

# Maritime Conference Archives

## Finding Aid #106

### Cumberland Pastoral Charge (Chignecto Presbytery)

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**Reference Number:** PC/106

**Title:** Cumberland Pastoral Charge fonds

**Dates:** 1889-2009

**Extent:** 1 m of textual records and 1 photograph

**Administrative History:** A pastoral charge is a grouping of churches termed "preaching points" -- each with separate names and governing boards or sessions. These churches are served by one minister. The pastoral charge title usually reflects the breadth of the geographic area encompassing the charge.

Cumberland Pastoral Charge is located in Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. Preaching points are at Joggins and River Hebert (Trinity). Other historical locations within the bounds of the pastoral charge included Minudie, Strathcona, and Shulee.

In 1925, all Methodist and Congregational Churches and a majority of Presbyterian Churches were amalgamated to form the United Church of Canada. At this time, Joggins Pastoral Charge included the preaching points of Joggins and Shulee. River Hebert Pastoral Charge consisted of the preaching points of River Hebert (Trinity United), Strathcona, and Minudie. By 1941, Strathcona was no longer listed as a preaching point and River Hebert Pastoral Charge and Joggins Pastoral Charge had amalgamated to form River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge.

Cumberland Pastoral Charge was created in January 1995 with the amalgamation of Immanuel-Brookdale-Leicester Pastoral Charge and River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge. The preaching points in this new pastoral charge were: Joggins, River Hebert, Immanuel (Amherst), Brookdale, Minudie, and Joggins. Minudie was dropped as a preaching point in 1995. In 2009, Brookdale was removed from Cumberland Pastoral Charge and became part of McCully Pastoral Charge and Immanuel (Amherst) became part of Northumberland Pastoral Charge.

**Custodial History:** Information about the custody of these records prior to acquisition is incomplete.

**Scope and Content:** Fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, membership rolls, minutes, published and unpublished histories, one photograph, correspondence, reports, financial records, a diary, and property deeds from Cumberland Pastoral Charge and its Methodist and Presbyterian predecessors. Fonds is composed of the following sous-fonds:

- Cumberland Pastoral Charge records

- River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge records

- River Hebert Methodist Circuit records

- River Hebert-Joggins-Minudie Presbyterian Pastoral Charge records

- Trinity United Church (River Hebert) records

- Joggins United Church records

**Notes:**

**Source of Supplied Title Proper:** Title based on contents of fonds.

**Accruals:** Further accruals are expected.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** Records were received from the pastoral charge in 2003 (accession 03-068), 2008 (accession 08-059), 2009 (accessions 09-053, 09-064, and 09-065), and 2010 (accession 10-009).

**Related Records:** See McCully Pastoral Charge for Brookdale records. See Northumberland Pastoral Charge for Immanuel (Amherst) records and East and West Leicester records.

**Graphics Physical Description:** There is one black and white photograph of the exterior of Trinity United Church which was photocopied from a newspaper clipping.

**Reference Number:** PC/106/1

**Title:** Cumberland Pastoral Charge records

**Dates:** 1991-2009

**Extent:** 14 cm of textual records and 1 photograph

**Scope and Content:** Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, membership rolls, directories, reports, correspondence, a photograph, published and unpublished histories, and minutes from Cumberland Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of following series:

Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records

Membership Records

Records of Official Board

Annual Reports

Church Histories

Photographs

**Notes:**

**Source of supplied title proper:** Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

**File List:**

**PC/106/1/1 Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/1/1/1	Register Baptisms (June 2000-June 2005) Marriages (June 2000-March 2005) Also includes 2 marriages from 2007 Burials (May 2000-May 2005)	2000-2007
PC/106/1/1/2	Register Baptisms (June 2005-June 2009) Marriages (June 2005-June 2009) Burials (June 2005-May 2009)	2005-2009

**PC/106/1/2 Membership Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/1/2/1	Historic Roll	1991-2009
PC/106/1/2/2	Pictorial Directory Also includes history of each congregation	2001
PC/106/1/2/3	Pictorial Directory	2006

**PC/106/1/4 Records of Official Board**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/1/4/1	Cumberland Pastoral Charge Start-Up Committee minutes and terms of reference	1994
PC/106/1/4/2	Report of Presbytery Triennial visit	2001
PC/106/1/4/3	Joint Needs Assessment Report and Survey Results	2003

PC/106/1/4/4      Official Board Minutes      May 2006-May 2009

**PC/106/1/19    Annual Reports**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/1/19/1	Annual Reports	1995-2008

**PC/106/1/21    Church Histories**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/1/21/1	-Newspaper clipping – “Churches by the Sea: Scottish Settlers brought their Presbyterian Faith,” by M. Allen Gibson, <u>The Chronicle Herald</u>	1989
	-Annual Report of The River Hebert and Maccan Congregations of The Presbyterian Church	1906
	-Typewritten history - “Trinity United Church, River Hebert N.S.”	n.d.
	-Newspaper clipping – “Churches by the Sea: River Hebert” by M. Allen Gibson. <u>The Chronicle Herald</u>	[1955?]
	-Correspondence to archivist re. erection of chapel at Minudie	October 20, 1995
	-Photocopy of newspaper clipping – “River Hebert.” <u>The Presbyterian Witness</u>	April 30, 1904

**PC/106/1/23    Photographs**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/1/23/1	Exterior of Trinity United Church Photocopy from newspaper clipping	[1957-1958]

**Reference Number:** PC/106/2

**Title:** River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge records

**Dates:** 1927-1994

**Extent:** 23.5 cm of textual records

**Administrative History:** In 1925, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and River Hebert Methodist Church united to form Trinity United Church. The former Presbyterian Church was used by the new congregation and the Methodist church became a church hall. With the formation of the United Church of Canada in 1925, River Hebert along with Joggins and Minudie became a pastoral charge.

**Scope and Content:** Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, membership rolls, financial records, and statistical reports from River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records

Membership Records

Records of Treasurer

Annual Reports

**Notes:**

**Source of Supplied Title Proper:** Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

**File List:**

**PC/106/2/1 Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/2/1/1	River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge Register Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records (1889-1925) and communicants roll (1889) from River Hebert Presbyterian	1925-1927
PC/106/2/1/2	River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge Register Baptisms (1925-1941) Marriages (1925-1926) Burials (1925-1927) Fragile. Please use photocopy Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from River Hebert Presbyterian (1921-1925)	1925-1941
PC/106/2/1/3	River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge Register Baptisms (1954-1964) Marriages (1955-1967) Burials (1955-1968)	1954-1968
PC/106/2/1/4	River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge Register	1965-1986

Baptisms (1965-1986)  
 Marriages (1968-1986)  
 Burials (1969-1986)  
 PC/106/2/1/5 River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge November 1986-1994  
 Register – Baptisms/marriages/burials  
 Also includes burial permits (1994) and an  
 obituary (1991)

**PC/106/2/2 Membership Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/2/2/1	Communion Roll Fragile. Please use photocopy. Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from River Herbert Presbyterian/River Herbert-Joggins PC (1921-1927)	1925-1941
PC/106/2/2/2	River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge Communion Roll Also includes a membership list (1995)	1960-1979
PC/106/2/2/3	River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge Historic Roll	1980-1994
PC/106/2/2/4	River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge membership transfer certificates Also includes membership list (1991)	1987-1994

**PC/106/2/7 Records of Treasurer**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/2/7/1	River Hebert/Joggins/Minudie PC River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge Treasurer's Book	1947 – 1961
PC/106/2/7/2	River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge Treasurer's Book	1977-1990
PC/106/2/7/3	River Hebert/Joggins PC Treasurer's Book	1927 - 1979
PC/106/2/7/4	River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge Treasurer's Book	1990-1995
PC/106/2/7/5	River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge Treasurer's Book	1993-1995

**PC/106/2/19 Annual Reports**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/2/19/1	Statistical forms	1994-1996
PC/106/2/19/2	Annual Reports	1988-1990, 1992-1994



**Reference Number:** PC/106/3

**Title:** River Hebert Methodist Circuit

**Dates:** 1911-1912, 1916-1925

**Extent:** 42.5 cm of textual records

**Administrative History:** The first Methodists in the area came from Minudie where a Rev. Pike introduced the community to Methodism. It eventually spread to River Hebert where a church was built in 1882. River Hebert was originally part of the Nappan Methodist Circuit but became the head of a circuit in 1886, including the preaching points of Shulee, Sand River, Head of River Hebert, and Joggins. A manse was built in 1900. In 1925, River Hebert Methodist Church united with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to become Trinity United Church.

**Scope and Content:** Sous-fonds consists of a membership roll and financial statement from River Hebert Methodist Circuit. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records

Membership Records

Records of Treasurer

**Notes:**

**Source of Supplied Title Proper:** Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

**File List:**

**PC/106/3/1 Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/3/1/1	Joggins Methodist Church Baptism/Marriage/Burial Register Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from Joggins United (1925-1953) and session minutes (1941-1943, 1958-1959)	1921-1925

**PC/106/3/2 Membership Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/3/2/1	River Hebert Methodist Circuit Membership List Includes membership lists from Trinity United (1926-1957)	1916-1925

**PC/106/3/7 Records of Treasurer**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/3/7/1	River Herbert Methodist Circuit Financial Statement	1911-1912

**Reference Number:** PC/106/4

**Title:** River Hebert-Minudie-Joggins Presbyterian Pastoral Charge

**Dates:** 1889-1925

**Extent:** 4.5 cm of textual records

**Administrative History:** Presbyterianism was introduced to the River Hebert area initially by Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanter) missionaries – notably Rev. Alexander Clarke, who held services in River Hebert and Minudie. A Covenanter church was built in River Hebert in the late 1840s. Later, Scots Presbyterianism was brought to the region by Scottish settlers from Pictou County who settled in Minudie. Services were held in River Hebert on a sporadic basis until 1858 when meetings were inaugurated on a more regular basis. The original Covenanter movement did not prevail. The church building erected in 1889 in River Hebert and dedicated on September 22, 1889 may have combined both Scots and Irish streams. This church became known as St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church. This pastoral charge also included the preaching points of Maccan, Minudie, and Joggins.

**Scope and Content:** Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, a membership roll, a diary, financial records, and statistical reports from River Hebert-Joggins-Minudie Presbyterian Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records
- Membership Records
- Deaconess Records

**Notes:**

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**File List:**

**PC/106/4/1 Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/4/1/1	Baptism/Marriage/Burial Register Also includes list of communicants (1889) and baptism/marriage/burial records from River Hebert-Joggins PC (1925-1927)	1889-1925
PC/106/4/1/2	Register Baptisms (1921-1925) Marriages (1921-1925) Burials (1921-1925) Fragile. Please use photocopy Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records (1925-1941) communion roll (1925-1941) from River Hebert-Joggins PC	1921-1925

**PC/106/4/2 Membership Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/4/2/1	Communion Roll	1889

Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from River Hebert Presbyterian/River Hebert-Joggins PC (1889-1927)

**PC/106/4/18 Deaconess Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/4/18/1	Joggins record of visitations and diary of Miss Susan Sylvester, Presbyterian Deaconess	1924-1925

**Reference Number:** PC/106/5

**Title:** Trinity United Church (River Hebert) records

**Dates:** 1925-1995

**Extent:** 12 cm of textual records

**Administrative History:** Trinity United Church was formed when St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and the River Hebert Methodist Church united in 1925. The former Presbyterian building continues to be used by the congregation and the Methodist building became the church hall.

**Scope and Content:** Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, a membership roll, minutes, and deeds from Trinity United Church (River Hebert). Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records
- Membership Records
- Records of Congregation
- Records of Official Board
- Records of Session
- Records of Board of Trustees
- Records of Board of Stewards
- Legal Records
- Records of Women's Organizations

**Notes:**

**Source of Supplied Title Proper:** Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

**File List:**

**PC/106/5/1 Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/5/1/1	Baptism Register Also includes session minutes (1959-1983) and transcription of deeds	1965-1975

**PC/106/5/2 Membership Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/5/2/1	Membership Roll	1925-1938

**PC/106/5/3 Records of Congregation**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/5/3/1	Congregational Meeting Minutes Also includes Official Board minutes	1943-1952
PC/106/5/3/2	Congregational Meeting Minutes Also includes Official Board minutes	1953-1957
PC/106/5/3/3	Congregational Meeting Minutes Also includes minutes of Board of Stewards (1965-1981)	1965-1981

**PC/106/5/4 Records of Official Board**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/5/4/1	Official Board Minutes Also includes congregational meeting minutes	1943-1952
PC/106/5/4/2	Official Board Minutes Also includes congregational meeting minutes	1953-1957

**PC/106/5/5 Records of Session**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/5/5/1	Minutes Also includes baptism records (1965-1975) and transcription of deeds	1959-1983

**PC/106/5/6 Records of Board of Trustees**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/5/6/1	Minutes	1990 - 1993

**PC/106/5/8 Records of Board of Stewards**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/5/8/1	Minutes Also includes minutes of congregational meetings (1965-1981)	1965-1981
PC/106/5/8/2	Minutes Also includes UCW Unit 3 minutes (October 1984-October 1986)	February-June 1993
PC/106/5/8/3	Minutes	September 1993-March 1995

**PC/106/5/10 Legal Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/5/10/1	Deeds - Transcribed Also includes baptism records (1965-1975) and Session minutes (1959-1983)	

**PC/106/5/14 Records of Women's Organizations**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/5/14/1	United Church Women (UCW) Unit 3 Minutes Also includes minutes of Board of Stewarts (February-June 1993)	October 1984-October 1986

**Reference Number:** PC/106/6

**Title:** Joggins United Church records

**Dates:** 1925-1979

**Extent:** 3 cm of textual records

**Administrative History:** The Methodist Church in Joggins became Joggins United Church after the creation of The United Church of Canada in 1925.

**Scope and Content:** Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, a membership roll, minutes, reports, and deeds from Joggins United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records
- Membership Records
- Records of Session
- Records of Treasurer
- Legal Records

**Notes:**

**Source of Supplied Title Proper:** Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

**File List:**

**PC/106/6/1 Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/6/1/1	Register Baptisms (1925-1953) Marriages (1925-1952) Burials (1925-1953) Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from River Hebert Methodist Circuit (1921-1925)	1925-1953

**PC/106/6/2 Membership Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/6/2/1	Communion Roll Also includes baptisms/marriages/burials from River Hebert Methodist Circuit/Joggins United (1921-1953)	1925-1952

**PC/106/6/5 Records of Session**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/6/5/1	Minutes Also includes baptisms/marriages/burials from River Hebert Methodist Circuit/Joggins United (1921-1953)	1941-1943, 1958-1959

**PC/106/6/7 Records of Treasurer**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/6/7/1	Annual Financial Reports The reports for 1976, 1978, and 1979 include Minudie.	1976-1979

**PC/106/6/10 Legal Records**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>File Title/Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
PC/106/6/10/1	Deed Photocopy	1923

## **Ministers of River Hebert Pastoral Charge**

1925-1926: L.W. Parker

1927: A.J. MacDonald

1928-1937: J.M. Baxter

1938-1940: M.A. MacDonald



## **Ministers of Joggins Pastoral Charge**

1926: J.F. MacDonald

1927: Sidney Greer

1928-1940: Supply

## **Ministers of River Hebert-Joggins Pastoral Charge**

1941-1943: D.K. MacLeod  
1944-1948: G.C. Brooks  
1949: Vacant  
1950-1952: J. Allison Fraser  
1953-1955: Kenneth Oates  
1956: Vacant  
1957-1958: R.W. Fenn  
1959-1962: A. Fred Archibald  
1963: Vacant  
1964: Presbytery supply (Donald Jessinghouse)  
1965-1972: Ralph M. Miller  
1973-1974: Ward H. MacLean  
1975-1976: Nathan Bowering  
1977: Vacant  
1978-1980: Francis R. Gosbee  
1981-1982: Robert Mack  
1983: Margaret Sanson  
1984-1985: Leander L. Mills  
1986-1990: Alex Gardiner  
1991: Vacant  
1992: Ralph Morris  
1993: Darlene Gidge-Bartlett  
1994: Vacant

## **Ministers of Cumberland Pastoral Charge**

1995-2002: Daniel J. Compton

2003: Vacant

2004-2006: G.L. Sheldon LeGrow

2007: Vacant

2008: Vacant

2009: Vacant

2010-2011: Christine MacLeod

2012-: Lynda MacCulloch