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Introduction

This collection consists of approximately 10 cm. of pamphlets, leaflets, training manuals and other printed records of the National Committee of Presbyterian Men, 1955-1977. The collection also includes two files of records relating to meetings of Presbyterian Men at the Presbytery level, transferred to the Archives with the records of the National Committee.

Related material may be found in the records of the Board of Evangelism and Social Action. The records were re-catalogued in January 1989 by Elspeth Reid. The finding aid is listed as FA-MEN.

Historical Sketch

The National Committee of Presbyterian Men was established in 1955. Moves towards the setting up of a national Presbyterian men's organization surfaced first in a recommendation of the Board of Administration in 1953 to call a Joint Committee on Laymen's Associations from the Board of Administration, the Board of Evangelism and Social Action and the Stewardship and Budget Committee. The Joint Committee reported the following year that a national Laymen's Association was not a possibility and that the responsibility for encouragement of congregational and Presbytery associations should be allocated to a single Board of the Church: the Assembly referred the report to the Board of Evangelism and Social Action. A Committee was formed which reported in 1956 through the Board of Evangelism and Social Action, recommending that it be continued as a sub-committee of the Board, with the name, the National Committee of Presbyterian Men. In 1958 the National Committee produced a series of recommendations on the aims and structure of Presbyterian Men to facilitate the formation of associations of Presbyterian Men in congregations, Presbyteries and Synods.

The National Committee of Presbyterian Men remained a sub-committee of the Board of Evangelism and Social Action but from 1969-1973 made separate reports and recommendations to General Assembly. In 1973 it was incorporated into the Board of Congregational Life.

File No.	Date	Description
1982-1005-1-1	n.d.	<u>Presbyterian Men. How to Organize and Keep Going</u> 16pp. Issued after the 81st General Assembly
1982-1005-1-2	n.d.	"Terms of Reference for Leaders in the Presbyterian Men's Movement" Typescript. 2pp.

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1982-1005-1-3	n.d.	Leader's Manual. First Year
1982-1005-1-4	n.d.	Leader's Manual. Second Year
1982-1005-1-5	1965	<u>Leadership Training Manual No. 1: A Study in Discipleship and Effective Speaking</u>
1982-1005-1-6	1968	<u>Leadership Training Manual No. 2: Studies in the Commandments of God and Effective Speaking</u>
1982-1005-1-7	n.d.	<u>Leader's Training Manual No. 3: Officers in the King's Army</u>
1982-1005-1-8	1977	<u>Twenty Years with Presbyterian Men 1957-1977</u>
1982-1005-1-10	n.d.	Presbyterian Men Pamphlets <u>Discussion Starters for your Group</u> (list of resources) n.d. (c.1970); 7pp. <u>P.M. Handbook, (A Guide to Program Planning)</u> n.d.; 34pp. <u>Men's Work: Presbytery Committee Guide Book</u> n.d.; 10pp. <u>What's it all about?</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>Presbyterian Men's Conference Hymns</u> n.d.; 22pp. "A Prayer Guide for Presbyterian Men" 1961; typescript, 1p. <u>Whose Job is it?</u> Allan L. Farris; n.d.; 4pp. <u>Speak Out ... Men of the Church</u> n.d.; 6pp. <u>Laitly Sunday Guide</u> 1973; 10pp. "Suggestions for Planning Laymen's Sunday" 1961; Typescript, 7pp.
1982-1005-1-11	1969	Men's Breakfast Rally programme East Toronto, West Toronto and Brampton Presbyteries
1982-1005-1-9	1955	Niagara Presbytery Presbyterian Men Conference Papers