

Where to Start Researching and Reading About Diaconal Ministers

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- Thomas, John D. "Servants of the Church: Canadian Methodist Deaconess Work 1890-1926", *Canadian Historical Review*, LXV, 3, 1984.
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- The First Fifty Years, 1895-1945: The Training and Work of Women Employed in the Service of The United Church of Canada* (Toronto: The United Church of Canada, 1945).
- 60th Anniversary: The United Church Training School 1895-1955* (Toronto: The United Church of Canada, n.d.)
- In *The United Church Archives*, the Agendas of the General Councils of 1925, 1926, 1928, 1930, 1936, 1938, 1948, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1982 all contain extensive reports on deaconess/diaconal ministry history, work and theology of ministry. The Archives also has a wealth of material on Methodist deaconesses, on the Methodist Training College and has a tape of an interview with Stella Burry of Newfoundland.
- The Centre for Christian Studies Archives* has minutes, recruitment materials and reports of the committee responsible for administering deaconess work for over 20 years, the committee on the deaconess order and women workers. Also there are historical documents on the United Church Training School, minutes of the Fellowship and copies of the Manual and Constitution of the Deaconess Order.

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- Prang, Margaret, "'The Girl God Would Have Me Be': The Canadian Girls in Training, 1915-39", *The Canadian Historical Review*, LXVI, 2 (June 1985).

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- Boyd, Sandra Hughes, *Cultivating our Roots: A Guide to Gathering Church Women's History* (Cincinnati: Forward Movement Publications, 1984).
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- Swensson, Gerd *The Churches and the Diaconate* (Uppsala, 1985).