

The inaugural meeting to establish the Adelaide City Mission was held in 1867 with members to be drawn from evangelical Christian denominations. The first Missioner appointed was Captain Richard Berry who had formerly ministered to Scottish fisher folk. The Mission operated from the Victor Theatre in Currie Street, establishing a night school in 1870 and in 1877 erected its own Mission Hall in Light Square. A Sunday School was opened in 1880 and a Chinese missionary appointed owing to the large number of Chinese residents to be found in the proximity of Hindley Street. The Mission also ministered to the Syrian community and to Aboriginal people gifting a home for Aboriginal girls to the government in 1941.

In 1969, following a merger with the Evangelisation Society, the Adelaide City Mission moved headquarters from Light Square to Pirie Street, thence Hutt Street in 1971. Work of the Mission's Mansfield Park Outreach was handed over to the Salvation Army in 1974 when sale of the site enabled Hope Haven women and children's shelter to be opened in Halifax Street. The Adelaide City Mission acquired its present Carrington Street premise in 1989.

Sources:

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Journals of Captain Berry. 1875-79, 1883-87. 2 volumes. Manuscript.	1
Committee minutes. 1867, 1871-1988. 14 volumes. Manuscript and typescript. [From 1969 called Headquarters minutes.]	2
Executive meeting minutes. 1908-32, 1942-54. 3 volumes. Manuscript.	3
Appeal Sub Committee minutes. 1928-31. 1 volume. Manuscript.	4
Hope Haven Committee minutes. 1977-87. 2 volumes. Manuscript.	5
Mansfield Park Outreach Ladies Fellowship minutes. 1963-68. 1 volume. Manuscript.	6

Reports.	7
1904, 84.	
5cm. Manuscript, typescript and processed typescript.	
[Includes report by Alfred Dixon on work of the Chinese School 1904.	
See series 11 for centennial report.	
Printed annual reports transferred to serials collections.]	
Statistical returns.	8
1889-1929, 1987. 1 cm.	
Printed, with manuscript additions.	
[See also series 14.]	
Inventory.	9
c.1922. 1 item. Manuscript.	
Clothing issue record.	10
1985-88. 1 cm. Manuscript.	
Subject files.	11
1941-74. 10 cm. Manuscript and typescript.	
[Includes files on centennial reports, constitution, legacy,	
prisoners aid, Mansfield Park property, publicity, relief,	
securities, solicitors and Smith case.]	
General correspondence.	12
1879-1971. 10 cm.	
Manuscript and typescript.	
Committee correspondence	13
1970-71 1 cm. Manuscript and typescript.	
Subsidies correspondence	14
1966-87. 20 cm. Typescript and processed typescript.	
[Includes correspondence relating to Hope Haven	
shelter funding and homeless persons -subsidies.]	
Donor correspondence.	15
1975-85. 10 cm. Manuscript and typescript.	
Pro forma donor letters.	16
c.1970-80. Processed typescript.	
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Donor lists.	17
c.1944, 1981-84. 1 cm Manuscript and processed typescript.	
Prayer requests	18
1976-85. 10 cm Manuscript.	

Devotional-studies. 1984-85. 5 cm. Processed typescript.	19
Hope Haven childcare evaluation reports 1979-84. 25 cm. Manuscript. [RESTRICTED]	20
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Membership applications. 1976-80. 1 cm. Manuscript.	22
Work diaries. 1948-50 2 volumes Manuscript. [Comprises notebook and diary possibly kept by Mrs M. Cain.]	23
Message book. 1 volume. Manuscript.	24
Financial statements. 1956-1986. 1 cm. Typescript.	25
Wages books. 1961-77, 1980-82. 5 volumes. Manuscript.	26
Cash books. 1923-29, 1938-42, 1956-86. 13 volumes. Manuscript.	27
Bookshop cash book. 1969-71. 1 volume. Manuscript.	28
Petty cash books. 1930-60. 2 volumes. Manuscript.	29
Photographs. c.1944-84. 5 cm. Photographic prints.	30
Specifications. 1974-78. 3 items. Typescript. [Comprises specifications for new premises, Mansfield Park and specifications and contract for Halifax Street additions.]	31
Plans. 1974-79. 29 sheets Dyeline. [Comprises architectural plans for premises and additions for Hope Haven, Halifax Street, Hutt Street, Port Adelaide and West Lakes retirement village.]	32