. Superintendent, United Church Home for Girls.**

1. Lindsay, Mabel E., 1886-1953

LOCATION: 76.001P/ 3669

PRELIMINARY FONDS NAME: Portraits Collection

**TITLE: Mabel E. Lindsay fishing on the Churchill River**

DATE OF CREATION: 1936 July

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 photoprint

**NOTES: 1. Superintendent, United Church Home for Girls.**

1. Lindsay, Mabel E., 1886-1953

LOCATION: 76.001P/ 3670

PRELIMINARY FONDS NAME: Portraits Collection

**TITLE: Mabel E. Lindsay and her companions in a canoe**

DATE OF CREATION: [n.d.]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 photoprint

**NOTES: 1. Superintendent, United Church Home for Girls.**

1. Lindsay, Mabel E., 1886-1953

### **VICTOR HOME FOR GIRLS, TORONTO**

LOCATION: 90.115P/ 1499 N

PRELIMINARY FONDS NAME: Toronto Churches and Institutions Photograph Collection

**TITLE: Exterior of Victor Home**

DATE OF CREATION: [n.d.]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 photoprint.

NOTES: 1. Forms part of F.C. Stephenson collection.; 2. Home for young women on Elm Street.

1. Victor Home (Metropolitan Toronto, Ont.)

LOCATION: 90.115P/ 1500 N - 1501 N

PRELIMINARY FONDS NAME: Toronto Churches and Institutions Photograph Collection

LOCATION: 90.115P/ 1500 N - 1501 N

PRELIMINARY FONDS NAME: Toronto Churches and Institutions Photograph Collection

**TITLE: Exterior of Victor Home**

DATE OF CREATION: 1926.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2 photoprints.

NOTES: 1. Home for young women on Jarvis Street.

1. Victor Home (Metropolitan Toronto, Ont.)

LOCATION: 90.115P/ 1502 N

PRELIMINARY FONDS NAME: Toronto Churches and Institutions Photograph Collection

**TITLE: Exterior of Victor Home**

PHOTOGRAPHER/CREATOR: Berkeley Studio, Toronto

DATE OF CREATION: [n.d.]

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 photoprint.

NOTES: 1. Home for young women on Broadview Avenue.

1. Victor Home (Metropolitan Toronto, Ont.)

LOCATION: 90.115P/ 1503  
PRELIMINARY FONDS NAME: Toronto Churches and Institutions Photograph Collection  
**TITLE: Rev. James Finley counselling a resident of Victor Home**  
PHOTOGRAPHER/CREATOR: Berkeley Studio, Toronto  
DATE OF CREATION: [n.d.]  
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 photoprint.  
NOTES: 1. Home for young women.  
1. Victor Home (Metropolitan Toronto, Ont.)

LOCATION: 95.110P/ 7  
PRELIMINARY FONDS NAME: Toronto United Church Council fonds  
**TITLE: Exterior - new Victor Home**  
DATE OF CREATION: 19 March 1949  
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 photoprint  
1. Church buildings - Ontario - Toronto 2. Church work with young women

LOCATION: 90.115P/ 549  
PRELIMINARY FONDS NAME: Toronto Churches and Institutions Photograph Collection  
**TITLE: Cradle roll children and mothers at Fred Victor Mission**  
DATE OF CREATION: [n.d.]  
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 photoprint.  
NOTES: 1. Title taken from previous UCVA description.  
1. Fred Victor Mission (Metropolitan Toronto, Ont.)

### **BETHANY HOUSE, MONTREAL**

LOCATION: 93.049P/ 4192 N  
PRELIMINARY FONDS NAME: From Mission to Partnership Collection  
**TITLE: Bethany House, Montreal**  
PHOTOGRAPHER/CREATOR: Dr. Munro, Montreal  
DATE OF CREATION: [192-?]  
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 photoprint; 6 x 8 cm.  
1 photonegative; 10 x 12 cm.  
NOTES: 1. Series: Montreal, Que. (United). 1. Bethany House (Montreal, Que.) 2. Home missions - Quebec - Montreal

LOCATION: 93.049P/ 4193 N  
PRELIMINARY FONDS NAME: From Mission to Partnership Collection  
**TITLE: Bethany House extension**  
PHOTOGRAPHER/CREATOR: Dr. Munro, Montreal  
DATE OF CREATION: [192-?]  
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 photoprint; 6 x 8 cm.  
1 photonegative; 10 x 12 cm.  
NOTES: 1. Series: Montreal, Que. (United). 1. Bethany House (Montreal, Que.) 2. Home missions - Quebec - Montreal

## **British Columbia Conference Archives**

<http://www.bc.united-church.ca/content/bob-stewart-archives-bc-conference>

### **United Church Home For Girls (Burnaby, B.C.), 1913-1973.**

Description available online: <http://memorybc.ca/united-church-home-for-girls-fonds:rad>

In 1913, the Presbyterian Church established a home for unwed mothers in Vancouver. Less than a year later, the home was moved to its first Burnaby location and soon became known as the Burnaby Home For Girls. The Home was administered by its own Board of Control under the general supervision of the Presbyterian Social Service Council and later under the Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church. From 1970, the Board of Control reported to the Metropolitan Council of the United Church in the Lower Mainland. Eventually, the Board included representatives of the Anglican and Baptist Churches. The primary purpose of the Home was to provide interdenominational social service to unmarried mothers-to-be, offering shelter, medical care, and Christian fellowship. The Home was closed in 1973.

The fonds consists of minutes of the Board of Control (1913-1973), annual reports of the superintendent (1916-1972), correspondence of the Board Chairman, minutes and other records of the finance committee, records of the Burnaby Home Task Force of the Metropolitan Council, records of the women's auxiliary (1912-1973), and other material.

Finding Aid available online:

[http://www.bc.united-church.ca/archives/fond/ChUn\\_24.pdf](http://www.bc.united-church.ca/archives/fond/ChUn_24.pdf)



## **Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Conference Archives**

[Located in the University of Winnipeg](#)

The MNWO Conference Archives does not have an online database of records; to access a full description (an excerpt is below) and finding aids contact the [Conference Archivist](#).

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### **520/2 Church Home for Girls. – 1945-1976. – 1.5m textual records and other material.**

In 1911, the Winnipeg Women's Union of the Presbyterian Church amalgamated with the Women's Moral Reform Council in order to undertake the support of a Social Service Rescue Home on Simcoe Street in Winnipeg. Social Service Homes, previously called Redemptive or Rescue Homes, were initially involved with rescuing women from 'white slavery', or what we now call prostitution. Often the point of initial contact would be in providing a safe place for a woman alone to await the birth of a child. Both the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches operated rescue homes in Winnipeg. Eventually, the work expanded to include work with all women who had 'fallen' and with unwed mothers. The Social Service Board of the Presbyterian Church provided financial support for the Home and the Women's Union was responsible for day to day management and any extra expenses. A second home was opened next door in 1913. In 1917, the Women's Union joined with the Methodist Deaconess Aid Society in the operation of the Home. In 1923 the United Social Service Home, as it was now called, was relocated to Kildonan. In 1929 the Anglican Church began contributing funding and became involved in the operation of the home. Around this time it began to be known as the Church Home for Girls. For most of its life span, the Church Home for Girls simply offered accommodation to unmarried women awaiting the birth of their children. These children would then almost always be placed for adoption. By 1959, the Church Home was operated under the supervision and direction of the Provincial Department of Child Welfare. The Home was essentially independent from the United Church when it was incorporated in 1962; however, the United Church continued to provide membership for the Home's Board and to receive annual reports.

Changing attitudes to single motherhood in the 1960s led to decreased demand for the pre-natal services of the Church Home for Girls, referrals fell off and it was eventually closed in 1974. In response to the growing trend among teen-aged mothers to keep their babies the Home became involved with the McMillan House Project that offered postpartum accommodation for single mothers and their infants along with instruction in child care and housekeeping skills. McMillan House operated at 824 McMillan Avenue from 1972 to 1976. Despite the closure of the facility known as the Church Home for Girls in Kildonan in 1974, the name of the corporate entity responsible for the McMillan House program remained the Church Home for Girls until it was wound up in 1976.

Correspondence pertaining to the closure of McMillan House in 1976 (found among the records of the Anglican Women's Auxiliary and housed at the Archives of the Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of Rupert's Land) indicates that the bulk of the administrative records of the Church Home for Girls and the McMillan House project came to the Conference Archives at that time. Exceptions include tax receipts and 'old legal documents' that were sent to Winnipeg Presbytery, funding records that were sent to the United Way and research materials that were sent to the Social Planning Council. Client records were repatriated to Provincial Child Welfare agencies.

Records of the Church Home for Girls that are described here include Minutes of the Board, 1959-1976; Lists of Board Members, 1955-1976; Records of Incorporation and Policy, 1957-1962; Annual Corporation Returns, 1971-1975; Annual Reports, 1945-1975; Reports of the Superintendent and Executive Director, 1956-1974; Statistical Reports, 1963-1973; Board Correspondence, 1958-1970; Executive Director's Correspondence, 1971-1976; Finance Committee Correspondence, 1960-1963; records pertaining to United Way Admission, 1965-1966; Financial Reports, 1933-1975; records pertaining to Insurance, 1961-1974; Property Records, 1962-1966; records of Publicity, [ca.1940]-1975; History and Program, 1957-1974; Resource Materials, 1938-1975; Lists of Former Residents, [before 1976]; records of the McMillan House Project, 1972-1976; and records of the Women's Auxiliary, 1948-1975.

Appendix A:

Other Redemptive Homes for Girls/Women that may or may not have had a maternity home function, more in-depth research is required.

Many of these are included in annual reports for the Board of Evangelism and Social Services - in the [library material](#) identified earlier in this guide.

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**Cedarvale School for Girls, Georgetown ON** [appears to have been a home for girls 8-13 from underprivileged homes], 1928-1963

**General Council and Central Ontario Conferences Archives:**

<https://www.unitedchurcharchives.ca/contact-us/>

Textual Records:

88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, September 19, 1963, p. 19, re future use of Cedarvale School for Girls which ceased operations August 31, 1963	1963
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Interim Executive, September 24, 1964, p. 13 re acceptance of offer to purchase the Cedarvale School for Girls Property (4 acres of the United Churches of Georgetown)	1964
88.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Sub-Executive, January 20, 1966, p. 26, re sale of Cedarvale School for Girls to the Town of Georgetown	1966
88.088C	Box 13-3	Minutes of the Executive, September 18, 1969, p. 2 re sale of land, Georgetown	1969
88.088C	Box 13-3	Minutes of the Executive, December 4, 1969, p. 9 (Reports and recommendations) re Georgetown property. The Board has recovered 4.8 acres of land sold to St. John's United Church	1969

Graphics: 21 photos for the school

LCH File: Cedarvale School for Girls, Georgetown ON

**The Interprovincial Home for Young Women, Coverdale, NB** [appears to have been a home for convicted women in NB], 1920-1980.

<http://www.archives.pe.ca/peiain/fondsdetail.php3?number=1030124&lang=E&fonds=Acc3699>

**Maritime Conference Archives, Sackville NB**

<http://marconf.ca/archives/>

-Maritime Conference annual meetings (brief reports from Board of Social Service and Evangelism)  
-Correspondence, reports, histories, etc on the Coverdale Foundation (formerly Interprovincial Home for Young Women), 1980s

External Archives:

Provincial Archives of New Brunswick:

-10 cm of records and 2 microfilms related to the Inter-Provincial Home for Girls.

Archives Council of PEI

-[1920-1980] 2 reels of microfilm and 21 pages of textual records

<http://www.archives.pe.ca/peiaain/fondsdetail.php3?number=1030124&lang=E&fonds=Acc3699>

**Mount View Social Service Home, Calgary** [appears to have been a juvenile home for girls from Saskatchewan and Alberta], 1910-1959.

**Alberta and Northwest Conference Archives, Edmonton**

<http://united-church.ca/contact/archives>

- record books with histories of the Alberta wards, and including some Saskatchewan wards [restricted], 1912-1941
- daily diaries, 1 August 1953 – 31 December 1954 [restricted]
- financial reports, 1932-1959, with gaps
- staff lists, 1924-1958
- history of the Home, ca. 1958
- photo album, 1935-1943

**Maritime Home for Girls, Truro N.S.** [Served juveniles placed by court order], 1914-1967. This redemptive home was passed to the government in 1967, may have operated longer.

**General Council and Central Ontario Conferences Archives:**

<https://www.unitedchurcharchives.ca/>

It is not clear that a home for unwed mothers was established, however the UCC along with Anglican and Presbyterian Churches funded the Maritime Home for Girls and it is clear that there were plans to establish a maternity home.

88.088C	Box 13-1	---, ---, p. 18 re: proposed Home for Unwed Mothers, Maritime Conference	1961
88.088C	Box 13-1	---, December 4, 1961, p. 22 re: confirmation of appointment of Exec. Sec. of Church Home for the Girls, East St. Paul, Manitoba; referral by WMS of the Maritime Home for Unmarried Mothers to the department for consideration and report	1961
88.088C	Box 13-1	---, April 12, 1962, p. 1 re: proposed Maritime Home for Unwed Mothers; that Dr. Lane enquire further	1962

Frances E. Willard Home for Girls, Toronto [appears to have been a temporary home for women without means arriving in Toronto]. [dates unknown]

**General Council and Central Ontario Conferences Archives:**

<https://www.unitedchurcharchives.ca/contact-us/>

LIBRARY:

Annual Reports, 1901/02 and 1906/07

PAM BV 2612 F72

Friendly Home for Girls and Youth, Montreal [appears to have been a maternity home and orphanage], [dates unknown]

**General Council and Central Ontario Conferences Archives:**

<https://www.unitedchurcharchives.ca/contact-us/>

LIBRARY:

The Friendly Home For Young Women and Children, Montreal. Annual Report, 1935

PAM 2612 F723 1935