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## INTRODUCTION

Michael Fesenko was born on December 1, 1900 in Krasnovodsk, Turkestan then part of the Imperial Russian Empire where his father was commanding a Cossack detachment serving as border guards. He completed school in Kuban in 1919 and continued his studies in Kuban and in Czechoslovakia. In the United States, he studied at the Bloomfield Theological Seminary for one year and three years at the Princeton Theological Academy which he completed on May 7, 1929. He was ordained on May 8, 1929 as a pastor in the Newark, New Jersey presbytery. He was appointed pastor in Toronto from May, 1929 and he held this position for 47 years. He married Julia Maystrovych in 1933.

He held various positions in the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church in Canada and in the Ukrainian community at the national and international levels. He also edited a number of periodicals including The Evangelical Truth, Kubanskii Krai and other literature.

This Fonds is of special interest to researchers in the area of the history of religion among Ukrainian Canadians and Ukrainians in general.

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