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National Inter-Faith Immigration Committee
Records, 1967-1982
21 boxes

Formed in 1967 as a representative interfaith group to help immigrants and refugees in settling in Canada.

Collection is comprised of minutes of executive and annual meetings, financial statements, statistics, correspondence, church listings, membership lists, mailing lists, directories, newsletters, publicity, pamphlets, and proofs.

Prior to 1967, many of Canada's churches worked independently to provide spiritual and material aid to newly-landed immigrants in their new home. It soon became apparent however, that a streamlined organization was needed to do a more efficient job of co-ordinating church-sponsored aid across the country. Various church groups met with Department of Manpower and Immigration officials in Ottawa, where they conceived of an ecumenical organization which would work closely with government in providing assistance to new Canadians. The result was the National Inter-Faith Immigration Committee, which was established to provide a widely representative inter-faith body whose members work in the field of immigrant and refugee resettlement. Its function was to provide a national and regional supportive assistance service to the work of the Federal Department of Manpower and Immigration.

The organization of the National Inter-Faith Immigration Committee was National, Regional, and Local. The National Committee was all-encompassing in its scope. It provided liaison between the Department of Manpower and Immigration and the Regional Committees. The National Office advised the Regional Committees of policy changes, provided Regions with counselling and assistance as well as name lists from Immigration Offices, and kept lines of communication open by distributing minutes of National meetings to the Regional Committees. The primary function of the Regional Committees was to establish local Inter-Faith Committees in order to carry out projects, distribute listings of immigrant arrivals to local inter-faith groups for follow up, compiling reports on these activities and forwarding them to the National Office, fundraising and the development of additional programs particular to regional situations. There were six Regional Inter-Faith Immigration Committees: Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. The function at the Local Inter-Faith level was follow-through. These Committees implemented programs tailored to individual clients.

SCOPE

The collection is comprised mainly of minutes of executive and annual meetings, reports, financial statements, statistics, correspondence, church listings, membership lists, mailing lists, directories, newsletters, newspaper clippings, publicity, pamphlets, and proofs. These papers are mostly concerned with the affairs of the National and Regional Committees. The last five boxes of the collection however, contain the papers of the Metropolitan Toronto Inter-Faith Immigration Committee.

CONTAINER LIST

Boxes 1-3

Minutes, reports, statistics, statements of executive and annual meetings.

BOX FOLDER

- 1 1-2 Constitution and Policy.
3-10 Executive meetings - minutes, reports, statistics, 1971-1980.
- 2 1-12 Annual meetings - minutes, national and regional reports, statistics, 1967-1976.
- 3 1-5 National and regional committees - annual meetings, reports, statements, 1970-1982.
6-9 Annual reports, 1967, 1975-1980.
10-14 Financial statements, 1971-1979.

Boxes 4-5

Reports, statements, minutes of national and regional committees, 1970-1979.

- 4 1 Mimeographed material, 1970.
2-3 Directory, reports, correspondence, 1971-1972.
4-5 Evaluation reports, statements, 1972-73, 1980.
6-7 Manpower lists, 1973-74; Immigration talk, 1979.
8-12 Regional committees - minutes, reports, 1970-1977.
- 5 1-6 Regional committees - minutes, reports, 1972-1974.

Boxes 6-9

Correspondence - general, financial, Manpower, churches, United Nations, refugees, Green Paper, 1967-1980.

- 6 1-7 General correspondence, 1967-1970.
7 1-14 General correspondence, 1970-1980.

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- 8 1-5 Manpower and Immigration correspondence, 1968,
1972, 1978-1980.
- 6-7 Finances - correspondence, 1968, 1973.
- 8-9 Churches - correspondence, 1970-1974.
- 10-11 Secretary - job description, correspondence,
1972-1974.
- 12 Publicity - 1971.
- 13-14 United Nations - correspondence, 1972-1975.
- 9 1-9 Refugees - Ugandan, Chilean - correspondence,
reports, 1972-1974.
- 10-11 Green Paper - response, correspondence, 1973-
1975.

Boxes 10-12

Correspondence of regional and area committees, 1967-1972.

- 10 1-9 Regional committees - British Columbia, Alberta,
Manitoba, Saskatchewan- correspondence, 1967-1972.
- 11 1-10 Ontario, Atlantic Regional Committees -
correspondence, 1967-1972.
- 12 1-3 Quebec Regional Committee - correspondence, 1967-
1971.
- 4-5 Regional committees - correspondence, 1968-1969.
- 6-7 Area committees - correspondence, 1968, 1970.

Metropolitan Toronto Inter-Faith Immigration Committee
Papers.

Boxes 13-15

Minutes, reports, statements of executive and annual
meetings, 1967-1981.

- 13 1 Purpose and Function.

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- 13 2-6 Executive and Directors' meetings - minutes, reports, 1971-1981.
Item 7 Corporation Register.
- 14 1-5 Annual meetings - minutes, reports, 1972-1980.
6-14 Annual reports, funding, survey, relocation, 1968-1981.
- 15 1-3 Financial reports, 1967-1977.
- Boxes 16-19.
Correspondence, directory, newspaper clippings, printing proofs, 1967-1980.
- 16 1-5 General correspondence, legal matters, case sheets, 1973-1980.
6-14 Churches - correspondence, listings, 1968-1974.
Item 15 Directory of Christian Religious Organizations in Toronto.
16-17 Correspondence - Fred Best Charitable Foundation, Settlement Planning Group, 1976-1980.
- 17 1-2 Correspondence - programs, refugees, mailing lists, membership lists, executive lists, newsletter, 1971-1980.
- 18 1-2 Coordinator - job description, newspaper clippings, 1967-1972.
3-26 Translations of "Welcome".
27 Printing proofs.
- 19 Card file.
- 20 National Inter-Faith Immigration Committee nameplate and stamp.

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PRINT MATERIAL

BOX FOLDER

21 National Inter-Faith Immigration Committee
Pamphlets.