

**P066- Sudbury and District Ministerial Association (S.D.M.A.) fonds  
1950-1969 (Predominant dates 1960-1965)  
22 cm of textual documents**

**Administrative history:** The Sudbury and District Ministerial Association (SDMA) is a self-governing, interdenominational group that consists of ministers, parish workers, deaconesses and missionaries who promote Christian fellowship, ecumenism and charitable work through involvement in various community activities in the city of Sudbury. The constitution that was adopted on October 2, 1950, states that the executive consists of a President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. The remaining members of the SDMA work within various committees that address specific areas of concern for the Association. These committees are: Radio and Television, Crusade, Health Welfare and Hospital, Community Outreach and Fellowship. The constitution also states that the territory for SDMA includes the city of Sudbury and the surrounding district. A prerequisite for membership stipulates that members must belong to denominations that are also members, or associate members of The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC). The denominations that are considered for membership include: Anglican, United, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Assembly of God, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Salvation Army, Mennonite, and Ukranian-Greek Orthodox. The YMCA is considered to be a member because of affiliated membership with CCC, and the Lutheran denomination is considered to be a member because of friendly association with CCC. An exception to the ruling regarding membership with CCC was allowed on October 8, 1963, when the Seventh Day Adventists were granted membership to SDMA. By 1964, the Serbian Orthodox denomination was also included on the mailing list.

**Scope and content:** This fonds attests to the activities and involvement of the Sudbury and District Ministerial Association in the community. The fonds contains their constitution, minutes and related papers, general correspondence, cash books, reports, pamphlets and mailing lists. The records are directly related to the organization of SDMA.

More specifically, this fonds documents the social and educational involvement of an organization of Protestant churches in the Sudbury region. The cooperation of SDMA with several community-based organizations, as well as the participation of SDMA with regard to inter-church activities, is well documented. SDMA was involved in activities in the community such as: radio and television broadcasts of Sunday services, a nursing school at Memorial Hospital, help for addiction and alcoholism, an emergency counselling service, religious education, a Northern Ontario home for unwed mothers, helping the families of strikers, weekly services at Pioneer Manor and the Sudbury Sanatorium, and submitting a report to the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism.

There are no documents for the year 1960, and very few documents for the years 1955 and 1959.

**Note : Custodial history:** The documents of the Sudbury and District Ministerial Association were found in the fonds of the Sudbury and District Historical Society that was received in April 1999. There is no documentation on the acquisition of the records by the Sudbury and District Historical Society.

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## List of files

### Box 1

1. [Constitution]  
n.d.;  
12 sheets of textual documents.

Constitution, proposals of constitution and list of committees. Note: the minutes might contain complementary information.

2. Minutes.  
1950-1969;  
11.0 cm of textual documents.

Consist of 7 folders of minutes and related documents. No minutes for 1960.

3. Cash Books  
1961-1967;  
1.0 cm of documents.

Cash Book; bank account booklet; cheque booklets and 1967 treasurer=s report.

4. [Membership]  
n.d.; 1963-1967;  
0.5 cm of textual documents.

Membership applications, mailing lists and letter to members re: proposed changes for membership and Associate membership.

### Box 2

5. [General Correspondence]  
1955-1967;  
2.5 cm of textual documents.

Consists of correspondence with various associations, groups, individuals and organizations. There is no correspondence for 1959 and 1960.  
Note: the minutes, could contain complementary information.

6. [CKSO and Sunday morning Church service.]  
1963-1965;  
0.3 cm of textual documents.

Exchange of correspondence regarding the scheduling of Sunday church service radiobroadcast.

7. Schedule for services  
n.d.; 1962;  
3 sheets of textual documents.

Schedules for services at the Sanatorium and for the Girl Guide Camp.

8. [Activities and other Associations.]  
n.d.; 1962-1965;  
0.2 cm of textual documents.

Notices, flyers and forms of registration for different workshops and conferences; List of members whose articles on meditation will be published in the Daily Star; Church Directory 1965-66, City of Sudbury.

9. [Bilingual Teachers' College.]  
1963;  
6 sheets of textual documents.

Correspondence regarding concerns about the College.

10. Brief on Religious Education in the Public Schools of Ontario.  
[1967?];  
4 sheets of textual documents.

Correspondence and copy of the brief submitted by the Ministerial Association of Sudbury.

11. Presentation on Bilingualism and Biculturalism.  
1964-1966;  
0.2 cm of textual documents.

Correspondence, copy of the brief submitted to the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism; list of briefs received; copy of the Final draft of recommendations to the Royal Commission.

12. [YMCA]  
1963-1964;  
0.1 cm of textual documents.

"The YMCA and Divided Christianity," address by Father O'Keefe; article on the YMCA and YWCA.

13. Documentation.  
2.0 cm of textual documents

Printed material such as brochures, flyers, articles on different topics like: alcoholism, addiction, poverty, peace, Christian Young Councillors etc.

14. [Ministerial Executive and Committees].  
n.d.; 1962;  
2 sheets of textual documents.

List of Ministerial Executive Committee and description of committees for 1962-63.