



# Research Guide to Maternity Homes

(Revised October 2022)

## **DEDICATED MATERNITY HOMES OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

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## INTRODUCTION

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The United Church of Canada and its antecedent denominations operated and/or supported facilities – commonly referred to as maternity homes – that assisted pregnant unwed women across Canada. Five of these facilities were dedicated maternity homes, while others may have provided occasional care to pregnant women. Policies, practices and services varied across facilities; however, commonly babies born to these women would be placed for adoption.

The dedicated maternity homes of The United Church of Canada included, by province:

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In 2020, The United Church of Canada formerly apologized for its role in the separation of children from their birth families (For more information, please visit <https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/apology-forced-adoptions.>)

This research guide identifies records created by and/or about maternity homes run by The United Church of Canada found at the various United Church of Canada Archives. Due to public interest in the operation of these maternity homes, the United Church of Canada Archives in Toronto created the first version of this guide in 2012. It was updated in 2022 to include new acquisitions and additional records discovered through research, internally and externally.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA ARCHIVES CIRCLE

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The United Church of Canada has eight archival repositories across Canada. All are open to the public; please contact the archives directly for information about appointments and access to records: <http://united-church.ca/contact/archives>

The General Council Archives in Toronto holds the records of the national court of The United Church of Canada, the General Council. The Regional Council Archives located across the country hold the records created by the regional councils (including former Conferences and presbyteries) and communities of faith of The United Church of Canada.

The Maternity Homes that the Church operated often reported to church bodies at the regional level of The United Church of Canada; therefore, records are primarily located in the fonds of 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 of operation and deposited in the appropriate Archives. In some cases, the Archives may not have received any records from the homes, but where possible archivists have identified external archival institutions that may have records.

All records in The United Church of Canada Archives are preserved and cared for by archivists according to professional standards; please see the Code of Ethics, available from the Association for Canadian Archivists: <http://www.archivists.ca/content/code-ethics>

## **CONTENT WARNING**

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This research guide contains descriptions relating to the work of maternity facilities run by the United Church of Canada. Maternity facilities, historically referred to as maternity homes or homes for unwed mothers, were institutions that often advocated for the separation of babies from their birth mothers and/or parents to avoid the social stigma of having a child outside marriage. The Archives recognizes the complexity of this issue and how it may affect, in many ways, former residents of these facilities, the children who were placed for adoption, and the families who adopted. Please make any necessary preparations prior to viewing. Materials of this nature can be upsetting and may be unsuitable for some uses.

**GENERAL COUNCIL/ONTARIO REGIONAL COUNCILS ARCHIVES (TORONTO):  
TEXTUAL RECORDS**

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The United Church of Canada Archives, located in Toronto, consists of the General Council Archives and the Ontario Regional Councils Archives (including Antler River Watershed, Canadian Shield, East Central Ontario, Horseshoe Falls, Shining Waters and Western Ontario Waterways, and parts of Eastern Ontario Outaouais, regional councils. The records listed in this section include General Council AND regional council records held at this location. For more information, visit our website: <https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca>.

**FONDS 500: UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA GENERAL COUNCIL FONDS. – 1925-2015.**

The General Council is the highest Church court with full power to determine matters relating to: boundaries and number of Conferences; doctrine, worship, membership and government; the courses of study for and ordination to the Order of Ministry; property matters; missionary policy; colleges and Christian education; petitions, memorials and appeals; relationships with other churches; appointments to committees and Divisions and of officers for Departments; appointment of the Secretary of the General Council, its Executive and its standing committees.

**SERIES 2: RECORDS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND SUB-EXECUTIVE**

The Executive of the General Council must study, promote and protect the general interest of the church. It is responsible for reviewing the agenda and the proposals for General Council; making recommendations to the General Council; consulting with the church and then referring to the General Council any denomination-shaping or faith-shaping issues that arises for the Executive; reporting its actions to the General Council; dealing with matters referred to it by the General Council; ensuring that the decisions and recommendations of the General Council are carried out, or explaining why there were not; calling special meetings of the General Council; overseeing remits and approving changes to The Manual.

**SERIES 2 / Subseries 3: Correspondence. – 1925-1983.**

<b>1982.001C</b>	Box 55	Includes: Bella Coola Hospital (BC) Wrinch Memorial Hospital (Hazelton, BC) Bonnyville re: farm property Elizabeth House, Home for Unmarried Mothers (QC) Home for Girls (BC) [Note: Regarding Boxes 55 to 57, a file listing available, unfortunately, this list is not up to date as the files were later reorganized. However, the listing is detailed and can provide researchers with an overview of the contents and types of records found in the boxes.]	1965
	56	- - -	1965-1966
	57	- - -	1966-1967

**FONDS 509: UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA BOARD OF HOME MISSION FONDS. – 1857-1985, PREDOMINANT 1926-1971.**

The Board of Home Missions, constituted in 1926, was responsible for supervising and administering all the mission work of the United Church in Canada. This encompassed working among Aboriginal People, French Canadians, immigrants, and ethno-cultural communities; maintaining missions in marine, urban, and rural areas; overseeing chaplaincies and student charges; supporting church extension in new communities; running institutions including inner city missions, youth centres, children's homes, All Peoples' Missions, hospitals, and schools; and undertaking other forms of community and social service work. This Board was incorporated into the new Division of Mission in Canada in 1972.

SERIES 2/Subseries 2: Institutions and Block Grants. – 1907-1979.

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
		<b>Manitoba Conference – Winnipeg Presbytery</b>	
<b>1983.050C</b>	95-9	“Church Home for Girls”	1957-1959; 1969-1972

SERIES 3/Subseries 2: Loans and Grants/Property. –1941-1984.

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
<b>1983.050C</b>	188-4	Assiniboia--Guiding Light Home for Girls	1970-1973
<b>1983.050C</b>	188-5	Assiniboia - Guiding Light Home for Girls re: sale of property	1971

SERIES 4: PROPERTY AND INSTITUTIONS. –1857-1983.

Series consists of records relating to several institutions and charges that were the responsibility of the Board of Home Missions. The records are related to specific institutions where appropriate, and in other cases are identified by the presbytery receiving aid from the Board. Institutions include schools and school homes, hospitals, mission boats, Indigenous mission properties, churches, city missions, and ethno-cultural mission properties.

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
		<b>Manitoba</b>	
<b>1983.050C</b>	258-8	Winnipeg, 2594 Henderson Hwy, Girls' Home  [Church Home for Girls – McMillan House re: sale of property]	1975-1976
<b>1983.050C</b>	258-9	- - - - -	1977-1983

**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

## FONDS 510 (continued)

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

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.

Records relating to maternity in this series include:

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
1988.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, April 20, 1961, p. 6 re: new building, Church Home for Girls, Winnipeg	1961
1988.088C	Box 13-1	---, September 20, 1961, p. 17 re: resignation of Superintendent of the Church Home for Girls, Winnipeg	1961
1988.088C	Box 13-1	---, September 20, 1961, p. 17, ; re Appointment of Superintendent of the United Church Home, Burnaby, BC	1961
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	Box 13-1	---, April 30, 1964, p. 5, re Church Home for Girls, MB operating very well after usual problem with new building	1964
1988.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, April 29, 1965, re transfer 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	1965

**FONDS 510/SERIES 1 (cont.)**

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Box/File</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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.	
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, June 14, 1967, p. 5, re retirement of Mrs. Doering, Superintendent of the Victor Home for Girls on June 30th	1967



**FONDS 510/SERIES 1 (cont.)**

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Box/File</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1988.088C	Box 13-1	Minutes of the Executive, November 6, 1967, p. 14 re official opening of New Church Home for Girls, Burnaby, BC	1967
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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

**FONDS 510/SERIES 1 (cont.)**

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Box/File</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	Box 13-5	Minutes of the Interim Executive , February 22, 1971, p. 2 re relationship of Homes and Community projects to National Boards	1971
1983.052C	48	Correspondence re finances of girl's home in Burnaby	1957
1983.052C	49	Copy of financial statement for 1957, Burnaby Home for Girls	1957
1983.052C	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**

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.

Records in this series relating to maternity homes include:

**FONDS 510/SERIES 2 (cont.)**

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Box/File</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1983.052C	1-12	Elizabeth House, Montreal	1968-1973
1983.052C	4-8	Victor Home for Girls	1965-1971
1983.052C	8-14	United Church Home for Girls, Burnaby, B.C.	1970-1973
1983.052C	9-2	Reports from Homes for Unmarried Mothers	1968-1974
1983.052C	10-5	Papers, Conference of Superintendents and Representatives of Boards of Directors, Homes for Unmarried Mothers, 12-13 November 1965	1965
1983.052C	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.

Records in this subseries relating to maternity homes include:

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Box/File</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1988.088C	39-3	Church Home for Girls, Winnipeg: correspondence	1973-1977
1983.054C	10-2	Victor Home for Girls: correspondence, reports	1972-1975

**FONDS 520: UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA SOCIAL, PASTORAL AND EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS COLLECTION. – 1820-2004, predominant 1910-1979.**

This is a collection of materials, mostly ephemeral from many social, pastoral, and educational institutions connected to The United Church of Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the Methodist Church in Canada. Records relating to maternity homes in this collection include:

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
		<b>Toronto, Ontario. Victor Home</b>	
1983.065C	11-4	Pamphlets, newsletters	1976

**FONDS 556: UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA ETHNIC MINISTRIES UNIT FONDS. – 1966-2013**

SERIES 1/Subeseries 3: Records of Executive Ministers. – 1997-2014

Series includes records of Michael Blair, 1997-2014. Records relating to maternity homes in this subseries include:

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
		<b>General Files</b>	
2018.055C	2-14	Victor Home (Maternity)	1966, 2012

**FONDS 1033: UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA TORONTO CONFERENCE FONDS. – 1925-2019**

Conferences in the United Church of Canada were courts of the Church organized as an administrative grouping of Presbyteries in a geographical area. The Conference was governed by a body consisting of ministers within its boundaries and an equal number of non-ministerial representatives of Pastoral Charges. Functions of a Conference included the following: determining boundaries and numbers of Presbyteries within its bounds; receiving and disposing of appeals, petitions subject to the usual right to appeal; sustaining pastorate in every Pastoral Charge; examining and ordaining candidates for the Order of Ministry; receiving ministers and deaconesses from other Churches; dealing with matters referred to it by the General Council and selecting equal numbers of members of the Order of Ministry and lay representatives to the General Council.

Toronto Conference held its inaugural service on 1925 September 22 in St. James Square Church, Toronto. In 1925 the Toronto Conference encompassed the following Presbyteries: Algoma, Dufferin and Peel, Grey, Muskoka, North Bay, Simcoe, Toronto Centre, Toronto East and Toronto West. In 1927, Sudbury and Temiskaming Presbyteries were added, followed by the addition of Cochrane Presbytery in 1929. In 1975, North Bay, Sudbury, and Temiskaming joined the newly founded Manitou Conference.

In 2009, with the reorganization of Toronto Conference, the number of presbyteries were reduced to four: Living Waters, Northern Waters, South West, and Toronto Southeast.

On January 1, 2019, Toronto Conference disbanded and the congregations within its boundaries became part of the following Regional Councils: Shining Waters Regional Council, Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council, Horseshoe Falls Regional Council and East Central Ontario Regional Council.

## FONDS 1033 (cont.)

### SERIES 3: RECORDS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
1996.100C	5-2	Organizations Part 2 (includes Toronto United Church Emergency Refugee Relief, Canadian Food Grains Bank, Ontario United Church Rural Institute, Victor Home, Inter-Presbytery Affordable Housing Committee, Fred Victor Mission)	1989-1991

### SERIES 4: RECORDS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
1996.100C	5-2	Organizations Part 2 (includes Toronto United Church Emergency Refugee Relief, Canadian Food Grains Bank, Ontario United Church Rural Institute, Victor Home, Inter-Presbytery Affordable Housing Committee, Fred Victor Mission)	1989-1991

## FONDS 1038: UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA TORONTO AREA PRESBYTERY

Presbyteries in the United Church of Canada are courts of the Church within geographical boundaries made up of a number of Pastoral Charges. Presbytery membership consists of ordained ministers of the Charges within the Presbytery, United Church lay persons, and corresponding members. A grouping of Presbyteries within a larger geographical area make up a Conference, a higher court of the Church. The functions of the Presbytery include: overseeing Pastoral Charges within its bounds, including the designation of new Charges; receiving and disposing of petitions and appeals from lower governing bodies or courts; transmitting the above to higher bodies or courts; licensing lay persons recommended after examination; overseeing education of students looking forward to ministry and supervision of members of the Order of Ministry within its bounds.

Toronto Area Presbytery was established in 1971 following the amalgamation of Toronto Centre and Toronto East Presbyteries within the boundaries of Toronto Conference; it was discontinued in 1986 when Toronto South Presbytery, Toronto Scarborough Presbytery and Toronto Don Valley Presbytery were formed.

Records relating to personnel are restricted (RR) 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.

### SERIES 4: SUBJECT/CORRESPONDENCE FILES

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
1987.111C	7-13RR	Victor Home	1971-1973, 1981

## 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

## **FONDS 1043 (cont.)**

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.

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

## FONDS 1043 (cont.)

1906-1993; records of bequests, 1894-1977; subject/ correspondence files, 1898-1987; financial records, 1909-1986; and photographs.

Records relating to personnel are restricted (RR) 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.

### 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.

#### 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>	
1984.050C	1-3	Board of Directors minutes	1912-1918
1984.050C	3-4	- - -	1918-1929
1984.050C	4-1	Missionary Committee	1913-1925

		<b>Toronto Home Missions Council</b>	
1984.050C	26-5	Board of directors/executive minutes and reports	1972
1984.050C	26-1	- - - (unofficial)	1973

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

1993.029C	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.

## FONDS 1043: SERIES 4/subseries 1 (cont.)

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 consists 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>	
1984.050C	2-2	Board of Management minutes (includes Fred Victor Mission Deed)	1894-1906
1993.029C	5-11	- - - History: These 20 years 1886-1906, the growth and work of the Fred Victor Mission	1906
2003.135C	3-4	Legal records re. incorporation	1895,1901
		<b>Department of City Missions and Social Service</b>	
1984.050C	2-3	Department of City Missions and Social Service Board minutes (includes records of Toronto City and Fred Victor Mission Society)	1907-1913
1984.050C	24-5	City Mission budget	1917-1918

### SERIES 4/subseries 2: Records of Victor Home for Unwed Mothers. -- 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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**FONDS 1043: SERIES 4/subseries 2 (cont.)**

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

## GENERAL COUNCIL/ONTARIO REGIONAL COUNCILS ARCHIVES (TORONTO): LIBRARY

*Annual report. United Church of Canada. Board of Evangelism and Social Service.*

Toronto: The Board, 1926-1973 (BX9881 .A6 B6E)

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

*A Concern for People*

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

PAM HV 530 U5B8 (**Also available in pdf**)

*Homes and Institutions*

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

PAM HV 530. U55H66 1964 (**Also available in pdf**)

*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

*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

*Victor Home.*

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

PAM BV 2613 V5A5 (**Also 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 (**Also available in pdf**)

*Victor Home for Young Women, 1900-1939*

Toronto: The Toronto Home Missions Council, 1939

PAM BV 2613 V5 1939

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).

**GENERAL COUNCIL/ONTARIO REGIONAL COUNCILS ARCHIVES (TORONTO):  
PHOTOGRAPHS**

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The United Church of Canada Archives in Toronto has an extensive photograph collection, many of which are standalone collections. Full descriptions of images can be found online at...

BETHANY HOUSE, MONTREAL

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Fonds Name</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
<b>1993.049P/4192</b>	From Mission to Partnership Collection	Bethany House, Montreal	[192-?]
<b>1993.049P/4193</b>	From Mission to Partnership Collection	Bethany House extension	[192-?]

UNITED CHURCH HOME FOR GIRLS, BURNABY

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Fonds Name</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
<b>2013.161P/8</b>	United Church of Canada Social, pastoral and Education Institutions Collection	United Church Home For Girls, South Burnaby	[n.d.]

UNITED CHURCH HOME FOR GIRLS, WINNIPEG

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Fonds Name</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
<b>1976.001P/3667</b>	Portraits Collection	Mabel E. Lindsay standing in front of a plane [Superintendent, United Church Home for Girls]	[n.d.]
<b>1976.001P/3668</b>	Portraits Collection	Mabel E. Lindsay sitting in a rowboat [Superintendent, United Church Home for Girls]	[n.d.]
<b>1976.001P/3669</b>	Portraits Collection	Mabel E. Lindsay fishing on the Churchill River [Superintendent, United Church Home for Girls]	July 1936
<b>1976.001P/3670</b>	Portraits Collection	Mabel E. Lindsay and her companions in a canoe [Superintendent, United Church Home for Girls]	[n.d.]
<b>2008.011P/383</b>	UCC Communications Unit Fonds	Identifying sign on outside wall.	[196-]
<b>2008.011P/384</b>	UCC Communications Unit Fonds	Grounds and buildings of Church Home	[196-]

UNITED CHURCH HOME FOR GIRLS, WINNIPEG (cont.)

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Fonds Name</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
2008.011P/385	UCC Communications Unit Fonds	Exterior of grounds and buildings of Church Home	[196-]
2008.011P/386	UCC Communications Unit Fonds	Part of buildings at Church Home	[196-]
2008.011P/387	UCC Communications Unit Fonds	View of buildings and grounds	[196-]
2008.011P/388	UCC Communications Unit Fonds	Recreation area behind the Home	[196-]
2008.011P/389	UCC Communications Unit Fonds	Examining room at Church Home	[196-]
2008.011P/390	UCC Communications Unit Fonds	Mrs. Carruthers counsels one of the girls in residence	[196-]
2008.011P/391	UCC Communications Unit Fonds	Two girls working at typewriters in library	[196-]
2008.011P/392	UCC Communications Unit Fonds	Two girls working in kitchen	[196-]
2008.011P/393	UCC Communications Unit Fonds	View of the lounge	[196-]
2013.161P/20-21	United Church of Canada Social, pastoral and Education Institutions Collection	Church Home for Girls, Winnipeg exterior views	1975
2013.161P/22	United Church of Canada Social, Pastoral and Education Institutions Collection	Church Home for Girls, Winnipeg, Manitoba from the end of the driveway	May 1959

UNITED CHURCH HOME FOR GIRLS, WINNIPEG (cont.)

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Fonds Name</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
<b>2013.161P/23-24</b>	United Church of Canada Social, Pastoral and Education Institutions Collection	Exterior views of Church Home for Girls, Winnipeg	May 1959
<b>2013.161P/25</b>	United Church of Canada Social, Pastoral and Education Institutions Collection	Doris Tennant and baby at Church Home for Girls, Winnipeg	July 1955
<b>2013.161P/26</b>	United Church of Canada Social, Pastoral and Education Institutions Collection	Three babies at Church Home for Girls	[ca. 1950s]
<b>2013.161P/27</b>	United Church of Canada Social, Pastoral and Education Institutions Collection	Front view of Church Home for Girl's, East St. Paul, Manitoba	[n.d.]
<b>2013.161P/28</b>	United Church of Canada Social, Pastoral and Education Institutions Collection	Church Home for Girls at winter	[n.d.]
<b>2013.161P/29</b>	United Church of Canada Social, Pastoral and Education Institutions Collection	Real view of Church Home for Girl's, East St. Paul, Manitoba	[n.d.]
<b>2013.161P/30</b>	United Church of Canada Social, Pastoral and Education Institutions Collection	Nursery, Church Home for Girls, East St. Paul, Manitoba	[n.d.]

UNITED CHURCH HOME FOR GIRLS, WINNIPEG (cont.)

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Fonds Name</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
<b>2013.161P/31</b>	United Church of Canada Social, Pastoral and Education Institutions Collection	Nursery, Church Home for Girls, East St. Paul, Manitoba	[n.d.]

VICTOR HOME FOR GIRLS, TORONTO

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Fonds Name</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
<b>1990.115P/549</b>	Toronto Churches and Institutions Photograph Collection	Cradle roll children and mothers at Fred Victor Mission	[n.d.]
<b>1990.115P/1499</b>	Toronto Churches and Institutions Photograph Collection	Exterior of Victor Home	[n.d.]
<b>1990.115P/1500-1501</b>	Toronto Churches and Institutions Photograph Collection	Exterior of Victor Home	1926
<b>1990.115P/1502</b>	Toronto Churches and Institutions Photograph Collection	Exterior of Victor Home Home for young women on Broadview Avenue	[n.d.]
<b>1990.115P/1503</b>	Toronto Churches and Institutions Photograph Collection	Rev. James Finley counselling a resident of Victor Home	[n.d.]
<b>1995.110P/7</b>	Toronto United Church Council fonds	Exterior – new Victor Home	19 March 1949

## **PACIFIC MOUNTAIN REGIONAL COUNCIL ARCHIVES (B.C.)**

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The Pacific Mountain Regional Council Archives (formerly British Columbia Conference Archives) is located in Vancouver. For more information on this repository, see <https://pacificmountain.ca/ministry/the-pmrc-archives/about-the-archives/>. The catalogue can be viewed at <https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/>.

### **UNITED CHURCH HOME FOR GIRLS (BURNABY, B.C.) FONDS, 1913-1973.**

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.

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.

The Finding Aid is available online: <https://catalogue.unitedchurcharchives.ca/united-church-home-for-girls-burnaby-b-c-fonds>.

### **PACIFIC MOUNTAIN REGIONAL COUNCIL ARCHIVES REFERENCE COLLECTION**

Collection was developed by the Rev. John Goodfellow, an amateur church historian who also served on the BC Conference Archives and Historical Committee from 1925 to 1950. He collected information from various sources about the early history of the United Church and its founding partners (Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches) in British Columbia. Collection consists of the following series: Biographical files; Congregational files; Subject files; and Photographs.

Photograph series includes the following images of United Church Home for Girls, Burnaby:

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
<b>BCCA 4-224</b>	United Church Home for Girls: interior, class room	[n.d]
<b>BCCA 4-225</b>	United Church Home for Girls, exterior	[195-?]
<b>BCCA 4-226</b>	United Church Home for Girls, dining room	[195-?]
<b>BCCA 4-227</b>	United Church Home for Girls, kitchen	[195-?]
<b>BCCA 4-228</b>	United Church Home for Girls, dormitory	[195-?]
<b>BCCA 4-229</b>	United Church Home for Girls, recreation room	[195-?]
<b>BCCA 4-230</b>	United Church Home for Girls, visitors' room	[195-?]

## **PRAIRIE TO PINE REGIONAL COUNCIL ARCHIVES (MANITOBA)**

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The Prairie to Pine Regional Council Archives (formerly Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Conference Archives) is located at the University of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Descriptions of archival holdings can be found at: <https://main.lib.umanitoba.ca/united-church-of-canada-manitoba-and-northwestern-ontario-conference-archives>. For detailed listing, please contact the archive: [uccarchives@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:uccarchives@uwinnipeg.ca).

### **FONDS 520/Series 2: Church Home for Girls. – 1945-1976. – 1.5 m 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.

Fonds consists of 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 1: OTHER FACILITIES

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Additional United Church facilities (i.e. redemptive homes for girls/women) may have served expectant mothers, but were not dedicated maternity homes. These institutions included:

- Cedarvale School for Girls (Georgetown, ON)
- Frances E. Willard Home for Girls (Toronto, ON), later a joint Anglican-United Church project
- Interprovincial Home for Young Women (Cloverdale, NB)
- Maritime Home for Girls (Toronto, NS)
- Mount View Social Service Home (Calgary, AB)

Many of these institutions are included in annual reports for the Board of Evangelism and Social Services - in the library material identified earlier in this guide. Other records can be found at the various United Church archival repositories.

### **Cedarvale School for Girls, Georgetown, 1928-1963**

Appears to have been a home for girls ages 8-13 from underprivileged homes

Referenced in General Council Archives Fonds 510/Series 1 – Board of Evangelism and Social Service

Accession #	Box/File	Title/Description	Date(s)
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	Box 13-3	Minutes of the Executive, September 18, 1969, p. 2 re sale of land, Georgetown	1969
1988.088C	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

Also, at General Council/Ontario Regional Councils Archives, there are 21 photographs (see UCC catalogue) and a local church history file in the library collection (LCH: Cedarvale School for Girls)

### **Frances E. Willard Home for Girls, Toronto, dates unknown**

Appears to have been a temporary home for women without means arriving in Toronto].

General Council/Ontario Regional Council Archives Library:

- Annual Reports, 1901/02 and 1906/07

## APPENDIX 1: OTHER FACILITIES (CONTINUED)

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### **Friendly Home for Girls and Youth, Montreal, dates unknown**

Appears to have been a maternity home and orphanage.

General Council/Ontario Regional Council Archives Library:

- The Friendly Home For Young Women and Children, Montreal. Annual Report, 1935 (PAM 2612 F723 1935)

### **The Interprovincial Home for Young Women, Cloverdale, N.B., 1920-1980**

A home for convicted women within the Maritime Provinces, established by the Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches

Records can be found at the Maritime Conference Archives, Sackville, N.B. (website) including:

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

Collections are also available at external archives, including:

- Provincial Archives of New Brunswick: 10 cm of records and 2 microfilms related to the Inter-Provincial Home for Girls.
- Public Archives and Records Office of Prince Edward Island: 2 reels of microfilm and 21 pages of textual records of Inter-Provincial Home for Girls, [1920-1980]

### **Maritime Home for Girls, Truro N.S. 1914-1967**

Redemptive home served juveniles placed by court order

It was not clear that a home for unwed mothers was established; however, the United Church of Canada along with the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches funded the Maritime Home for Girls and there were plans to establish a maternity home. The home was passed to the government in 1967; it may have operated longer.

Referenced in General Council Archives Fonds 510/Series 1 – Board of Evangelism and Social Service

<b>Accession #</b>	<b>Box/File</b>	<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1988.088C	Box 13-1	---, ---, p. 18 re: proposed Home for Unwed Mothers, Maritime Conference	1961
1988.088C	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
1988.088C	Box 13-1	---, April 12, 1962, p. 1 re: proposed Maritime Home for Unwed Mothers; that Dr. Lane enquire further	1962

## **APPENDIX 1: OTHER FACILITIES (CONTINUED)**

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### **Mount View Social Service Home, Calgary, Alta., 1910-1959**

Appears to have been a juvenile home for girls from Saskatchewan and Alberta

Records can be found at the Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit Regional Council Archives located at the Public Archives of Alberta, Edmonton, including:

- 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