

Accessing Church Records of Colonizing Institutions

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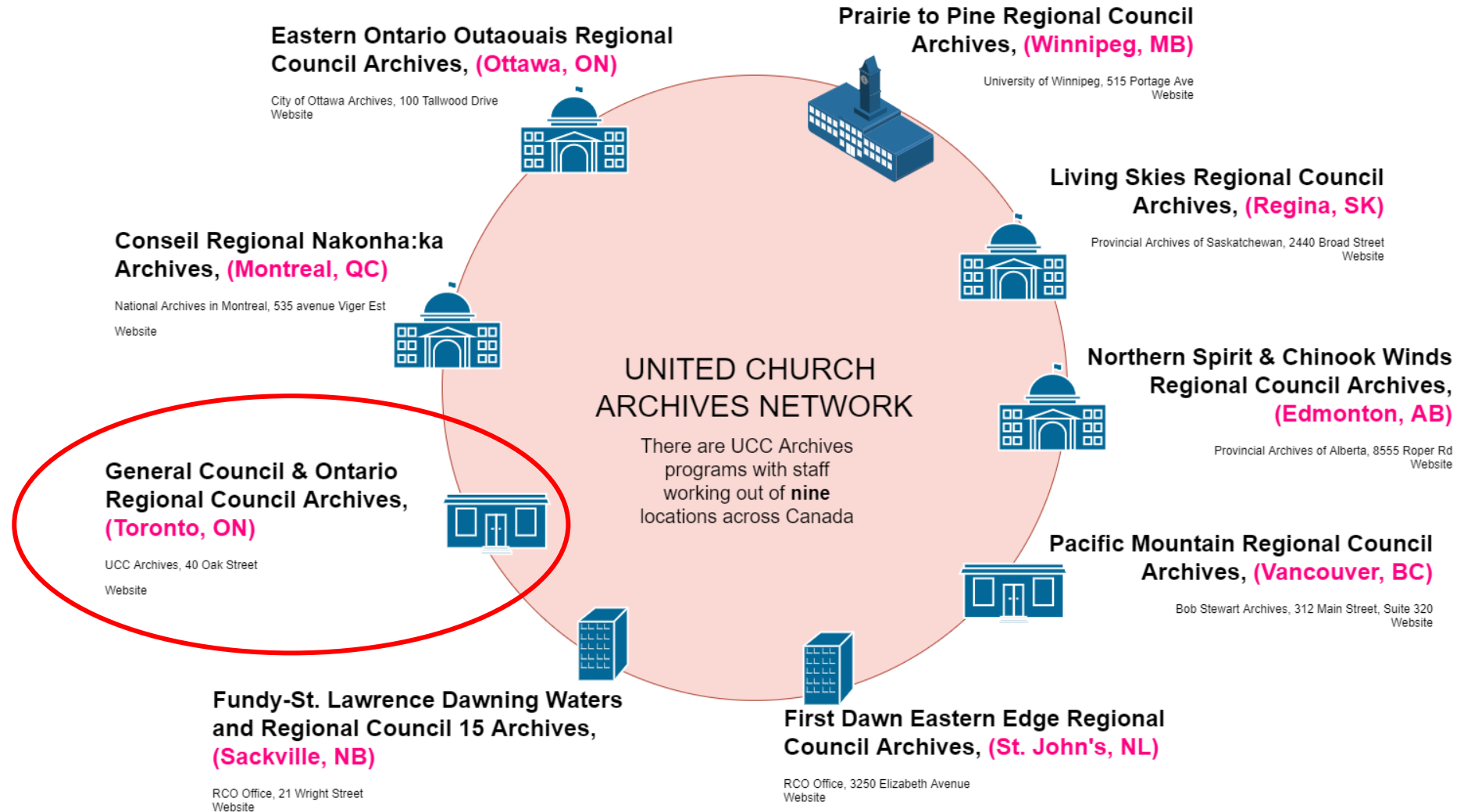


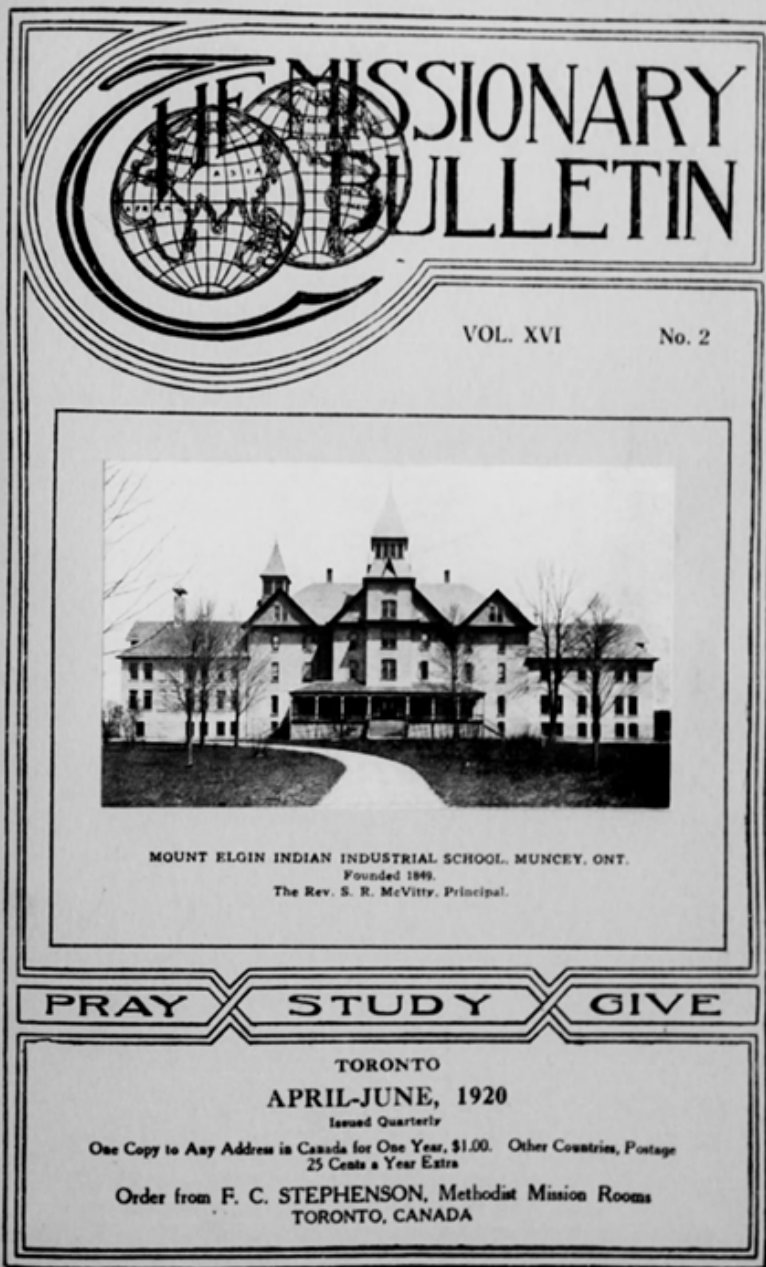
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Where are United Church Records?

The United Church of Canada was formed June 10, 1925

- Methodists
 - 12 residential institutions
- Presbyterians
 - 8 residential institutions
 - 2 institutions remained Presbyterian after Union.



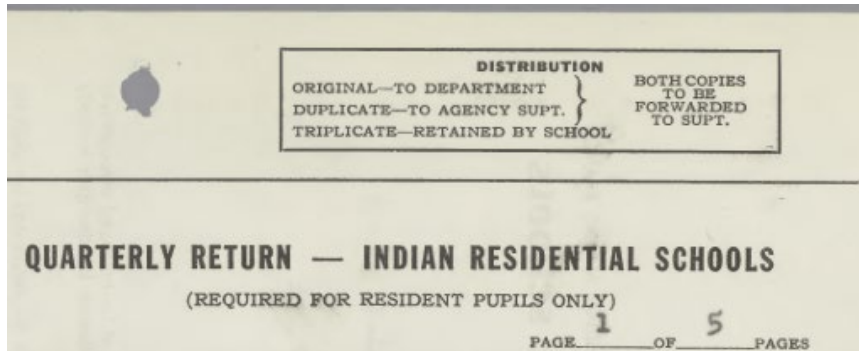


United Church Records

- Administrative records & correspondence
 - Three-council structure
 - Missionary societies, Boards and Committees
 - Property and financial records
 - Missionary personnel files
- Personal papers
- Photo collections, AV materials
- Publications
 - Annual reports of missionary societies, church yearbooks
 - Periodicals: Christian Guardian, New Outlook, The Observer, Missionary Bulletins
 - Library materials
- Regional Council Archives
 - Congregational records and sacramental registers

Searching for Names

Quarterly returns



- Yearbooks and school lists
- Administrative correspondence and reports
- Photographs
- Pastoral Charge records –including sacramental registers

B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
First Name	Community	School	Date	doctype	author	recipient/title	synopsis	archivalsource	confidentiality	Source	Container
John		Edmonton	1925-00-00	photo	J.F. Woodworth		"John Steinhauer ploughing with the tractor, Indian Residential School, Edmonton"	photo		UCCA, 93.049P/868	c005704-d6
Emily		Brandon	1936-01-27	letter	J.A. Doyle		taken by the matron Dorothy Doyle to Edmonton (c. Jan. 1936) to have her cast removed. Her legs were dislocated?	letter		UCCA, access 83.050C, box 23, file 336	c000442
Raymond		Edmonton	12/30/1954	report	O. Strapp		A grade 12 boy who was the top scorer in the Jasper Park basketball team.	report		UCCA, acces 83.050C, box 112, file 17	c000266

Access to Records

2010 -www.thechildrenremembered.ca



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2012 –www.upanddownthecoast.ca



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- All Images
- General Mission Work
- First Nations Communities
- Marine Missions
- Medical Missions
- Residential and Day Schools
- Documents
- Videos

Up and Down the Coast

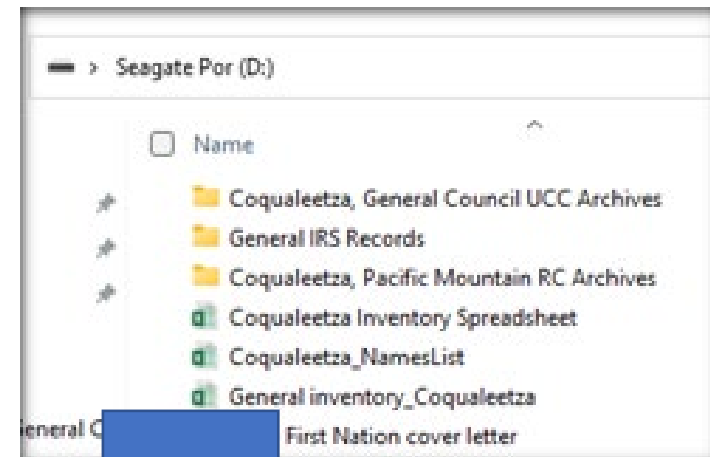
Records of Missions to First Nations in British Columbia

Publications available online

- 2021 -Christian Guardian
- 2022 –WMS Annual Reports, Missionary Monthly

2021 –Bringing the Children Home

- Archives teams create hard drives for communities with digital records



Efforts to improve transparency

- Inventory of all documents known
- Copies of all scanned documents
- Any documents not provided are identified

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
1	Container No.	Doc. No.	Accession No./Call No.	Fonds/Publication	Fonds No.	Series	Subseries	Box-File	Dates	Description
73	c006863			Christian Guardian				LXXXI/36	9/7/1910	WANTED [R.H. Cairns, Principal, Coqualeetza Industri
74	c006904			Christian Guardian				LXXXIII/4	1/24/1912	THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY: A
75	c006908			Christian Guardian				LXXXIII/1 7	4/24/1912	WANTED [R.H. Cairns, Coqualeetza Industri
76	c006909			Christian Guardian				LXXXIII/1 8	5/1/1912	WANTED [R.H. Cairns, Coqualeetza Industri
77	c006910			Christian Guardian				LXXXIII/1 9	5/8/1912	WANTED [R.H. Cairns, Coqualeetza Industri
78	c006911			Christian Guardian				LXXXIII/2 0	5/15/1912	WANTED [R.H. Cairns, Coqualeetza Industri
79	c006987			Christian Guardian				LXXXVI/3 1	8/4/1915	[no title] [refers to Coqualeetza]
80	Day School									
81	c000824		1983.058C	United Church of Canada. Woman's Missionary Society	505		12	207-10	1906-1932	Coqualeetza School Home (BC) Correspond
82	c000928		1978.095C	Methodist Church (Canada) Missionary Society	14		2	7 1-10	1914	--- re: AB, BC, MB Education grant to forme
83	c000930		1978.095C	Methodist Church (Canada) Missionary Society	14		2	7 1-21	1916	Correspondence of the General and Assista
84	c000943		1978.095C	Methodist Church (Canada) Missionary Society	14		2	7 3-44	1920	Correspondence re: Indian Missions re: AB, I
85	c001622		1978.083C	Methodist Church (Canada) Missionary Society	14		2	2 24-1	1891-1898	Copybook Includes sites listed for file 23-1 as
86	c001680		1978.093C	Methodist Church (Canada) Missionary Society	14		2	5 5-84	1907	Correspondence re: Indian Missions & T. Fer
87	c001685		1978.093C	Methodist Church (Canada) Missionary Society	14		2	5 5-89	1911	Correspondence of T. E. Shore re: AB, BC, M
88	c001686		1978.093C	Methodist Church (Canada) Missionary Society	14		2	5 5-90	1912	--- re: AB, BC, MB Berens River mission rep
89	Active									
90	c003392		2011.010C	United Church of Canada. Support to Local Ministries Unit	551		5 3	1-7RR	2001	Proposals Approved , Fall 2011: "Coqualeetza
91	Pacific Mountain Regional Council Archives									
92	c00004RR	021-017	2006-EX	Conference Minister, Prince Rupert Presbytery				1911-1	1993-1994	Correspondence and committee minutes
93	c000019RR	all	2006-EX	Coqualeetza Institute	AffB 5			1932-2	1887-1940	Baptisms, marriages and deaths
94	c000020	all	2006-EX	Coqualeetza Institute	AffB 5			1932-6	1914-1925	Subscription Lists
95	c000021	all	2006-EX	Coqualeetza Institute	AffB 5			1932-7	1900-1905	Admissions and discharges
96	c000022	all	2006-EX	Coqualeetza Institute				1932-8	1896-1911	
97	c000040	002-001	2006-EX	Robert Clyde Scott				575-12	1926-1971	Marine Mission and other records
98	c000044	002-001, 002-0	2006-EX	Robert Clyde Scott				573-21	1917-1957	Personal
99	c000046	002-001, 002-0	2006-EX	Robert Clyde Scott				574-24	1922-1928	...

Ongoing digitization for broader records



Bound volumes,
ledgers, and
unbound paper

~1,000,000
pages of
archival
material



345 library materials



65 periodicals



Archival Policies and Practices

- Review and revise acquisition policies
- Review and revise privacy policies
- Establishing anti-oppressive description policies
- Formalizing ethical research policy

Where to get information:

General Council Archives Website

www.unitedchurcharchives.ca

Photos and institution histories

www.thechildrenremembered.ca

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