

Donating to the Archives

Why would the Archives want my stuff? Women active in the church generate many different kinds of records. Together, these records document a lifetime of diverse work.

If you are moving residence or helping a family member or friend move, you may come across records—in any language—that tell a valuable story.

Records of potential historical value include:

- diaries and journals
- correspondence
- memoirs
- scrapbooks
- written-out sermons
- addresses
- articles
- personal registers
- datebooks
- photographs
- memorabilia
- audiovisual records



The Archives are happy to receive your records just the way they are, so please contact us before you start to organize them or throw any out.

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Financial Support

Charitable donations to the **Making Room for Women** project fund nation-wide efforts to improve the United Church Archives Network's collection of women's records. Receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.

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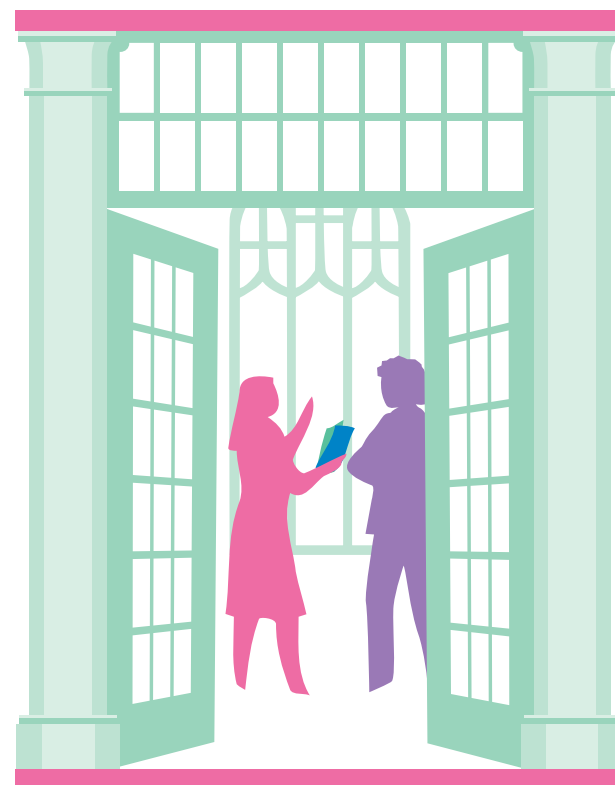
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Making Room for Women

—a project of the Archives of The United Church of Canada with a volunteer advisory committee—is a coordinated effort to identify and preserve personal papers of women in The United Church of Canada and the records of organizations in which they have participated.

A key period of women's work, struggle, and leadership in the United Church, which coincided with the popularization of feminism in the wider culture, is now becoming history. Organizations created over the past 50 years by women in both the United Church and the ecumenical church, such as the Movement for Christian Feminism, the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women, and the Centre for Christian Studies, are attracting scholarly interest.

As leaders of the period are aging, it is a critical time to identify the streams of this history and to ensure that the experiences of its participants are collected for the archives—in personal papers, organizational records, and oral histories. This project will entail:

Knowing *what we have* by creating an inventory of women's personal papers in the Archives. We also plan to extend the inventory to the United Church's network of Conference archives.

Finding *what we want* by identifying women who have been key leaders in the United Church in the past 50 years, and encouraging the donation of their personal papers to the United Church or other archives.

Valuing *our heritage* by promoting women's history and archival collections. Networking through women's groups in the church (including United Church Women) and ecumenically, we will encourage women to recognize their contribution to church and social history and to help ensure that this history is preserved in archives.

Learning *from our history* by encouraging workshops, seminars, and colloquia. We must analyze the past and ask: What has worked? What has not worked? What needs to change regarding women's leadership in church and society for the future?

Sharing *what we have and know* by developing a database for the collection and connecting our website to other women's archival collections.

Telling *the story* by collecting oral history, recognizing that stories of women's leadership in the church are not all recorded on paper. The timing of this initiative is critical in order to include the generations of women leaders presently among us.

Searching *for the full story* by attending to the history of all women in the church. The project will ensure that the stories of Aboriginal and ethnic minority women in the United Church are lifted up.

Celebrating *the full spectrum* of women in the church by encouraging all women to share their papers, records, and oral histories in all languages.

