



Research Guide to Records Related to Angola

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Introduction to the Guide

This guide has been created to provide a quick reference to the records series held in The United Church of Canada Archives (Toronto) that are relevant to research on the Angola Missions.

The administrative background of The United Church of Canada is briefly outlined in this guide to provide the researcher with some understanding of where work related to Angola was situated within the organizational structures over time.

The Fonds have been roughly grouped to show records prior to Church Union in 1925 and afterwards when The United Church of Canada was formed. Of course records in all fonds may extend earlier and later than these date periods –detailed finding aids are available to assist the researcher in identifying which fonds will contain useful records.

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Overview of United Church involvement in Angola

The Canadian Congregational Foreign Mission Society was organized in 1881 by the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec. Its objective was to spread knowledge of the Gospel and was operated in cooperation with the American Congregational Foreign Mission Society in Africa. Rev. Walter T. Currie and his wife were sent to Angola in 1885 to work under the mission begun by the American Board. The Congregational Woman's Board of Missions was Founded 1886 in connection with the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, sending its first woman missionary to Angola in 1890.

The Society was absorbed into the United Church of Canada Foreign Mission activities in 1925 –at that time the three stations included 24 missionaries and about 150 outstations, one hospital, several boarding schools and one central training institute in Dondi.

The Canadian Missionaries operated largely in Chisamba, Camundongo and Dondi.

After the negotiations between the United Church and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (Congregational) after 1925, the work was divided. The Angola West Africa Mission of the United Church with its Mission Council [of missionaries] which included participation by the Woman's Missionary Society. The American mission was referred to as the West Central Africa Mission, and later as the Angola Mission. Representatives of both of the above Missions met as the Board of Trustees with some African representation to deal with matters concerning the central institutions at Dondi; they also met annually in joint meetings of the Angola West Africa Mission and the West Central Africa Mission until 1952.

Beginning in 1953, these joint meetings included the Church Council of the Church of Christ in Angola. These meetings were replaced, between 1956 and 1957, by the Council of the Evangelical Church in Central Africa which merged the church and missions, effectively extending control of the work to the Indigenous Angolan Church.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES FONDS

FONDS 205: CANADA CONGREGATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY FONDS. –1881-1927. –60 cm of textual records.

The Society was organized in 1881 by the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec and was originally known as the Congregational Foreign Missionary Society of British North America. Its object was to spread knowledge of the Gospel. In 1889 the later name was incorporated; the primary responsibility was to raise money and oversee a mission in Angola.

See Finding Aid: 205

Fonds consists of the following series: minutes and financial records, 1881-1925; and correspondence relating to the mission in Angola, 1881-1925.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/canada-congregational-foreign-missionary-society-fonds>

FONDS 206: CANADA CONGREGATIONAL WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FONDS. –1888-1946, predominant 1888-1926. –33 cm of textual records.

Founded 1886 in connection with the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, the Board soon directed its attention to the foreign field, sending its first woman missionary to Angola in 1890. Although foreign mission work continued to claim the greater part of the Board's resources, it also supported numerous home mission undertakings (collecting donations for needy Aboriginal People and settlers on the prairies; welcoming immigrants; assisting new Canadians in building churches), and contributed generously to the home mission schemes of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society. The Board's main activities included fund raising, missionary education, and supplying woman missionaries for work abroad.

See Finding Aid: 206

Fonds consists of the following series: records of the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions, 1888-1926; collection of historical articles and related correspondence, 1891-1946; and records of the Secretary, 1907-1919.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/canada-congregational-womans-board-of-missions-fonds>

FONDS 214: THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY (post 1925) FONDS. –1952-1955. –2 cm of textual records.

Society was reconstituted in 1952 and held annual meetings until 1955, mostly to deal with issues arising from the Mary Smith Estate. It was decided at its final meeting to transfer the remaining funds to the United Church Board of Overseas Missions, to be used in connection with the work in Angola, the former mission field of the Canadian Congregational Union.

To order files, use finding aid if available, if not use location number: 1994.048C.

Fonds consists of constitution and by-laws; and minutes, 1952-1955; minutes reflect interest in Angola and make reference to financial transactions and particularly, the estate of Mary Smith.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/the-canada-congregational-foreign-missionary-society-post-1925-fonds>

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA FONDS

FONDS 502: UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA BOARD OF OVERSEAS MISSIONS FONDS. –1910-1965, predominant 1925-1961. –18.3 m of textual records; 897 photographs; 1 map; 8 architectural drawings.

Organized in 1926, the Board of Foreign Missions was the continuation of the Canada Congregational Foreign Mission Society, the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church (Canada), and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It was renamed the Board of Overseas Missions in 1944. In 1962, its work was taken over by the newly constituted Board of World Mission.

See Finding Aid: 502

Fonds consists of the following series: minutes and general correspondence of the Board Secretaries, 1925-1961; records relating to Angola, 1925-1961; records relating to British Guiana, 1925-1927; records relating to China, 1910-1965; records relating to Central India, 1925-1961; and records relating to Korea, 1924-1961.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/united-church-of-canada-board-of-overseas-missions-fonds>

FONDS 502/SERIES 2: RECORDS RELATING TO ANGOLA. –1925-1961. –2 m of textual records; 890 photographs.

The Angola Mission was originally an American mission to which the Canadian Congregational Church contributed missionaries and means. After the negotiations between the United Church and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (Congregational) after 1925, the work was divided. The Angola West Africa Mission of the United Church with its Mission Council [of missionaries] which included participation by the Woman's Missionary Society. The American mission was referred to as the West Central Africa Mission, and later as the Angola Mission. Representatives of both of the above Missions met as the Board of Trustees with some African representation to deal with matters concerning the central institutions at Dondi; they also met annually in joint meetings of the Angola West Africa Mission and the West Central Africa Mission until 1952. Beginning in 1953, these joint meetings included the Church Council of the Church of Christ in Angola. These meetings were replaced, between 1956 and 1957, by the Council of the Evangelical Church in Central Africa which merged the church and missions, effectively extending control of the work to the indigenous Angolan Church. A Committee of Missionaries [Canadian and American] was established in 1957.

See Finding Aid: 502

Series consists of minutes the Angola West Africa Mission Council, 1927-1956; minutes of the annual joint meetings of the West Central Africa Mission and Angola West Africa Mission, 1926-1952; minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Central Institutions at Dondi, 1926-1934 and 1943-1959; minutes of joint meetings of the Angola West Africa Mission, Angola Mission, and Angola Church Council, 1953-1956; minutes of the General Assembly of the Council of Evangelical Churches in Central Angola, 1956-1961; minutes of annual meetings of the Committee of Missionaries [Canadian and American], 1957-1962; minutes of the Joint Consultative Committee re Africa [the Canadian and American Home Boards], 1926-1961; correspondence of the mission secretaries and treasurers with the Board Secretaries;

correspondence of individual missionaries; and reports of educational and medical work at Dondi; photographs taken during the trip to Angola of the Board Secretary, Dr. David Gallagher, and Rev. Anson.

FONDS 503: UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA BOARD OF WORLD MISSION FONDS. –1880-1976, predominant 1962-1971. –40 m of textual records.

The Board of World Mission was established by General Council in 1960 and became operational 1 January, 1962; the Board brought together the Board of Overseas Missions and the Overseas Missions Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society, thereby becoming the sole authority for mission work outside of Canada and Bermuda. The Board was superseded in 1972 by the Division of World Outreach.

See Finding Aid: 503

Fonds consists of the following series: administrative records, 1962-1971; records relating to finance and administration, 1910-1969; records, including re finance and administration, missionaries and mission property, relating to: Angola, Brazil, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, New Hebrides, Philippines, Taiwan, Trinidad, Zaire, Zambia, and Zimbabwe; records of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia; and records of external cooperating councils. Some series include records of antecedent, successor, and related bodies: the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Overseas Missions, Division of World Outreach, and the Woman's Missionary Society.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/united-church-of-canada-board-of-world-mission-fonds>

FONDS 503/SERIES 2: RECORDS RELATING TO FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION. –1910-1969. –12 cm of textual records.

See Finding Aid: 503

Series consists of financial and property records pertaining to missions in West China, including Kikungshaw and Chi Kong Shan Mountain; Chungking; and in India--Oakville, Landour; Japan, including Kwansai Gakuin University; Korea; and also those re Angola.

FONDS 503/SERIES 3: MISSIONARY FILES. –1951-1971. –19 cm of textual records.

This material was removed from the files of the Board of World Mission and the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church at some point in the past, and is now restored.

Series consists of correspondence with individual missionaries, concerning work in the field, their own positions, and reports on other missionaries. There is a good deal of the correspondence of Sid Gilchrist, mission doctor in Angola and Zambia.

FONDS 503/SERIES 4: RECORDS RELATING TO ANGOLA. –1962-1976, predominant 1962-1972. –1.3 m of textual records.

See Finding Aid: 503

The work of the Angola Mission was greatly disrupted by the armed struggle for liberation against the Portuguese government.

Series consists of minutes of Church of Christ in Angola General Assembly and Executive Committee and related committees; correspondence of Board Secretaries with missionaries; reports, news clippings. Much of this material documents the political struggle and the role of the church leaders and missionaries. Arranged primarily by year.

FONDS 503/SERIES 20: RECORDS RELATING TO ZAIRE. -1960-1974. -84 cm of textual records.

The United Church of Canada was invited into the Congo (renamed Zaire in 1972) following the removal of the Belgian administration, first as medical missionaries, and then as workers with refugees from Angola. United Church missionaries and aid workers were under the direction of the Congo Protestant Relief Agency, a division of the Congo Protestant Council, and later under the control of the Eglise du Christ in Zaire (1972), and participated in several institutions.

See Finding Aid: 503

Series consists of correspondence of missionaries; records of agencies and institutes; and scholarship requests.

FONDS 504: UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH FONDS. -- 1925-1992, predominant 1973-1985. -- 20.8 m of textual records

The Division of World Outreach was created by General Council in 1972 out of the Board of World Mission and became operational in July 1973. The new Division promoted mutuality in mission and interdenominational cooperation; it divided its administrative framework into geographic areas, including Africa, Asia, Latin America and Caribbean, South Asia and Pacific. In 2001 as part of a General Council structure reorganization, Division of World Outreach became part of the newly formed Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit.

See Finding Aid: 504

Fonds consists of the following series; Records of the Secretary of Division, 1963-2002; Records of the Finance and Administration Office, 1960-2002; Records relating to Missionary Personnel, 1929-2003; Records relating to Africa, 1954-2004; Records relating to Asia and Pacific, 1953-2001; Records relating to Caribbean and Latin America, 1942-2003; Records relating to Interfaith Dialogue, 1968-2000; Records relating to Development, 1973-2003; and Records relating to Education for Engagement, 1986-2005.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/records-relating-to-africa>

FONDS 504/SERIES 4: RECORDS RELATING TO AFRICA. -1954-2004. -5 m of textual records. -2 photographs.

Until 1976, first as an Associate Secretary and then as Secretary, Garth Legge had responsibility for Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America. James A. Kirkwood first reported as Associate Secretary for Africa in 1977, with Garth Legge continuing to have responsibility for the Caribbean and Latin America.

From 1988 to 1993, Paula J. Butler and Jim Kirkwood shared the roles of Africa Area Secretaries, followed by Omega Bula and Paula Butler (1944-1995), Omega Bula and Lee Holland (1996-2002). Under the major reorganization of 2001, work related to Africa was moved to the Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit.

See Finding Aid: 504

Series consists of the following subseries, 1) Office files, 1971-1999; 2) Contacts and Projects in various nations, 1954-2004; 3) Records Relating to Ecumenical Partnerships, 1961-2001.

FONDS 505/UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY FONDS. –1886-1972, predominant 1925-1962. –35.4 m of textual records; 150 photographs; 2 maps; 6 architectural drawings.

The United Church of Canada Woman's Missionary Society (WMS) brought together in October 1925 the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church (Canada) and the Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions. The new Society had its first annual meeting in 1926. Like the earlier societies, it brought the message of missions before the entire community of the Church, while offering financial support and personnel to its own wide mission programme. The Home and Overseas Missions were organized into separate Departments, and other Departments were devoted to Finance, Home Organization, Literature, Periodicals, and Scholarship and Candidates.

The foreign missions were under an Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Department (renamed Overseas Missions in 1945), with secretaries responsible for each foreign nation in which the Society served. The women's work encompassed the whole of the modern century's missionary ideal: medical service, including clinics and nursing, but also hospital building, financing and administration; education from the primary to the university level; evangelism, visitation and social service. By the 1950s, control of many of these mission enterprises had been transferred to local leadership. The Society worked in cooperation with the United Church's Board of Overseas Missions in many of these missions.

The home missions were under an Executive Secretary of the Home Missions Department. The Department worked with immigrants and the poor, on Aboriginal reserves where they operated hospitals and schools, and in cities where they ran boarding schools and homes for out-of-town children. The Society originally established a number of schools and hospitals, predominantly in Western Canada, but these were gradually turned over to government administration.

In 1962 the Society's overseas missions work was merged with the new Board of World Mission; the home missions work was merged with the Board of Home Missions. Other work was incorporated into the Board of Women, established in 1962, and into the general work of United Church Boards in which women were achieving more equal participation.

See Finding Aid: 505

Fonds consists of twenty-seven series: records of the Dominion Board, 1889-1972; records of the Overseas Missions Department relating to each of the following: Angola, 1924-1961; Honan, 1925-1955; South China, 1929-1950; West China, 1925-1952; Hong Kong and Formosa, 1949-1961; India and Nepal, 1926-1961; Japan, 1886-1961; Korea, 1926-1961; Northern Rhodesia, 1953-1961; Trinidad, 1927-1961; records of the Home Mission Department relating to each of the following: boarding schools and school homes, 1929-1962; Community Missions East, 1932-1962; Department of the Stranger, 1922-1931;

Community Missions West, 1926-1962; work with Aboriginal People, 1927-1960; medical work, 1909-1962; work with Japanese and Chinese in Canada, 1927-1962; records of the Scholarship and Candidate Departments, 1948-1961; records of the Home Organization Department, 1944-1962; records of the Literature Department, 1926-1961; records of the Periodicals Department, 1926-1961; records of the Bay of Quinte Conference Branch, 1925-1962; records of the Toronto Conference Branch, 1914-1962; records of the Hamilton Conference Branch, 1925-1962; records of the London Conference Branch, 1926-1962; and historical documents from Conference Branches, 1926-1961.

<https://catalogue.unitychurcharchives.ca/unity-church-of-canada-womans-missionary-society-fonds>

FONDS 505/SERIES 2: RECORDS RELATING TO OVERSEAS MISSIONS: ANGOLA. –1924-1962. –48 cm of textual records.

The Angola Mission was originally a Congregational mission and the first woman from the Congregational Women's Board of Missions began her service there in 1890. After Church Union, the Woman's Missionary Society was one of three overseas missions boards working in Angola. The United Church Board of Overseas Missions and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (Congregational) were the other two. Throughout this period the Church of Christ in Angola gradually took over more and more responsibility for the direction of the work done by the foreign boards.

See Finding Aid: 505

Series includes minutes: of the Angola West Mission Council and its Executive, 1925-1943; of the joint meetings of the Canadian and American Missions, 1929-1943; of the Board of Trustees of Central Institutions, 1925-1954, 1957, and 1959; of the Joint Consultative Committee, 1927-1961; and of the Evangelical Alliance, 1943-1956. In addition there is correspondence of the Executive Secretary with the Angola field Secretary, 1926-1961 (incomplete) and with the Council of Evangelical Churches in Central Angola, 1957-1961; correspondence and reports of the field treasurer, 1928-1961 (incomplete) as well as some account books; and correspondence of the missionaries.

FONDS 552: UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA JUSTICE, GLOBAL AND ECUMENICAL RELATIONS UNIT FONDS. –2002-2013. –7.26 m of textual records; 1150 photographs; 17 video discs; 3 optical discs.

The Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit was created after a massive unit reorganization in 2002. The Unit absorbed much of the work of the previous Division of Mission in Canada, and Division of World Outreach. The Unit had lead responsibility for justice initiatives, global partnerships, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. It offered leadership that strengthened the church's engagement in God's mission embodied in Jesus Christ of justice, peace, and care of creation, locally and globally, facilitating the sharing of resources with global, ecumenical, and interfaith partners. The work was divided into four major headings: global partnership, including global ecumenical and global mission personnel; justice, peace, and creation advocacy; inter-church/interfaith programs and the General Council Ecumenical Office, and education for engagement. The unit changed over time.

Under a 2010 unit reorganization, work of the Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations unit was split up between the newly created Communities in Ministry, and Partners in Mission units. In 2013, the units reorganized again and most of the work came under the Church in Mission Unit.

Finding Aid: 552

Fonds consists of the following Series: 1) Administrative Records, 1991-2011; 2) Records Relating to Ecumenical, Interchurch and Interfaith Relations, 1978-2013; 3) Partners in Africa and Middle East, 1992-2012; 4) Partners in Asia, 1978-2012; 5) Partners in Caribbean and Latin America, 1983-2012; 6) Records Relating to People in Mission, 1970-2012; 7) Records Relating to People in Partnership, 1987-2015; 8) Records Relating to Education for Justice, 1992-2013; 9) Records Relating to Public Witness, 1981-2010; 10) Records Relating to Emergency Response, 2000-2009.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/united-church-of-canada-justice-global-and-ecumenical-relations-unit-3>

FONDS 552/SERIES 3: PARTNERS IN AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST. –1991-2015.

Work related to Africa was moved from the Division of World Outreach to the newly formed Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit after the major unit reorganization in 2002. Work in the Unit was overseen by Area Secretaries (2002-2004), then Program Coordinators (2005-2010). From 2002-2003, work related to Africa was divided into East & Central Africa and South Africa/Emergency Response. For 2004-2009, work was combined under the titles of East & Central Africa/The Middle East and South Africa/Emergency Response. From 2010 until the end of 2012, work related to Africa was part of the Partners in Mission Unit. The Africa and Middle East program was overseen by Program Coordinator, Wendy Gichuru.

In 2013, the Communities in Ministry and Partners in Mission units were merged to create Church in Mission. In the Church in Mission Unit, work related to Africa and Middle East was a part of Church in Partnership, the work divided up by Team Leaders and Program Coordinators.

See Finding Aid: 552

Series consists of the following subseries: Office Files, 1998-2013; Records re Partners in Africa, 1992-2015; Records re Partners in Middle East, 2003-2005; Records re Ecumenical Organizations and Partnerships, 1991-2012.

PERSONAL PAPERS COLLECTIONS

FONDS 3055: EDITH M. CLARK FONDS. -- 1926-1948. -- 1 album

Edith M. Clark (1896-1985) was a Presbyterian and United Church deaconess and missionary to Angola. She was born in 1896 in Culross, Ontario. She taught public school and studied at the University of Toronto (B.A., Household Science). She was appointed by the Women's Missionary Society in 1925 to Angola, where she taught household science to young women. She was transferred back to Canada in 1961.

To order files, use finding aid if available, if not use location number: 1986.064C.

Fonds consists of a scrapbook containing clippings and photographs of Women's Missionary Society activity in Angola, 1926-1948.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/edith-m-clark-fonds>

FONDS 3057: ELIZABETH CLIMO FONDS. -- 1917 August 28. -- 1 cm of textual records

Mrs. Elizabeth Climo (1861-1952) was a Congregationalist missionary in Africa.

To order files, use finding aid if available, if not use location number: 1986.066C/TR.

Fonds consists of a letter to Elizabeth Climo from another Congregationalist missionary, Libbie Seymour Commack, 1917 August 28.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/elizabeth-climo-fonds>

FONDS 3066: WALTER T. CURRIE FONDS. --1885-1910. --7 cm of textual records.

Walter T. Currie (1857-1915) was a Congregational missionary to Angola. Born in Toronto, he studied at McGill University and the Congregational College of Canada. He was a pioneer of the Canadian Congregational Mission in Angola, serving from 1886. Ill health forced him to return to Canada in 1911, and he died near Victoria, British Columbia.

To order files, use finding aid if available, if not use location number: 1986.075C.

Fonds consists of copies of correspondence, 1885-1903; copies of reports on work in Africa, [189-?]-1910.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/walter-t-currie-fonds>

FONDS 3069: NANCY E. COPITHORNE FONDS. --1925-1979. --36 cm of textual records; 654 photographs.

Nancy E. Copithorne (1908-1984) was a United Church missionary to Angola. She was born in 1908 in County Cork, Ireland, and immigrated to Canada after World War I with her family. She received nursing

training at Vancouver General Hospital in 1930, and in 1934 training in public health nursing at the University of British Columbia. In 1935 she entered the United Church Training School to prepare for work as a missionary. She served the Woman's Missionary Society for 33 years, mostly in Angola.

See Finding Aid: 3069

Fonds consists of correspondence, including some from Dr. Sidney Gilchrist, 1925-1979; reports, 1940-1972; sermons in Umbundu, 1941-1962; addresses, 1949-1969; articles, notes, scrapbooks, photographs and printed material re United Church missions.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/nancy-e-copithorne-fonds>

FONDS 3079: ELIZABETH MACKENZIE FONDS. –1888-1950. –175 photographs.

Elizabeth Mackenzie was born in England on May 9, 1888. She was appointed to Angola by the Congregational Woman's Missionary Society in 1919, and arrived there in 1920. Once there, she became fluent in Portuguese and Umbundu and began to train other new missionaries. Her first appointment was to Means School, Dondi but she was soon transferred to Camundongo for evangelistic work. Her first furlough was in 1925 and when she returned to Angola in 1926 she was stationed again at Camundongo where she remained until 1931. Her next term was at Lutamo, 1932-1937. There, she taught Scripture at the Currie Institute, and was the W.M.S. corresponding secretary for the Angola Mission. After her second furlough she was again appointed to Lutamo, and spent the rest of her time in Africa there, except one year at Galengue in literature production, and the last few years at Chissamba in literature work and teaching language to new missionaries. She became seriously ill in Angola in 1949, and passed away there on March 3, 1950.

See Finding Aid: 3079

Fonds consists of a collection of photographs from various places in Angola and including missionaries, students and staff at Means School, Missionary School for Children at Dondi, Lutano School, Umbundu Language School, Chissamba Hospital, Currie Institute, clinics, dispensaries, and photographs of various stations, and Angolese people. Additionally there are some family photographs.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/elizabeth-mackenzie-fonds>

FONDS 3106: WILLIAM SIDNEY GILCHRIST FONDS. –1921-1970. –3 cm of textual records.

William Sidney Gilchrist (1901-1970) was a United Church medical missionary to Angola. He was born in Pictou County, Nova Scotia and studied at Pictou Academy and Dalhousie University. He specialized in public health and preventative medicine and eventually earned the honours and degrees of M.D., M.B.E., C.M., D.P.H., D.T.M., LL.D., and D.D. He worked in the County Health Unit in Alabama for a year, and was appointed medical missionary to Angola by the United Church in 1928. He studied Portuguese, and went to West Africa in 1930, ultimately working among the Ovimbundo people for 37 years. During World War II, he was a member of the Canadian Medical Corps in Europe. He was barred from Angola in 1966, thus worked in the Congo. Sydney Gilchrist died in a car accident in Canada.

To order files, use finding aid if available, if not use location number: 1986.115C/TR.

Fonds consists of correspondence, mainly mimeographed letters from Dr. Gilchrist, 1921-1970.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/william-sidney-gilchrist-fonds>

FONDS 3140: ERNEST MARSHALL HOWSE FONDS. -- 1916-1983, predominant 1940-1980. -- 2.51 m of textual records; 52 photographs; 3 microfilm reels : positive and negative.

Ernest Marshall Howse (1915-1981), minister, author, and journalist, was born in Twillingate, Newfoundland and educated in Belleville, Ontario, and at Dalhousie University (B.A. 1929), Pine Hill Divinity College (B.D. 1931), Union Theological Seminary (S.T.M. 1932), and the University of Edinburgh (PhD 1934). He served charges in Beverly Hills, California (1934-1935), Westminster United Church in Winnipeg (1935-1948), and Bloor Street United Church in Toronto (1948-1970). He served as Moderator of the United Church of Canada (1964-1966). Howse was the author of several books including, 'Saints in politics' (1952), 'Spiritual values in Shakespeare,'(1955) and 'Roses in December,'(1981). His journalism appeared in several major Canadian newspapers, including the Toronto Star and Toronto Telegram, the Winnipeg Free Press and Victoria Sun-Times. In addition, he wrote columns for the United Church Observer, and served on the editorial board of the Christian Century.

See Finding Aid: 3140

Fonds consists of the following series: Personal and family records, 1916-1981; Publications, 1938-1983; Muslim-Christian relations, 1942-1972; and Social issues, 1936-1979.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/ernest-marshall-howse-fonds>

FONDS 3176: JOHN TAYLOR TUCKER FONDS. -- 1892-1966. -- 36 cm of textual records

John Taylor Tucker (1883-1958) was a Congregational/United Church missionary to Angola. Born in England, he graduated from Congregational College in Montreal in 1911. He was appointed as a Congregational missionary to Angola in 1912, and became the first principal of the Currie Institute (for boys) at Dondi. He helped to found the Angola Evangelical Alliance, and eventually served as its full-time secretary. In later years, he headed the Centre for Missionary Orientation in Lisbon, Portugal. He wrote several books and articles about Angola missions and its native people, and was fluent in Umbundu.

See Finding Aid: 3176.

Fonds consists of correspondence (including that of Mrs. Leona Tucker); sermons and addresses; historical sketches; clippings; research material; manuscript entitled "Africa awakes; Canada's contribution.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/john-taylor-tucker-fonds>

FONDS 3186: ALICE KATHLEEN AND WALTER EARL STRANGWAY FONDS. -- 1925-1981. -- 26 cm of textual records

Walter Earl Strangway (1899-1980) and Alice Kathleen Strangway (1902-1986) were missionaries to Angola. Walter Earl Strangway was born in Petrolia, Ontario, in 1899. He studied medicine at the

University of Toronto. He served at Chissamba Hospital, Angola, 1928-1967, and was famous for his work with lepers. He worked part-time at Riverdale Hospital, Toronto, 1968-1977. He died in 1980.

Alice Kathleen Strangway was born Alice Kathleen Skinner in 1902 in Douglas, Manitoba. She studied nutrition and chemistry and the University of Toronto and the University of Liverpool. She worked in the laboratory at Chissamba Hospital and conducted nutritional research in Angola, 1928-1967. She continued part-time research at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto after 1967. She died in 1986.

See Finding Aid: 3186

Fonds consists of correspondence, articles and correspondence, 1925-1978 (86.195); and articles, memorabilia and printed material primarily concerned with Alice Strangway, 1927-1981 (86.196).

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/alice-kathleen-and-walter-earl-strangway-fonds>

FONDS 3225: MARJORY MILLAR FONDS. -- 1930-1947. -- 3 cm of textual records; 24 photographs

Marjorie Millar (1901-1985) was a United Church missionary to Angola and Brazil. She was born at Thorold, Ontario, and studied at Normal School for a year and at the United Church Training School from 1927 to 1928. In 1928, she was appointed by the Woman's Missionary Society to Angola. In 1967 she was not granted a re-entry visa to Angola and was appointed by the Board of World Mission to work in Brazil. She retired in 1970.

To order files, use finding aid if available, if not use location number: 1990.043C

Fonds consists of book of hymns, 1947; photographs of the fiftieth anniversary jubilee of missionary work in Angola, 1930.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/marjory-millar-fonds>

FONDS 3277: JOHN MURRAY MACINNES FONDS. -- 1950-1966. -- 7 cm of textual records

John Murray MacInnes (1927-1999) was a United Church minister and missionary to Angola. He was born in Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia, and studied at Dalhousie University, Pine Hill Divinity College, Lisbon University, and Andover Newton Theological School. After ordination he served charges in Ontario, and as a missionary in Angola (1953-1964). After his return from Angola, he served St. Paul's-Avenue Road United Church in Toronto (1971-1975), and as Africa Secretary for the Anglican Church of Canada.

To order files, use finding aid if available, if not use location number: 1986.286C

Fonds consists of correspondence, and papers re worship in Angola.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/john-murray-macinnnes-fonds>

FONDS 3362: SANDERS FAMILY FONDS. -- 1882-1914. -- 9 cm of textual records

Minnie J. Sanders was born Mary Jane Mawhir in Belfast, Ireland, in 1855. She was a missionary of the American Congregational Church to Angola. She arrived in Benguela in 1882 and the same year she married William Henry Sanders. She died in 1891.

William Henry Sanders was born in Tillypally, Jaffna, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) in 1856, the son of a missionary. He was educated in Massachusetts, and ordained a Congregational minister in 1880. He embarked for missionary work in Angola later that year, where he served until 1930. He was married to Mary Jane Mawhir, and then Sarah Bell. Rev. Sanders died in 1947.

To order files, use finding aid if available, if not use location number: 1986.360C; 2000.071C/TR

Fonds consists of correspondence of Minnie J. Sanders from Angola, 1882-1891 (86.360C) and a copybook of Rev. William Henry Sanders, 1899-1914 (2000.071C/TR)

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/sanders-family-fonds>

FONDS 3471: FRANCES M. WALBRIDGE FONDS. -- 1939-1974. -- 20 cm of textual records

Frances Walbridge (1911-) was a missionary to Angola and Zaire. She was born at Mystic, Quebec, educated at McGill University, Cornell University, Syracuse University and United Church Training School. She was appointed by the W.M.S. to Round Lake Indian School in 1939, to Angola in 1941. In 1970, she was refused a return visa to Angola and went to Zaire. She returned to Canada in 1973 and retired in 1974.

See Finding Aid: 3471

Fonds consists of correspondence to Ann Peverley, family and others regarding life as a missionary in Saskatchewan, Angola and Zaire

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/frances-m-walbridge-fonds>

FONDS 3592: REV. JAMES DOUGLAS ORMISTON FONDS. -- 1967-2006. -- 52 cm textual records; 34 photographs

Rev. James Douglas Ormiston (1923-2008) was a United Church minister, missionary to Angola and worked for the Board of World Mission. He was born in 1922 in Tantallon, Saskatchewan, and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1944. He attended St. Andrew's Theological college in Saskatoon 1944-1945 and then received his B.D. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1948 followed by his Th.M in 1963.

After two years in pastoral work in Hudson Bay, SK Rev. Ormiston was appointed for work in Angola in 1951. Returning to Angola in 1956 following furlough he was responsible for the Dondi Press. Rev. Ormiston was then send to the Congo in the summer of 1961. Upon return to Canada in 1961 he was appointed to the Board of Overseas Missions as Secretary for Personnel. At the 1962 General Council he was named Assistant Secretary of the Board of World Mission.

In 1966 he resigned from the Board and returned to Pastoral work in Spiritwood (1966-67). He became director of Crossroad Africa 1968-1971, and served in Yellowknife 1972-1981. During 1982-85, he seved South Peace PC and through 1985-88 served at Prince Rupert First PC. Rev. Ormiston retired in Naramata BC in 1988 and died August 14, 2008.

See Finding Aid: 3592

Fonds consists of the following records: sermons 1967-2006; correspondence 1989-2006; radio and television writing 1974-1984.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/rev-james-douglas-ormiston>

FONDS 3599: COLLINS FAMILY FONDS. -- 1943-1955. -- 17 cm of textual records; 3 photographs.

Dr. Ralph Collins and Dr. Jean Collins were missionaries to Angola, Africa.

Ralph Collins was born in England, May 8 1892 and died September 30, 1970. He arrived in Canada at age 17 and received his B.A. from McGill in 1923 and his B.D. in 1925 from Congregational College. He would receive an honorary D.D. from the United Theological College in Montreal in 1946. Dr. Collins was ordained in 1925 and arrived in Angola as a missionary in 1927 to take over from Dr. W.H. Sanders. In 1928 he married Miss Jean Gurd in Montreal and she worked alongside him in Angola. They served in Camundongo until 1947 when they were appointed to organize and direct Emmanuel Seminary in Dondi. Dr. Collins returned from Angola in 1959 and held various short positions as Retired Supply in Ottawa including Wesley, Permbroke, Larder Lake, Cardinal, South Mountain, Vars-Nava, Parkdale and Knox United.

Jean Collins was born in Montreal 1903 and received her English Degree from McGill University in 1925. She went on to complete her Masters and taught for four years in the English Department. She was an active member of the Church and engaged in the beginnings of the C.G.I.T. movement. After marriage to Dr. Ralph Collins she moved to Angola to work with him. After their retirement from Angola in 1959 she returned to Ottawa to work at Carleton University. Mrs. Collins was a nominee for Moderator in 1974 and in May 1975 she received an honorary D.D. from United Theological College in Montreal. Dr. Jean Collins died March 29, 1994.

To order files, use finding aid if available, if not use location number: 2000.055C; 2011.067C.

Fonds consists of correspondence, 1943-1981; reports regarding various aspects of mission work in Angola, 1931-1964; biographies of Angolan ordination candidates (mostly in Umbundu); notes and writing re Angola, and photographs.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/collins-family-fonds>

FONDS 3625: ELIZABETH B. CAMPBELL FONDS. -- [19-?]. -- 2.5 cm of textual records; 1 photograph

Elizabeth B. Campbell (1869-1951) was a missionary. She was born in Duntroon, Ontario and trained as a teacher. She started serving in Angola in 1900 under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. After taking a leave of absence for a few years she returned in 1920 under the Canada Congregational Women's Board of Missions. While under the American Board she worked at Elende and Chilessso and while under the Canadian Board worked at Chissamba (1920-1927) teaching Household Sciences courses; at Camundongo (1930-1933) she taught at the Vocational School for Girls. She retired in Toronto in 1934 and died in 1951.

To order files, use finding aid if available, if not use location number: 2013.131C/TR.

Fonds consists of reminiscences and speeches, lesson plans and course outlines, [19-?] and photograph.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/elizabeth-b-campbell-fonds>

FONDS 3686: KEITH JAMIESON FONDS. –1958-1961. –11 maps.

Ronald Keith Jamieson (1929 -) was a United Church missionary who first served in Angola before being sent to India where he continued to serve until he resigned his post. Jamieson was born in Nelson, B.C. and earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of British Columbia and later a diploma in Environmental Control from the London School of Tropical Medicine. After spending some time in Portugal learning the language, Jamieson began his missionary work at the Bailundo mission in Angola. Here he worked from 1961-1964 on school administration, evangelism and rural development extension programs. In 1965, his missionary work continued in Western India, at mission sites in Solapur, Osmanabad, Jalna, Vadala, and Pune.

In 1970, Keith married his wife Johanna (née Macaulay) Jamieson, also a missionary for the Church of Scotland mission, while working in Jalna, India. They remained together for their missionary work in India until 1987 when they returned to Canada, and Johanna became Associate Secretary for Finance and Administration of the Division of World Outreach for the United Church.

To order files, use finding aid if available, if not use location number: 2016.163C

Fonds consists of printed maps of Angola depicting mission sites, primarily of maps produced by the government as well as a single commercial map with indicators for mission sites pasted on the surface.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/keith-jamieson-fonds-2>

FONDS 3729: MERRILL AND VERONA FERGUSON FAMILY FONDS. –1940-2013. –7 cm of textual records.

Rev. Frederick Merrill Ferguson (1909-1984) was a United Church missionary in Angola with his wife Verona Ferguson. M. Ferguson was born in Durham County, Ontario and from an early age was interested in church work. In 1925 he became a candidate for ministry and served as a student minister for the Board of Home Missions in Saskatchewan and Ontario during his summers off from university. During his studies, he worked as student minister in Scarborough, Ontario. He was ordained in 1933 alongside his brother Clarence, by the Bay of Quinte Conference. He subsequently worked for the Board of Home Missions in Cadomin-Mountain Park Pastoral Charge in Alberta. In 1934 he was appointed to the Angola Mission and also married Verona Ferguson (nee Clemence). In October 1934 he and V. Ferguson left for Angola where they both served as missionaries for the next twenty five years. In Angola they served at Chissamba, Camundongo and Dondi mission stations. Aside from his missionary work, M. Ferguson also organized boys' work, taught village leaders, helped in the Portuguese church while studying Portuguese, served as president of the mission council and as a government liaison. In 1959 the Ferguson's resigned from the mission for health and family reasons and returned to Canada. Upon his return, M. Ferguson served at the following charges until his retirement in 1979: Parkview United Church Stratford, Cosburn United Church Toronto East and Kings view United Church Oshawa.

Verona Irene Ferguson (1910-2005) was born in Stayner, Ontario. She was brought up in the Methodist Church. After high school she relocated to Toronto and studied to become a nurse. After graduation, she obtained a position in Northern Ontario with the Canadian Red Cross Society and spent over a year at

Dryden. In 1934 she married M. Ferguson and for the next twenty five years served with him as a missionary in Angola. Upon the family's return to Canada, V. Ferguson commuted to Toronto and did home visits with Portuguese speaking households. She passed away in 2005 at the age of ninety-four.

M. and V. Ferguson had four children. Their eldest daughter Helen Voutt (b. 1937) continued in their footsteps and worked with Angola Memorial Scholarship Fund.

See Finding Aid: 3729

Fonds consists of anthropological papers re Angola, clippings, letters and histories re Angolan missionaries, and information on the Angola Memorial Scholarship Fund 1940-2013.

<https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/merrill-and-verona-ferguson-family-fonds>

PHOTOGRAPHS

FOREIGN MISSIONS PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION. -- 1869-1984. -- 8.36 m. of graphic material (ca. 10,000 photographs)

Collection contains images generated in the course of foreign mission activities under the direction of various boards, committees, and societies of the United Church of Canada and its antecedent bodies including: the Methodist Church (Canada) and its predecessor bodies, the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, and the Methodist Church of Canada; the Presbyterian Church in Canada and its predecessor body, the Canada Presbyterian Church.

See Finding Aid: See Graphics Database

Additional photographs listed in fonds in this Guide may be found in the graphics database. A keyword search of Angola will bring up results.

NOTE: Please send an email for information on ordering copies of photographs and fees: archives@united-church.ca

LIBRARY MATERIALS

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AUDIO-VISUAL –Produced by Berkeley Studios

Berkeley Studios opened in 1956. It produced photographs, film and filmstrips, recordings and radio and television productions that promoted the work of the United Church. The department evolved and shifted through the organization of the United Church and was closed in 2007. The church continues to produce some A/V materials through key staff and freelancers.

These resources are being preserved offsite and must be retrieved. Researchers will need to contact the UCC to make arrangements for transfer costs and discuss any copyright concerns, please email the archives to discuss your needs: archives@united-church.ca

Master 2042, Running Time: 00:28:30:00

ANGOLA: HEALING THE WOUNDS: THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH, 07/07/1992

As the Angolan people struggle to build a nation, Angola Christians, supported by sisters and brothers in North America and Europe, have played a significant role.

Master 2043 Tape 1 (DVD Master 3462), Running Time 00:16:30:00

ANGOLA: THE COST OF WAR, 07/06/1992

For many years the people of Angola have never really never known peace. The Cost of War describes their 15-year liberation struggle against centuries of Portuguese oppression, followed by a 15-year civil war.

Master 2043 Tape 2, Running Time: 00:18:00:00

ANGOLA: HOPES FOR A NEW NATION, 07/09/1992

Describes the hopes of the Angolan people at a time of a fragile peace as they strive towards democracy for their nation.

Master 1696, Running Time 00:14:26:00

ANGOLA: A COUNTRY DIVIDED, 03/18/1991

Transfer from filmstrip about tensions in Angola.

Master 1061, Running Time 00:30:00:00

ANGOLA MISSIONARIES: RADLEY, EDITH AND BRIDGMAN, DR. BETTY, 10/25/1977

Peter Flemington interviews Angola missionaries Edith Radley (nurse) and Dr. Betty Bridgman.

Master 1356, Tape 2, FilmStrips

ANGOLA AWAKES: FILMSTRIPS (FS-26, 27, & 28), 11/24/1989

Early United Church production re life in Angola, mission etc.

Master 2087, Running Time 00:35:00:00

ANGOLA '92: PARTS 1 & 2, 07/09/1992

1. THE COST OF WAR 2. HOPES FOR A NEW NATION: Story of the Angolan people who, for many years, have not known peace. After centuries of Portuguese colonial oppression, 15-year liberation struggle, 15 years of civil war, a fragile peace exists and hopes for democracy.

Master 2054, Running Time :62:29:00

ANGOLA '92: PORTUGUESE VERSION (3 PARTS), 09/16/1992

MAPS/ARCHITECTURAL RECORDS

Fonds Name Canada Congregational Foreign Missionary Society fonds

Accession 80.015

Item 1

Title Bird's eye view of Currie Institute, Dondi, West Central Africa

Creator Prepared for American Board and the Canada Congregational Foreign Missionary Society

Date of Creation n.d.

Description 1 map : blueprint ; 60 x 95 cm

Notes Indicates total area of concession equals 10, 000 acres

Physical condition : edges torn

Forms part of accession 1980.015C, Box 4, File 76.

Subject Missions - **Angola** - Designs and plans
School buildings - **Angola** - Designs and plans
Location MC 4-2

Fonds Name Foreign Missions Maps and architectural drawings collection

Accession 2012.137

Item 1

Title [Map of Africa]

Creator prepared for Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church
of Canada

Date of Creation n.d.

Description 1 map ; 86.5 x 71.5 cm

Notes Includes inset of **Angola** : "the section where the W.M.S. of the
UCC shares in the work".
Indicates locations of churches.
Forms part of accession 2012.137C

Subject Maps - Africa
Missions - Africa - Maps
Missions - **Angola** - Maps

Location MC 4-8

Fonds Name Foreign Missions Maps and architectural drawings collection

Accession 2012.137

Item 2

Title West Central Africa mission of the American Board and
Congregational Churches of Canada. **Angola**, Africa.

Creator prepared by Canada Congregational Woman's Board of Missions

Scale [1:477 225]

Date of Creation 6150

Description 1 map : b&w ; 60.5 x 96.5 cm

Notes Includes Canadian and American stations, inset of map of Africa
and the distances of Chisamba and Chiyuka out stations.
Forms part of accession 2012.137C

Subject Missions - **Angola** - Maps

Location MC 4-8

Fonds Name Foreign Missions Maps and architectural drawings collection

Accession 2012.137

Item 3

Title Africa showing protestant mission stations

Creator compiled by R. Beach for the Missionary Education Movement
of the United States and Canada

Scale [1:250]

Date of Creation 1928

Description 1 map ; 122 x 96.5 cm

Notes Formerly identified as 1999.001P/3428
Fragile condition : torn along edges and folds.
Forms part of accession 2012.137C.

Subject Missions - **Angola** - Maps

Location MC 4-8

Fonds Name Foreign Missions Maps and architectural drawings collection

Accession 2012.137

Item 4

Title **Angola**, West Africa mission of the American Congregational
Church and the United Church of Canada

Creator R. L. Wilson

Scale 1:325 000

Date of Creation 1930

Description 1 map : diazo mounted on canvas; 103.5 x 181 cm

Notes Forms part of accession 2012.137C

Subject Missions - **Angola** - Maps

Location MC 4-8