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Records of the Eccles and Patricroft Free Church Federal Council
(formerly Free Church Council), 1905-76, n.d.

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The following records are of the Eccles and Patricroft Free Church Council or, as it was named from June, 1942, the Eccles and Patricroft Free Church Federal Council. It was composed of representatives from the Protestant Nonconformist churches in Eccles and Patricroft. After the establishment of a Free Church Committee for Salford Metropolitan District the termination of the Eccles and Patricroft Free Church Federal Council was agreed at a meeting of the Council held on 16 January, 1976.

These records were deposited as follows:

Miss M. Carr, 31 Barlow Lane, Winton, January, 1968, N/FEP/AM1-4, /A01, /AR1-2, /AZ1-2, /C1-3, /F1-3, /Z1-7 (catalogued January, 1975);

Miss E. Hulton, 27 Thorn Tree Green, Appleton, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 4QU, Hon. Secretary, April, 1976, N/FEP/AM5, /AZ3-4, /C4-13, /Z8-9 (catalogued June, 1976).

ADMINISTRATION

Minutes

N/FEP/AM1

Minutes of Council, 1905-10, minutes of Executive Committee or other meetings of officers or ministers, 1905-18 (1 vol.)
N/FEP/AZ2, C2, F3 and Z7 removed. 1905-18

/AM2

Minutes of Council, 1910-27, minutes of Executive Committee, 1919, 1921-24, 1926-28 (1 vol.)
N/FEP/C3 removed. 1910-28

/AM3-4

Minutes of Council, 1928-56, and Executive Committee, 1928-46 (2 vols.) 1928-56

/AM5

Minutes of the Council, 1956-76, with attached correspondence, 1976 (1 vol.) 1956-76

/A01

Official declarations and reports
Typescript report on annual assembly of Free Church Council, Leicester (1 doc.) 1937

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ADMINISTRATION (contd.)

Registration

N/FEP/AR1 Register of Free Church Council listing names and addresses of representatives of member churches (1 vol.) 1928-47

/AR2 List of names of ministers conducting services at "Green Lane Institute", Patricroft (1 vol.) 1931-41

Miscellaneous

/AZ1 Printed copies of constitution of Free Church Council, n.d., and accompanying note, 1930 or later (4 docs.) 1930 or later, n.d.

/AZ2 Lists of streets with approximate number of houses in each street and names of streets allotted to various churches for visitation purposes, Eccles (1 vol.) n.d.
Removed from N/FEP/AM1.

/AZ3 Draft constitution for an Eccles Council of Churches, n.d. [1967 or 1968], proposals for changing the constitution of the Eccles and Patricroft Free Church Federal Council to bring it into closer relations with the same Council of Churches, n.d. [1967 or 1968], Free Church Chronicle, containing article on establishment of a Lincoln Council of Churches and proposed alteration of the constitution of the Lincoln and District Free Church Federal Council, July, 1967, and photocopy of part of same article, n.d. [1967 or 1968] (1 bdle.) 1967, [1967 or 1968]

/AZ4/1-2 Typescript texts, differing slightly in wording for induction of a president of the Council (2 docs.) n.d.

CORRESPONDENCE

/C1 Correspondence of the Secretary, enclosures and other papers, incl.: 1928, 1930, 1932-33, 1935-49, 1951, 1953-59, n.d.
Copy of article proposed for the Lancashire Journal series, 1937;
Correspondence concerning recommendations to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster for appointments as Justices of the Peace, Eccles, 1928, 1930, 1933;
Copies of letters to the Town Clerk, Eccles, and to government ministers, various dates.
(1 file, 54 docs., 34 bdles.)

/C2 Various correspondence and circulars (1 bdle., 27 docs.) 1923-24, n.d.
Removed from N/FEP/AM1.

/C3 Various letters and circulars (5 docs.) 1926-27
Removed from N/FEP/AM2.

/C4 Letter for opening of a bank account at the Urnston Branch of the District Bank (1 doc.) 1962

/C5 Letter from a Joint Secretary of the Central Joint Education Policy Committee (representing the Church of England and other Protestant Churches) regarding inclusion of denominational representatives in the management boards of schools (1 doc.) 1962

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CORRESPONDENCE (contd.)

N/FEP/C6	Copy of letter proposing appointment of representatives from Swinton to the Eccles and Patricroft Free Church Federal Council (1 doc.)	1966
/C7	Letter from Eccles Borough Librarian and Curator acknowledging receipt of earlier deposit of records (1 doc.)	[1968]
/C8	Copy of letter from Manchester, Salford and District Free Church Federal Council regarding representation of the Free Churches on Community Health Councils, n.d. but with annotation that a reply was sent on 5 February, 1974 (1 doc.)	[1974]
/C9	Letter from the City of Salford Cultural Services Manager asking for information for compiling an Eccles directory of organisations, with note on reply (1 doc.)	1974
/C10	Letter from the County Ecumenical Officer of the Greater Manchester County Ecumenical Council regarding a meeting for the establishment of a Free Church Committee for Salford Metropolitan District (1 doc.)	1975
/C11	Letters, chiefly circular, with papers and publications, from the Free Church Federal Council (27 docs., incl. some attached to other docs., 4 pamphlets, 2 leaflets)	1974-76,
/C12	Circular letters and other papers from the National Free Church Women's Council (25 docs., incl. some attached to other docs.)	1974-76
/C13	Circular letter, 1974, and notice, n.d. [?1974], from the Executive Officer of the Churches' Unity Commission (2 docs.)	1974, n.d.

FINANCE

/F1/1-2	Accounts concerning "Green Lane Institute" (2 vols.)	1931-49
/F2	Solicitor's bill for opposing extension of licensing hours, Eccles (1 doc.)	1938
/F3	Balance sheet (1 doc.) Removed from N/FEP/AM1.	1923-24

MISCELLANEOUS

/Z1	Certificate of corporate membership of the League of Nations Union (1 doc.)	1931
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MISCELLANEOUS (contd.)

N/FEP/Z2	Pamphlet on scheme for areas for local Free Church Councils (1 pamphlet)	1941
/Z3	Annual report of the Free Church Federal Council (1 doc.)	1947-48
/Z4	Various periodicals or published papers of Free Church Federal Council or other bodies (7 docs.)	1941, 1946
/Z5	Report of the National Free Church Council (1 pamphlet)	1925-26
/Z6	Published Presidential Address to 37th. Annual Assembly of the National Free Church Council (1 pamphlet)	1932
/Z7	Various printed leaflets and pamphlets (4 docs., 1 pamphlet) Removed from N/FEP/AM1.	1919, 1923-24, n.d.
/Z8	Authorised version of the Bible, n.d., with pages containing signatures of presidents of the Eccles and Patricroft Free Church Council or Free Church Federal Council, 1936-69 (1 vol. containing two loose typescript texts of induction for presidents of the Council, similar to those in N/FEP/AZ4, n.d., used 1967 and 1969, and order of service for same induction, 1968)	1936-69, n.d.,
/Z9	Periodical, <u>Free Church Chronicle</u> (6 pamphlets)	1975