

Description and Finding Aid

**CAROLYN PURDEN FONDS
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Dates of creation

1966-1993

Extent

20 cm of textual records

Biographical sketch

Carolyn Purden, reporter, editor and communications consultant, was born in 1941 in Solihull, Warwickshire, England, to Patrick and Irene Purden, and has a younger sister Christine. She came to Canada in 1952 and attended Havergal College from 1954 to 1959. She then attended Trinity College, graduating in 1962. She was married to David Greenwood from 1964 to 1973, and to the Rev. Tom Anthony from 1973 to 1980. She has two children, Stephen born in 1976 and Jennifer born in 1979.

As a reporter with the *Canadian Churchman*, Purden attended the 1968 Lambeth Conference where the ordination of women as deacons was debated. She became a strong advocate of women's ordination issues through feature articles and editorials. Rising through the ranks at the *Canadian Churchman*, she covered the issue of women's ordination as it was debated at the church's triennial General Synod, National Executive Council (the predecessor of the Council of General Synod), and Canadian diocesan synods. She attended the Church of England General Synod, and other international Anglican gatherings, to cover their debates on the ordination of women. She interviewed archbishops, bishops, and a number of women who felt their vocation as priests had been denied them. In 1974 she attended the irregular ordination of the 'Philadelphia Eleven' and reported first hand on that event and its prolonged legal and theological aftermath in the Episcopal Church. She wrote on the subject of ordination to the priesthood for several overseas publications. After Canada began ordaining women as priests, she covered the issue of women in the episcopacy up to and including the ordination of Canada's first woman bishop, Victoria Matthews.

In 1971 Purden accompanied Rev. Donald Clark, The Anglican Church of Canada's Asia secretary, on an eight-week trip around the world, visiting Ethiopia, India, Myanmar, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan and Okinawa. Mr. Clark was visiting Anglican Church-supported projects to review their work. Purden's assignment was to cover Mr. Clark's meetings and to visit other relief projects throughout the region.

Carolyn Purden is the president of Purden Communications, a corporate communications consulting service, in Toronto.

Scope and content

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Contains series

1. Women as Priests
2. Asia and Ireland

Notes

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Arrangement: Original order has been maintained

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Provenance access points: Purden, H. Carolyn, 1941-

SERIES 1: WOMEN AS PRIESTS**Dates of creation:** 1971-1993**Extent:** 24 cm of textual records

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Location / File Listing:

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Women priests – Church of England	1968	1993	File contains clippings from Toronto newspapers, press releases, reports from the Anglican Church of Canada, and drafts of articles written by Purden. Also included is correspondence between Purden and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, and a survey of bishops.	1-1 1-2
Women priests – Church of England	1972	1993	File contains clippings and press releases.	1-3

1976 Women priests in Canada	1972	1976	File contains research and interview notes, memoranda, and reports from the Anglican Church of Canada, and a published report on the ordination of women from the Church of England – <i>The Ordination of Women to the Priesthood</i> , 1972.	1-4
Women bishops	1988	1983	File contains notes from an interview with Victoria Matthews; press materials relating to her ordination and that of other women bishops in Canada and the United States, including Barbara Harris, Suffragan Bishop in the Diocese of Massachusetts.	1-5 1-6
Women priests after Philadelphia	1974	1983	File contains material produced by the Movement for the Ordination of Women (MOW), press clippings, photocopies of legal documents, Purden's notes, press releases from the Episcopal Church, and copies of publications carrying stories about the Philadelphia Eleven.	1-7 1-8
Women priests – USA	1972	1975	File contains press materials – clippings, publications, press releases; also contains copies of reports, Purden's notes, and travel information regarding her 1974 trip to Philadelphia.	2-1 2-2
Women priests – world	1971	1984	File contains press materials, correspondence, and reports relating to the ordination of women in New Zealand, Barbados, Great Britain, Sweden, Hong Kong, and southeast Asia.	2-3

SERIES 2: ASIA AND IRELAND**Dates of creation:** 1966-1982**Extent:** 26 cm of textual records

12 photographs : b&w/col ; 20 cm x 25 cm or smaller

Scope and content: Series documents the 1971 trip taken by Carolyn Purden with the Rev. Donald Clark. Series contains typed notes and observations from Purden's travels through Asia and Ireland. Files also contain newspaper clippings, pamphlets, and booklets relating to Asia and Ireland along with 12 photographs.

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FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Contacts and background Information	1971	1971	File contains contact information, correspondence relating to her trip to Asia, newspaper clippings, itinerary. Also includes background information on CIDA, CUSO, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, and a list of Canadian Anglican Church funds supporting projects and personnel in Asia.	3-1
Interview notes	[1971]	[1971]	File contains typed writings on India, handwritten notes, report of the activities of Bengal Social Service League newsletter, handwritten and typed notes from	3-2

interviews.

Burma	1971	1971	File contains a copy of <i>The Guardian</i> (14 April), "Inauguration of the Church of The Province of Burma" booklet, handwritten notes, correspondence. 1 photograph : col. ; 9 cm x 12 cm	3-3
Okinawa	1971	1971	File contains correspondence, typed notes, church pamphlets, Episcopal Okinawa Missionary Diocesan News newsletter.	3-4
Thailand	1971	1971	File contains newspaper clippings from Bangkok.	3-5
Asia	1967	1971	File contains list of names and addresses, 'Statement for Senate External Relations Committee' by Maurice F. Strong, information on CIDA aid, clipping from the <i>Globe and Mail</i> (29 July 1971).	3-6
Asia Trip	1971	1971	File contains typed notes on religion, information on Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, handwritten notes.	3-7
India	1971	1971	File contains correspondence, typed biography of Mother Teresa, <i>Highlights of the Demographic Situation of Our Country</i> booklet, handwritten and typed notes and drafts, 'Recommendations to National and World Program,' issue of the <i>Canadian Bar Association Journal</i> , report of the activities of Bengal Social Service League newsletter, newspaper clippings.	3-8

Hong Kong	1966	1971	File contains correspondence, handwritten notes, typed information on CARE Hong Kong, newspaper clippings, small 1966 calendar, typed notes and drafts, Hong Kong Christian Service Tour pamphlet, 'Syllabus for Sewing, Tailoring, and Embroidery.'	3-9
Ireland Background	1971	1971	File contains typed interview notes, typed drafts of observations.	3-10
Ireland	1971	1972	File contains correspondence, handwritten notes, list of contacts, issue of <i>Canadian Churchman</i> , January 1972 – 'Ireland, reign of terror.'	3-11
Publications	[1972]	[1975]	File contains copies of 'Norman Bethune in China,' 'China: A Geographical Sketch,' 'Tachai: standard bearer in China's agriculture,' 'Bright Red Star,' 'New Women in New China,' 'The Constitution of the People's Republic of China.'	4-1
<i>China</i> , by Carolyn Purden	1976	1976	File contains published booklet.	4-2
Miscellaneous	1975	1975	File contains notes, travel schedule, conversion of Chinese measurements, and impressions of cities.	4-3
Shanghai	1975	1975	File contains typed documents including a background of Shanghai, tour of a people's	4-4

			commune, briefing at docks, visit to a middle school, and visit to a children's palace. Newspaper clippings.	
Peking	1975	1975	File contains typed documents including a background on Peking, personal impressions, speech by a government tourism official, a briefing and tour of an electrical machinery factory, briefing at the University of Peking, visit to Peking subway, a visit to a Peking neighbourhood, and the Peking Underground Defence system.	4-5
Shenyang	1975	1975	File contains typed documents including a meeting with women workers on the role of women in China, a visit to a heavy machinery plant, a visit to a metallurgical powder factory, a visit to Fushun open coal pit mine, a visit to a home for aged workers, and a briefing from the director of travel service.	4-6
Hangchow	1975	1975	File contains typed documents including background information on Hangchow, tour of a brocade factory, and tour of a middle school.	4-7
Shihchiachuang	1975	1975	File contains typed documents about visits to a cadre school, a cotton mill, a people's commune, Norman Bethune International Peace Hospital of the People's Liberation Army, and a visit to	4-8

Garden on the Martyrs.

Tangshan	1975	1975	File contains documents about Tangshan, a visit to a porcelain factory and research institute, a locomotive rolling stock plant, a coal mining exhibition, and a visit to Sandstone Hollow Commune.	4-9
Photographs	1975	1975	File contains photographs showing people and landscapes. 11 photographs : b&w ; 20 cm x 25 cm	4-10
People	1975	1975	File contains typed documents about visits with peasants, a children's dormitory, farm workers, miners, and residents of a Peking neighbourhood.	4-11
China Background	1976	1982	File contains booklet <i>The Red Star Guides Me in the Fight</i> , Trinity magazine clipping on 'Teaching Religion in China,' Christian Conference of Asia report on visit to China, Religious News Service bulletin, newspaper clippings, News from the Canadian Council of Churches press release, Anglican Consultative Council press release, China notes booklet, <i>Barefoot Through China</i> by Eugene L. Stockwell, China and Ourselves newsletter, 'Christian Community Life in a Chinese Village' by Jonathan Chao.	4-12