



UNITED CHURCH
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MEN'S CLUBS



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U.C. AOTS Mens' Clubs -Toronto July 27, 28, 29, 1979.



A O T S C O N V E N T I O N T H E M E

" B A C K T O B A S I C S "

The Aim of United Church AOTS Men's Clubs is: To Promote Christian Fellowship; To Deepen the Spiritual Life of Men; and to Develop an Effective Program of Christian Service.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS -- An Outstanding Theme Speaker

The Rev. Maurice Boyd

Discussion Groups...Workshops...Fellowship...Club Aids...Ideas

Saturday Night Banquet

Terrific Ladies' and Children's Programs

Sightseeing

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
UNITED CHURCH AOTS MEN'S CLUBS

1978 Financial Statement and Budgets

<u>Receipts:</u>	<u>1978 Actual</u>	<u>1978 Budget</u>	<u>1979 Budget</u>
Club Dues	9,474.00	14,000	10,000
Individual Memberships	405.00	1,000	500
Life Memberships	175.00	250	250
Contributions	1,600.48	5,000	1,000
Second Mile Support	3,191.40	---	4,000
DMC Grant	6,000.00	6,000	6,000
Sale of Supplies	835.65	1,500	1,000
Misc. Income	1,493.16	250	250
	<u>23,174.69</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>23,000</u>

<u>Disbursements:</u>			
Ex. Sec. Salary	7,149.96	8,300	9,500
Employee Benefits	260.82	---	250
Stenographic	---	1,800	250
Office rental & services	---	1,200	---
Office Supplies & Equip.	1,566.89	2,000	1,000
Telephone	331.61	200	250
Postage	424.81	500	500
Travel - Ex. Sec.	284.45	2,000	2,000
Nat. Pres.	---	1,000	1,000
Reg. V.Pres.	36.00	1,000	1,000
Meetings - Annual	5,409.32	3,000	4,500
Executive	916.52	1,000	1,000
Sub.-Ex.	240.52	500	250
Committees etc.	---	1,000	---
Communications	273.36	2,000	2,000
Supplies for resale	932.68	2,000	1,000
Misc.	865.85	---	---
Conference Funds	745.92	500	500
	<u>19,438.71</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>

<u>Reconciliation:</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>Harry Colnett Memorial Fund</u>
Balance opening	3,731.63	5,596.47
Receipts	<u>23,174.69</u>	<u>1,618.46</u>
	26,906.32	7,214.93
Disbursements	<u>19,438.71</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Closing Balance	<u>7,467.61</u>	6,214.93

Second Mile Support

<u>Number</u>	<u>Total Amount Paid</u>
43	3,191.40

A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT:

I would like to emphasize one or two of the decisions made at the October National Council Meeting; firstly: A Newsletter will be published four times a year; every Club, District Council, is urged to forward to the Executive-Secretary, Mr. Allan Smith, at least one item of news, hopefully each quarter. Secondly: Everyone must do all possible to ensure the success of our National Convention in Toronto, July 27 - 29, 1979.

May we all translate into action our affirmation of the purpose of AOTS, and move our organization into the very mid-stream of the work and mission of the United Church of Canada.

You will recall the challenge of AOTS, "to promote Christian Fellowship, to deepen the spiritual life of men, and develop an effective program of Christian Service".

May we answer this challenge by making it a reality in our lives, and in our clubs and churches.

I am looking forward, keenly, to my western tour, to witness the good work that is being done there, and observe your determination to go on to greater things in the Master's Service.

The climax of Leadership is to know WHEN to do WHAT! A leader is anyone who has two characteristics: First, he is going somewhere, and Second, he is able to persuade others to go with him.

Yours, in His Service,



T. W. Ferguson,
National President

UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child

The right to:

- Affection, love and understanding
- Adequate nutrition and medical care
- Free education
- Full opportunity for play and recreation
- A name and nationality
- Special care, if handicapped
- Be among the first to receive relief in times of disaster
- Learn to be a useful member of society and to develop individual abilities
- Be brought up in a spirit of peace and universal brotherhood
- Enjoy these rights, regardless of race, colour, sex, religion, national or social origin

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International Year of the Child

"We are guilty of many errors and many faults, but our worst crime is abandoning the children, neglecting the fountain of life. Many things we need can wait. The child cannot. Right now is the time his bones are being formed, his blood is being made — and his senses are being developed. To him we cannot answer 'Tomorrow'. His name is 'Today'." — Gabriela Mistral

* Chilean Nobel prize-winning poet.

Manitoba Reports

District Council

On Sunday, January 14th, the Manitoba District Council conducted a laity service at Westminister Church. Murray McPherson delivered the address using the theme "Lay Responsibility and Lay Organizations." At the conclusion of the service George Cordell presented Murray Kerr with a much deserved "life membership" in the National Association.

The new council executive led by President Frank Lewis will be installed at the February meeting. Council is pleased to note that its support of Rossbrook House, a central Winnipeg youth centre, has been recognized by the director -- Sr. MacNamara.

Club Happenings

Westworth Club continues a series of presentations and discussion on "Back to the Basics." Dr. Robert Hudson led the Janaury session with a talk on "What is a Christian layman like?" Windsor Park men are busy assisting in the rebuilding of their church but took time to provide a mid winter outing for a group of downtown teenagers. This activity involved a day at Birds Hill Provincial Park for the men and their teenage guests. On January 27, the Grey Street Club entertained Premier and Mrs. Lyon at a community dinner. Ninety people heard the premier spell out his view of the great potential of lay activity in our communities. The profit from this banquet was turned over to the Bible Society.

Retreats and Conferences

The Riding Mountain Men's Conference will be held at Clear Lake on June 15-16-17. The theme leader will be Rev. Norman McKenzie. Men of western Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan are reminded of this event.

The 1979 Manitoba Laity Retreat has been delayed until the fall. It will be held at Lakeside Centre on Lake Winnipeg on the weekend of October 12-14 with Rev. Bruce Miles as theme speaker.

Saskatchewan Men

District Council

Chairman Rae Silzer reports that the South Saskatchewan Round Up will be held on Friday, March 23rd at Lakeview Church in Regina. This promises to be a busy evening dealing with leadership development. As the National President, Tom Ferguson will be in Regina on March 27. A special meeting of council will be held on that evening. Several groups including Rosemount Church have indicated interest in forming clubs and joining council activities. The fact that 76 men from the area travelled as a group to the Banff Conference demonstrates the spirit of the South Saskatchewan men.

Club Reports

The St. Andrews (Moose Jaw) Menu continues to provide many of us with AOTS

information from that area. The men of St. Andrews are to be congratulated for their monthly newsletter -- it is a pleasure to receive it. Thanks to Bill and Harry. On December 12, 1978, the St. Andrews Men met to recall the church fire of 15 years earlier and to view slides of the re-building of St. Andrews.

Alberta Men

Through the untiring efforts of the Alberta President, Jim Dickie, AOTS activities across the province are numerous. Most clubs are active in the Edmonton area, in the south Alberta presbytery and in Red Deer presbytery. Some club activity is known to be going on in the Calgary area, however, none of these clubs are affiliated with National. With the assistance of Fred Holberton plans are being made for a biennial meeting to be held in Calgary in 1981. It is hoped that these and other plans will be finalized when President Tom visits the area on March 28-29.

The second bursary for 1978/79 from the Harry Colnett Bursary Fund was presented at a joint meeting of the St. Andrews Club and the St. James Club at St. Andrews on November 27, 1978. The recipient being Ken Rynning, a third year agriculture student at the University of Alberta. The bursary was presented by Jim Dickie Alberta Conference President of AOTS. Over 30 members were in attendance. Jim reviewed the origin and concept of the Colnett Fund before the presentation and then introduced Ken as the speaker for the evening. Ken had spent the summer in Sierra Leone, Africa with Canadian Crossroads International. He provided an excellent account of his experiences supported by slides. We, again wish to congratulate Ken Rynning and Doug Tanner on the award of these bursaries and wish them both continued success in their chosen field.

British Columbia Reports

Vancouver Island District Council

Chaired by Dick Wade the Council met regularly during 1978. Issues discussed recently include: the purchase of a piano and other equipment for Camp Pringle, an AOTS Rally at Camp Pringle, support for summer youth camps, plans for the B. C. Round Up to be held on March 31 in Victoria, inter-club visitation, and a number of support tasks arising from specific requests. The new executive (Bob Morris, President) will be installed at Esquimalt on February 19.

Club Happenings

The Duncan AOTS Club held its 29th installation service on January 18th at which time Keith Bennett became president. Retiring president Fred Cummings welcomed members from six Vancouver Island clubs in addition to the 57 paid up members of the host club. A total of 160 persons (including wives) attended the evening banquet. This is a record for Duncan and perhaps for all of Canada. The financial report revealed a turn over of \$6577 -- of which most went to various charities. Our congratulations to the Duncan men -- Keep up the good work.

The Langley Club reports a successful year in 1978. Their local activities included: renovations to their church, support for the Rising Sun Group and the Singing Seven, and organizing a Sunday School sports program. This club has been involved in the Coastal Men's Conference which in 1978 was held at

The Firs in Bellingham. This year, on May 4-6, it will be held at Trinity Western College.

Other club news indicate that: the Ladysmith Chemainus group sponsored two young people to camp in 1978, Irvin Nightingale described "Nigeria Today" to the Esquimalt men, and that the Fairfield club has a most ambitious program set up for 1979. Ted Belt provides an excellent newsletter, we are sure he would send you a copy if you wish to know what is coming up at Fairfield in Victoria. For the January - June period, South Burnaby has a full program including a presentation on the "Westminister Crisis Centre," the Round Up, and a drive to win the D. R. Poole trophy.

Barking Up the Wrong Tree - The third grade teacher, gushingly telling her class about children all over the world, came to Scotland. "Can anybody tell me what lads and lassies are?" she asked. "Johnnie, I see your hand is up; you may tell the class." "Lads," said Johnnie, rising to his feet, "are boys, and Lassies are dogs."

Jim Dickie, Alberta Conf. AOTS President, congratulates Ken Ryning on being one of the two 1978 winners of a \$500. Scholarship from the Harry Colnett Memorial Fund of the National Association of UC AOTS MC. The presentation was made at St. Andrew's United Church, Edmonton on November 27, 1978.



FROM THE ARCHIVES - Have you looked through those old pictures of AOTS Events? Have you a rare program just gathering dust? No! Well please get busy. The mail from you has not exactly been overwhelming. Drop me a line if your repository of AOTS Nostalgia is too heavy to mail. If you have a single item, just put it in an envelope & direct it to me. The Archives hopes to have a display at the Convention. If you don't let me know what you have, the predominant material will be from B.C. You wouldn't want that, would you. Send to- W.G.Hastings, 803 Younette Drive, West Vancouver, B.C., V7T 1T1.

HARRY COLNETT SCHOLARSHIP
1979 Award

Application forms have been distributed to the Universities & colleges. Interested applicants should apply at the University or College they are attending.

IN MEMORIAM

Art Martinson - For many years a beloved and active member of the Oak Bay UC AOTS MC, Victoria, B.C.

Willard Ireland - January 27, 1979 - A devoted servant in the work of the Lord with a real dedication for men's work and the AOTS in B.C. He was a guest speaker at the Oak Bay AOTS on January 15 and was slated to be theme speaker for the B.C. AOTS Roundup on Mar. 31.

Karl Emes - Bellefair UC AOTS MC, Toronto. Karl had an uncanny way with radio equipment and had kept the antiquated P.A. system in the sanctuary working for many years. In his memory, the AOTS Club is sponsoring a new P.A. system utilizing both club funds and donations to the Karl Emes' memorial fund. The labour will be done by Club members with completion set for February 1979.

NEW CLUBS

Don Mills UC AOTS MC received its Charter #784 on January 15/79. There were 10 members out fro Don Mills plus 36 from 7 other Toronto AOTS Clubs.

Memorial UC AOTS MC, Grand Falls, Nfld. has reorganized after many years of inactivity. Charter #566A. Alex Thistle is the Pres.

St. Anthony UC AOTS MC, St. Anthony, Nfld. will receive their Charter #785 on March 29, 1979. The President is Cyril C. Noel.

A FOLLOW-UP to a Texas Treat, December AOTS News, page 4.

Nearly 200 cartons of fruit were sold in 20 lb. and 40 lb. lots and were delicious. The project was supported by all organizations of Wilmar Heights Church, Scarborough, Ont. The fruit was shipped from Texas and arrived in 5 days after picking. Approximately \$450. was cleared less printing expenses. It is being repeated in February & March of 79.

Information, literature etc. may be obtained from M.A. Wheat & Sons, Edinburg, Texas, 78539. They are most willing to answer any inquiries and will accept collect calls.

HERE AND THERE

Grace-St. James UC AOTS MC, Peterborough, Ont. are alive & flourishing with 32 out to their January, Sunday, breakfast meeting. \$1200. profit on the Christmas tree project will go to the "New Organ" and other church funds. An auction sale will be held at the Fairgrounds in May.

George St. UC AOTS MC, also in Peterborough, will celebrate their 20th anniversary this year. During October they collected 12½ tons of newspaper. The Christmas Nut Project was also a success. They are promoting a good attendance at the Ontario AOTS Roundup, by their members, in April.

Wesley AOTS, Hamilton, Bermuda have been catering a Thanksgiving Turkey Supper each year for over 25 years. Currently the profits are going toward a \$4000. project to supply much needed new chairs for the church hall.

St. Paul's A.O.T.S. Men's Club

St. Paul's United Church
454 Rebecca Street
Oakville, Ontario.

Annual Financial Statement for 1978.

Balance, January 1, 1978 \$1309.91

Receipts

Membership dues, 30 @ \$5.00	150.00
Donation	100.00
Christmas Sale, 1977	3.00
Sale of nuts, 1977	341.00
Bazaar Sales, 1978 (handicrafts, toys, etc.)	551.75
Sale of nuts, 1978 (potential receipts - \$1176)	1046.50
Bank interest	11.27
	<u>2203.52</u>

Disbursements

Membership dues to Nat. Assoc. U.C. AOTS Men's Clubs	150.00
Meetings expenses, net	40.04
Books, 50-year history of AOTS, 20 copies	21.00
Badges, 30 @ 20¢	6.00
Make It Happen '78, registration subsidy, 12 @ \$3.00	36.00
Nuts, 14 cases @ \$63.00	882.00
Postage, etc. (January 1975 to December 1977)	21.83
Bank charges	5.00
Donations:	
Volley ball	14.96
Sunday School cupboards, materials	57.12
Flower stands	50.00
Christmas lights	41.10
Congregational picnic	30.00
Sunshine Folk Group	75.00
Youth Orchestra	149.00
Five Oaks Swimming Pool Fund	150.00
Oaklands Regional Centre	100.00
Ontario Mission of the Deaf	300.00
Oakville Christmas Bureau	100.00
Oakville Midget Girls Softball Club	175.00 (for 1978 and 1979)
Oakville Juvenile Boys Softball	100.00 (for 1979)
St. Paul's U.C., for World Relief	100.00
Don Watt, for leadership training	150.00
St. Paul's U.C., debt retirement	500.00
	<u>2092.18</u>
	3254.05

Balance, December 31, 1978 259.38

Membership Report

Paid membership	30	M. M. Wright,
Honorary members	2	January 1, 1979.
Life members	1	

Dear Friends:

May I take this opportunity to thank the Groups that participate in the questionnaire sent out by our Secretary Al. Smith , in the fall of 1978 on behalf of the youth committee seeking information on " What are you doing?, and what you would like from us?".

It is this kind of communication that makes it easier for us to function. Also I wish to remind you that time is short to get in information returns regarding " The Pool Memorial Award ".

So let us get it in the mail NOW, so as to give our judges a respectful time to study the entries and decide on the winner.

Wishing you a successful year in your Group.



National Youth Committee

REGISTER EARLY

**First couple registration received will be entitled to a free boat tour of the scenic Toronto Islands & Harbour.

I will be travelling by: car train plane bus TTC

and expect to arrive _____
date time

I would appreciate receiving Trailer Park information.

I enclose my cheque \$ _____ for full registration Fee.

Make cheques payable to 1979 AOTS Convention

Complete both sides of Registration Form

GREETINGS FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Deadline for material for the next newsletter is MARCH 31/79. Thanks for the material that has been coming in but many clubs and areas are not being heard from. Thanks too for the 1979 Officer Registration Cards that have been received and the 1979 Dues. Keep them coming. We can't communicate with the right person if we don't know who he is. National Treasurer, Bob Lewis, has moved from Chatham to Oakville. His new address is R.A.Lewis 1229 Marlborough Court, Apt. 506, Oakville, Ont., L6H 3B6. His moving has slowed down the sending out of receipts but he will soon be caught up on them. Don't forget the Membership Competition for the David Sherwood Memorial Award. Information etc. went out a month ago.

SEE YOU AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN JULY

al Smith

NATIONAL AOTS CONVENTION INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FEE
(payable in advance)

MEN \$25.00
Women..... \$15.00
Children \$5.00

(deduct \$2.00 per ADULT if registered before Mar. 31/79
.....
No refunds on cancellations received after June 30/79.

P R O G R A M

Official Convention Opening
Friday, July 27/79, 1 p.m.
Men's, Women's, Children's
program details sent after receipt of registration.

A C C O M M O D A T I O N

(to be paid for on arrival)

ROOMS....Adults and Children -
Single-Approx. \$10-\$14./day.
Double- " \$8.-\$12./day each.

Maximum - 2 persons per room.

M E A L S

Meal tickets will be sold at registration desk.

Special low price ..\$24./person
Friday lunch through Sunday
lunch inclusive.

Saturday Night Banquet cost included in Registration Fee (Adults Only)

R E G I S T R A T I O N F O R M

Send to: Ev Turner, Convention Registrar,
27 Florence Cr., Toronto, Ont., M6N 4E6 phone 416-767-1032

Name _____
Surname Christian Names Nickname

Address _____
Apt. Street & number City Province Postal Code

Local Church _____ Presbytery _____ Conference _____ Voting Delegate
yes _____ no _____

Wife Attending _____ Christian Name _____ Office held(if any) _____

Children Attending..Name Age Sex _____
_____ _____
_____ _____
Local Club _____
Presbytery _____
Conference _____
National _____