

Rev. Mrs. ADA TONKIN

https://padlet.com/VancouverUnitarians/ada_tonkin

Ada Tonkin, with her husband, Rev. J.B. Tonkin, preached both in Vancouver and Victoria, was the first woman minister to serve a Canadian Unitarian church. They served from 1925 to 1932, 6.5 years was the longest ministry at that time.

She was also the director of the Women's Protective Division of the Vancouver Police Force. The VPD hired Ada Tonkin, Vancouver Local Council of Women (VLCW) clubswoman and convenor of the VLCW's Equal Moral Standards Committee (EMSC), as the Director of the Women's Protective Division in 1929.

In a talk, she once suggested there be a "Lazy Husbands Act" whereby husbands are sent to prison work and their income given to their wives.

After Vancouver, they went to the Sydney Unitarian Church in Australia where Rev. J.B. Tonkin served from 1949 to 1953. https://www.sydneyunitarianchurch.org/History_Wilson.htm

WOMAN PREACHER



REV. ADA TONKIN, one of the few women preachers in the Unitarian Church, who will arrive in Sydney from England on Tuesday with her husband, the Rev. J. B. Tonkin, minister-designate of the Sydney Unitarian Church. When he

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