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Introduction

This collection consists of approximately 20 cm. of pamphlets and printed records of the Committee on Budget and Stewardship, the Committee on Stewardship and Budget and the Board of Stewardship and Budget, 1944-1973. The minutes, correspondence and other records of these Committees and Board have not yet been transferred from the administrative offices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The records were re-catalogued in 1989 by Elspeth Reid.

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Historical Sketch

The Budget Committee of the Board of Administration was first appointed in 1930 with the responsibility of generating funding from the congregations to support the work of the Church at the national and international level, and of keeping the members informed of the work and needs of the Church.

In 1934 the Board of Administration recommended that the General Assembly grant authority to the Board to appoint a Budget and Stewardship Committee with a membership made up of representatives of all the "Spending Boards" of the Church. The recommendation accepted by the 1934 Assembly was that the Assembly set up a Budget and Stewardship Committee.

Subsequently, the Budget and Stewardship Committee reported directly to General Assembly in terms which suggest that it was regarded as a Committee of Assembly but it may also have continued to report to the Board of Administration. In 1947 the name of the committee was changed to the Stewardship and Budget Committee by authority of General Assembly. The members of the committee reported that this was done

in the hope of securing a different emphasis and motivation in the raising of money to support the whole work of the Church (Acts & Proceedings 1948, appendix p.183)

The methods and responsibilities of the committee remained unchanged, despite the change of name. The committee also continued to report directly to the General Assembly.

At the 1960 General Assembly which discussed the recommendations of the Special Committee on the Financial Organization and Administrative Structures and Procedures of the Church, the Stewardship and Budget Committee was re-organized into a Board of General Assembly. Also in 1960 the committee, prior to its re-organization, was described as "*appointed by the Board of Administration*" (A & P 1960 p.375). Further doubt on the status of the committee prior to 1960 is provided by the historical statement of the Board of Stewardship and Budget in 1973, which stated that

During the '30s and '40s, Budget promotion was carried out by a committee of the Board of Administration with voluntary leadership...In 1947, Dr. Neil Miller was appointed Field Secretary for Budget promotion and the Stewardship and Budget Committee was given authority to plan its own program, although it continued as a committee of the Board of Administration. (Act & Proceedings 1973 pp.399-400)

Between 1960 and 1973, Stewardship and Budget operated as a Board of General Assembly. In 1973 the functions of the Board were transferred into the new Board of Congregational Life. The Board of Stewardship and Budget expressed considerable reservations about the proposals of the Organization and Planning Committee on the re-structuring of the administration of the Church and stressed the need to keep the work of education on stewardship closely tied to the actual fund-raising methods. Despite these reservations, the Board was dissolved by the 1973 General Assembly and its work transferred to the Board of Congregational Life.

Records of the Stewardship and Budget Committees and Boards

Archival Arrangement

This collection of approximately 20 cm. publications and printed records is arranged by Committee or Board and in each case divided into two series: Visitation Materials and Publications. The Visitation Materials are the printed booklets and other resources used by congregations in the annual visitation to members and adherents to secure pledges for financial contributions to the work of the congregation and the denomination for the following year; these are listed in chronological order. The publications are grouped in files by subject where possible or in general files; these publications are listed in alphabetical order by title.

Committee on Budget and Stewardship

1973-1026-1-1 1944-1947 Secretary - Correspondence

Publications

1973-1026-1-13 1947-1948 A Larger Responsibility
1947-1948; 4pp.

Committee on Stewardship and Budget

1973-1026-1-14 1951 Circular

Visitation Materials

1973-1026-1-2 c.1956-1959 The Sector Plan - pamphlets and resource materials
Relates to an Every person Visitation Scheme to evangelize and increase support of members within congregations

1973-1026-1-3 n.d. "Every Member Canvass"
The Manual

1973-1026-1-4 n.d. "Every Person Canvass"
Resources: How to Plan and Conduct the Every Person Canvass n.d.; 24pp.
Do we really need The Every Person Canvas in our Church? n.d.; 4pp.
Canvas Sunday sample bulletin
A Program for Preparedness n.d.; 12pp.
The Sign of the Crowing Cock n.d.; 4pp.

Publications

1973-1026-1-5 Congregational Annual Givings
Pamphlets detailing per capita givings of congregations

1973-1026-1-6 Pamphlets - General Assembly budgets
Budget is a cold, cold word n.d.; 8pp.

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- Build a better budget for the congregation n.d.; 9pp.
- Did you share in this? n.d.; 8pp.
- Elements in the General Assembly's Budget n.d.; 1p.
- Let's face the facts 1953; 12pp.
- Statement on the Authorized Expenditures for 1955 c.1954; 1p.
- Thinking about our church n.d.; 12pp.
- You and They n.d.; 8pp.
- 1973-1026-1-7 Pamphlets - Aid-receiving congregations
Growing pains in a young church n.d.; 24pp.
The Problem of grants in aid-receiving charges n.d.; 4pp.
Why do we accept a grant from the Board of Missions n.d.; 6pp.
- 1973-1026-1-8 Pamphlets - Wills
The Christian makes a Will 1952; 18pp.
Remember the Church in Your Will 1956-1957; 64pp.
- 1973-1026-1-9 n.d. Hymns of the Church n.d.; 8pp.
- 1973-1026-1-10 n.d. An Outline of the Church's Work n.d.; 20pp.
- 1973-1026-1-11 Pamphlets - Christian Giving
Because of Jesus Christ: the real basis of Stewardship n.d.; 4pp.
The Beggar at the Gate A.Neil Miller; n.d.; 4pp.
Colleges and Schools n.d.; 4pp.
Concerning the Collections.. n.d.; 4pp.
Four Fields. One Mouth means "Happiness" n.d.; 4pp.
From God...through me to this world n.d.; 2pp.
Giving is an Act of Faith n.d.; 4pp.
How much A. Neil Miller; n.d.; 4pp.
How long must honour wait? n.d.; 8pp.
If any man will come after me A.Neil Miller, n.d.; 4pp.

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I give my offerings to Jesus because...
n.d.; 2pp.

It isn't Christian Giving n.d.; 8pp.

Not discerning the Lord's Body A. Neil Miller; n.d.; 4pp.

Nursery Rhymes for Presbyterians n.d.; 6pp.

One thing I envy you n.d.; 4pp.

On Offering Envelopes and related matters 1955; 6pp.

On Tithing Ronald Bridges; n.d.; 4pp.

The other side of Stewardship: Brethren pray for us A.Neil Miller; n.d.; 4pp.

Price-tag on Church Membership n.d.; 4pp.

Religious denominations in Canada 1953 (March); 1p.

Some Thoughts on Christian Stewardship as a total demand 1955; 6pp.

So-o-o You don't believe in pledging! n.d.; 6pp.

Tom MacDonald Wakes Up! n.d.; 4pp.

Watersheds of History Harold M. Smith; n.d.; 6pp.

What do you do when the first plan fails? A.Neil Miller; n.d.; 12pp.

What is Stewardship? n.d.; 1p.

What is your standard of giving? n.d.; 6pp.

The work of the Church n.d.; 8pp.

You are in the picture n.d.; 18pp.

1973-1026-1-12 n.d

Circulars

Includes publicity for resources, financial statements and budget circulars

Board of Stewardship and Budget

Visitation Materials

1973-1027-1-1 n.d.

"Foundation for the Future"
Resource materials for the Sector Plan

1973-1027-1-4 1960-1961

Every Person Visitation
The Manual

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1973-1027-1-5	1962	Every Person Visitation Resource material
1973-1027-1-2	1964	"Partnership is for Mission" Resource materials for visitation scheme
1973-1027-1-3	1965	"Partnership is for Mission" Resource materials for visitation scheme
<u>Publications</u>		
1973-1027-1-6	1967	<u>Mirror for the Chief Oikonomos</u> Jack V. Reeve & Hilbert J. Berger National Council of Churches (U.S.) 1967; 26pp.
1973-1027-1-7	1967	<u>Letters to Oikonomos from Hugh F. Davidson</u> 1967; 48pp.
1973-1027-1-8	1970	<u>Theme Addresses</u> Stewardship and Budget Conveners' Conference 1970; 35pp.
1973-1027-1-9	c.1960-1973	Circulars and resource materials
1973-1027-1-10	c.1960-1973	Pamphlets <u>The Church in Action</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>Come Alive</u> n.d.; 6pp. <u>Come on In...Go on Out</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>Do You ever Pay for Your Dollars?</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>Do you need a goal?</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>Extend your Stewardship</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>Free Yet Bound</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>God walked on My Place</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>A Growing Church</u> n.d.; 6pp. <u>He Calls us to the service of men</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>Here's that Commitment Card Again</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>High Living and How to Get it</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>Hilarious Giving</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>Home Missions</u> c. 1959; 6pp. <u>How to be Visited by a Visitor</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>If the Answer is Yes</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>Light</u> n.d.; 4pp. <u>The Pension Fund</u> c.1960; 6pp.

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The Pig in Mel n.d.; 4pp.

Salt n.d.; 4pp.

Stewardship and Money n.d.; 4pp.

The Surprise n.d.; 6pp.

The Turtle and the Tide n.d.; 24pp.

What do you know about Christian Education in your Church? n.d.; 4pp.

What is Stewardship n.d.; 1p.

What is Your Standard of Giving n.d.; 6pp.

Yeast n.d.; 4pp.

You can't see Zacchaeus for the trees n.d.; 4pp.

You'll be glad you did n.d.; 6pp.

Your Whole Life n.d.; 8pp.

Youth has money for God n.d.; 4pp.

\$260.00 n.d.; 4pp.

1968 General Assembly Budget 1p.
(poster)

1973-1027-1-11

n.d.

The Christian Family and Money Management

Booklets and resource material produced by the Canadian Council of Churches and used by the Board of Stewardship and Budget

1973-1027-1-12

n.d.

Sample Bulletins

Bulletins produced for the use of congregations highlighting aspects of the work of the Board of Stewardship and Budget