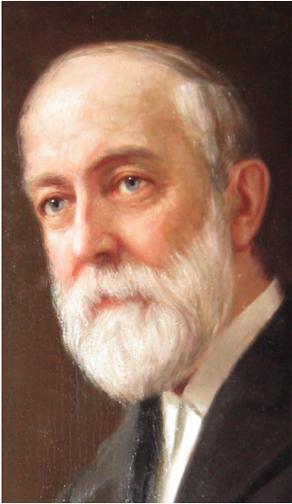


Toronto United Church Council History



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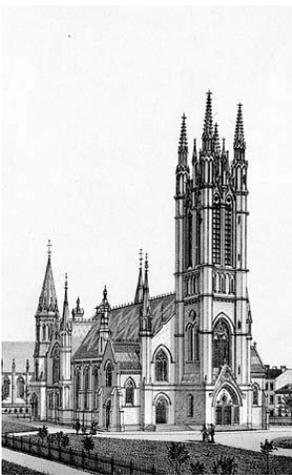
The Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) was founded in 1892 by the Methodist Church and, from its inception, served the church and society within the City of Toronto and York Region. In its earliest years through to the 1920's and 1930's, TUCC attended to establishing and managing effective outreach ministries, giving leadership to new church development, providing financial relief to "embarrassed churches", overseeing fresh-air camping, and, during the depression, operating a distribution service for much needed food and clothing.

The 1940's into the 1960's were years of massive church growth. TUCC contributed land, capital, and the use of portable start-up buildings to the 54 congregations that were established or expanded in this three decade period. During the 1970s and 1980s, the mandate shifted to supporting redevelopment of older churches and responding to the needs of the growing suburbs of Scarborough, Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill. In 1992, TUCC extended its service area to all the Presbyteries of Toronto Conference and over the next 12 years provided \$1,160,000 in grants to them for their priority mission strategy work. In 2001, the Investing in Ministry Fund was established to enable individuals, congregations and mission units to directly invest in the work of the United Church. In 2008, the Dufferin & Peel Presbytery Extension Council and Toronto United Church Council merged and together they formed an even stronger corporation to meet the needs of the church.

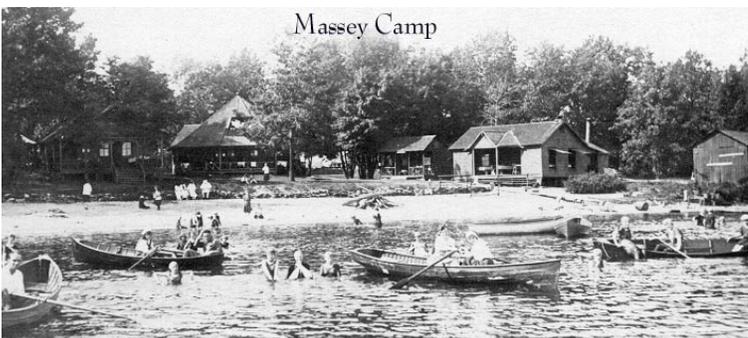
In 2018 TUCC amended its Letters Patent to enable its services to be shared with four of the new regional councils (Western Ontario Waterways, Horseshoe Falls, Shining Waters, and East Central Ontario) created in the major restructuring of the United Church.

Today, TUCC continues to be involved in supporting communities of faith, caring for the vulnerable through its support of social ministries, outreach endeavours, and the construction of affordable housing. In addition to its historical and continuing strong associations with the Fred Victor Centre, the Massey Centre, Hillcrest Lodge, and the Toronto Christian Resource Centre, TUCC continues to support innovative work meeting the needs of today.

TUCC's long history with camping began first with the operation of the camps and now with its ownership of four campsites and its partnership with the Board of Directors of Camp Big Canoe, Camp Simpresca, Lake Scugog Camp, Ryde Lake Camp and Sparrow Lake Camp.



*Queen Street
Methodist Church*



Massey Camp

Sparrow Lake Camp was formerly known as Massey Camp



Camp Ahshunyoong (now Camp Big Canoe), 1937