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LaHave-New Dublin Pastoral Charge (Nova Scotia)

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Reference Number: PC/901

Title: LaHave-New Dublin Pastoral Charge fonds

Dates: 1876-1992; 1999-2003; 2005-2006; 2008-2009; 2012-2019

Extent: 13 cm of textual records

Administrative History: A pastoral charge consists of one or more communities of faith (known as preaching points prior to 2019) under the spiritual leadership of a minister. The pastoral charge title usually reflects the breadth of the geographic area encompassing the charge.

The LaHave-New Dublin Pastoral Charge consists of the appointment of Pentz (West Side United) which is located in Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia.

In 1926, after the formation of The United Church of Canada, the LaHave Pastoral Charge in Lunenburg-Queen's Presbytery contained the points of LaHave, LaHave Islands, Mount Pleasant and West Dublin. Those congregations that were part of the Rose Bay Pastoral Charge that voted to enter The United Church of Canada were moved to the Riverport Pastoral Charge which in 1926 contained the points of East Middle LaHave, Feltzen South and Riverport.

As of January 1, 1969 the LaHave Pastoral Charge was part of a shared ministry between The United Church of Canada and the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Presbyterians of Dublin Shore, Conquerall Mills and West Dublin shared the ministry of a clergy person with the United Churches of LaHave, LaHave Islands, Mount Pleasant and West Dublin. There was no Presbyterian Congregation at Conquerall Bank at this time.

In 1975, the LaHave Islands United Church disbanded and the members transferred to the West Dublin United Congregation. The LaHave Islands Church building was sold in 1976 and is used by the La Have Islands Marine Museum Society.

In 1977 the LaHave Pastoral Charge was renamed the LaHave-New Dublin Pastoral Charge.

In 1985, the LaHave and Mount Pleasant United Church congregations amalgamated to form West Side United Church. The former LaHave United Church and Mount Pleasant United church buildings were taken down. The West Side United Church building erected at Pentz was dedicated on September 29, 1985.

West Dublin United Church and West Side United Church were amalgamated on September 30, 2012.

Effective January 1, 2019, The United Church of Canada underwent some structural changes including the elimination of all Presbyteries. At this time, LaHave-New Dublin Pastoral Charge became part of the Regional Council 15.

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

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of minutes, annual reports, a newsletter, orders of service, and published and unpublished histories and newspaper clippings from LeHave-New Dublin Pastoral Charge and its Methodist antecedents. Fonds is composed of the following sous-fonds:

LaHave-New Dublin Pastoral Charge records

LaHave Methodist Circuit records

West Dublin United Church records

LaHave United Church records

LaHave Islands United Church records

Mount Pleasant United Church records

West Side United Church records

Notes:

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

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: It is unknown when the majority of records were received but some records were received in September 1978; 2011 (accession 11-046); and 2016 (accession 16-040).

Related Records: See Lunenburg Pastoral Charge fonds and Petite Riviere Pastoral Charge fonds.

Reference Number: PC/901/1

Title: LaHave-New Dublin Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1966-1992; 1999-2003; 2005-2006; 2008-2009; 2012-2019

Extent: 3 cm of textual records

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of published and unpublished histories and newspaper clippings. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

Annual Reports

Church Histories

Note:

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

File List:

Annual Reports

| File Number | File Title/Description | Dates |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| AR/904 | Annual Reports | 1999-2003, 2005-2006, 2008-2009; 2012-2019 |

Church Histories

| File Number | File Title/Description | Dates |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| CH/905 | -“100 Years in West Dublin United Church, 1892-1992” by the Centennial Committee of West Dublin United Church | 1992 |
| | -Newspaper clipping: “Churches by the Sea: West Side United Church, Pentz” by M. Allen Gibson | September 28, 1985 |
| | -Newspaper clipping: Photograph of Barbara Rafuse, Rev. George MacLean, and Helen Corkum at mortgage burning for West Side United Church. <u>The Mail-Star</u> | November 17, 1990 |
| | -Newspaper clipping: “Churches by the Sea: Great revivals led to new pastorate” by M. Allen Gibson | February 29, 1992 |
| | -Newspaper clipping: “Churches by the Sea: United Church of Canada, West Dublin, Lunenburg Co. <u>Chronicle Herald</u> | February 13, 1988 |
| | -Newspaper clipping: “Churches by the Sea” by M. Allen Gibson | February 12, 1966 |
| | -Newspaper clipping: “Churches by the Sea: United Church of Canada, Mount Pleasant” by M. Allen Gibson | March 13, 1971 |

-Newspaper clipping: "Church to burn mortgage" by Gerrie Gravatt, The Mail-Star

October 20, 1990

-Newspaper clipping: "Churches by the Sea: They sailed and rowed to praise God" by M. Allen Gibson

April 5, 1975

Reference Number: PC/901/2
Title: LaHave Methodist Circuit records
Dates: 1876-1925
Extent: 4 cm of textual records

Administrative History: The LaHave and Petite Riviere communities were connected with the Lunenburg Circuit in the Halifax District until Petite Riviere was made the head of a Circuit in 1853. The Petite Riviere Circuit included the appointments of Broad Cove, Cherry Hill, Crousetown, Italy Cross, LaHave, LaHave Islands, Mount Pleasant, Petite Riviere and West Dublin.

In 1919 LaHave was made the head of a Circuit under the Liverpool District with the appointments of LaHave, LaHave Islands, Mount Pleasant and West Dublin.

At West Dublin, Methodists worshipped at the Union Church erected sometime prior to 1876 for the use of the Anglicans, Methodists and Presbyterians in the area. This building became St. Peter's Hall in West LaHave, which is on the western side of the LaHave River. A new Methodist Church was dedicated March 6, 1892 at West Dublin which after 1925 became the West Dublin United Church.

A Methodist Church was opened at LaHave Islands (Jenkins Island) in 1881 and dedicated on April 11, 1884. This building became too small so a new church was dedicated on October 12, 1913.

At Mount Pleasant a Union Church for Anglicans and Methodists was erected in 1859. The Mount Pleasant Methodists later erected a Church building that was completed in 1894.

In 1926, the Methodist churches in the area became part of The United Church of Canada.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of trustee minutes from the LaHave Ferry Methodist Church and the LaHave Islands Methodist Church.

Note:

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

File List:

Records of Board of Trustees

| File Number | File Title/Description | Dates |
|--------------------|---|--------------|
| PC/907/15 | LaHave Ferry Methodist Board of Trustees minutes These minutes are typed copies of the original. Also includes list of ministers (1876-1971) | 1876-1879 |
| PC/907/16 | LaHave Ferry Methodist Board of | 1889-1925 |

PC/907/19 Trustees minutes
Also includes minutes from LeHave
United Church (1925-1934)
LaHave Islands Methodist Board of
Trustees minutes 1881-1925
Also includes trustee minutes (1925-
1927) and congregational meeting
minutes (1933-1939)

Reference Number: PC/901/3

Title: West Dublin United Church records

Dates: 1992; 2013

Extent: 0.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of orders of service from West Dublin United Church.

Note:

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

File List:

Orders of Service

| File Number | File Title/Description | Dates |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| PC/912/26 | -Centennial Service for West Dublin United Church (March 8, 1992) -Centennial Service for West Dublin United Church (May 10, 1992) | March 8, 1992; May 10, 1992 |
| PC/867/22 | Order of service for Bell Tower Dedication Service honoring Rev. George H. and Helen MacLean and a time for honouring the Women's Association of West Dublin United Church | August 4, 2013 |

Reference Number: PC/901/4
Title: LaHave United Church records
Dates: 1925-1944, 1976-1978
Extent: 1.5 cm

Administrative History: In 1985, the LaHave and Mount Pleasant United Church Congregations amalgamated to form West Side United Church. The former LaHave United Church and Mount Pleasant United church buildings were taken down.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of minutes and a newsletter from LaHave United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Records of Congregation
- Records of Board of Trustees
- Records of Youth Groups
- Newsletters

Note:

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

File List:

Records of Congregation

| File Number | File Title/Description | Dates |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| PC/907/14 | Congregational meeting minutes | February 12, 1943-July 11, 1976 |

Records of Board of Trustees

| File Number | File Title/Description | Dates |
|--------------------|--|--------------|
| PC/907/16 | Minutes Also includes minutes from LeHave Ferry Methodist (1889-1925) | 1925-1934 |

Records of Youth Groups

| File Number | File Title/Description | Dates |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| PC/907/17 | Young People's Union (YPU) minutes and roll | February 10, 1943-September 7, 1943 |
| PC/907/18 | YPU minutes and roll | October 1943-August 20, 1944 |

Newsletters

| File Number | File Title/Description | Dates |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| PC/1534/1 | LaHave United Church Newsletter | 1976-1978 |

Reference Number: PC/901/5
Title: LaHave Islands United Church
Dates: 1925-1927, 1933-1939
Extent: 0.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1975, the LaHave Islands United Church disbanded and the members transferred to the West Dublin United Congregation. The LaHave Islands Church building was sold in 1976 and is used by the La Have Islands Marine Museum Society.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of minutes from LaHave Islands United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Records of Congregation
- Records of Board of Trustees

Note:

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

File List:

Records of Congregation

| File Number | File Title/Description | Dates |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| PC/907/19 | Congregational meeting minutes | 1933-1939 |

Records of Board of Trustees

| File Number | File Title/Description | Dates |
|--------------------|---|--------------|
| PC/907/19 | Minutes Also includes trustee minutes from LaHave Islands Methodist (1881-1925) | 1925-1927 |

Reference Number: PC/901/6

Title: Mount Pleasant United Church records

Dates: August 13, 1989

Extent: 0.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1985, the LaHave and Mount Pleasant United Church congregations amalgamated to form West Side United Church. The former LaHave United Church and Mount Pleasant United church buildings were taken down.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of order of service for the dedication of a stone marking the site of Mount Pleasant United Church.

Note:

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

File List:

Orders of Service

| File Number | File Title/Description | Dates |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|
| PC/912/26 | Order of service: Dedication of a Stone marking the site of Mount Pleasant United Church | August 13, 1989 |

Reference Number: PC/901/7

Title: West Side United Church (Pentz) records

Dates: 1985; 1990; 2013

Extent: 0.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1985, the LaHave and Mount Pleasant United Church congregations amalgamated to form West Side United Church. The former LaHave United Church and Mount Pleasant United church buildings were taken down. The West Side United Church building erected at Pentz was dedicated on September 29, 1985.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds contains orders of service from West Side United Church.

Note:

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

File List:

Orders of Service

| File Number | File Title/Description | Dates |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| PC/966/7 | Order of Service – Service of dedication | September 29, 1985 |
| PC/942/3 | Order of Service – Mortgage Burning | October 20, 1990 |
| PC/867/22 | Order of service for Bell Tower Dedication Service honoring Rev. George H. and Helen MacLean and a time for honouring the Women’s Association of West Dublin United Church | August 4, 2013 |

History of New Dublin/LaHave Presbyterian Pastoral Charge

In 1859, Central Presbyterian Church was built at Dublin Shore (New Dublin) and served Dublin Shore, LaHave and West Dublin. The Presbyterians at Dublin Shore (New Dublin) separated from the West Dublin Congregation in 1876. In that same year the West Dublin Presbyterian congregation joined the Anglicans and Methodists in building a Union Church at West Dublin. It was named the Bell's Cove (Dublin Shore) Union Church. The Presbyterians decided to erect their own Church at West Dublin in 1909. It was named St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church. This Congregation voted to remain Presbyterian in 1925.

The Presbyterians at Dublin Shore (New Dublin) erected a new church, Knox Presbyterian Church, which was dedicated September 25, 1895. A new Knox Presbyterian Church was erected at Dublin Shore (New Dublin) in 1909. The Knox congregation voted to remain Presbyterian in 1925. The Central Presbyterian Church was sold by the La Have Pastoral Charge in 1924 and was torn down soon after 1925.

In 1875, when the Presbyterian Church in Canada was formed, the LaHave Pastoral Charge (which was formed in 1862) was a part of the Lunenburg and Yarmouth Presbytery. The Dublin (later called New Dublin) Pastoral Charge was formed in 1877 and in 1896 included the appointments of Conquerall Bank, Conquerall Mills, and Dayspring which were transferred from the Bridgewater Pastoral Charge.

The appointment of Dayspring in the Dublin Pastoral Charge and the appointments of Kaiser's Branch and Newcombville of the Riversdale Pastoral Charge were reunited with the Congregation of Bridgewater in 1897. The name of the Dublin Pastoral Charge became the Dublin and Conquerall Pastoral Charge sometime around 1907.

In 1920, Dublin, West Dublin, LaHave, Conquerall Banks, and Conquerall Mills were part of the same pastoral charge while Rose Bay and East LeHave (formerly Riverport) formed their own separate pastoral charge.

Rose Bay was also known as "the Crossroads." A Union Church was erected at Rose Bay in 1847 by the Lutherans and Presbyterians in the area. In May 1890, the new St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was dedicated at Rose Bay. The Lutherans bought the Presbyterian half of the Union Church which was removed and a new Lutheran Church erected on the site. In 1925, Rose Bay voted to remain Presbyterian.

Ministers of LaHave-New Dublin Pastoral Charge

1925-1926: N. Cole
1927-1931: R.C. White
1932-1933: J.W. Hird
1934: L.W. Parker
1935: W.A. MacWuarrie
1936-1940: J.L. Lund
1941: W.G. Davis
1942: J.A. Vincent
1943-1947: A.F. Baker
1948-1949: Thomas Constable
1950-1956: Theodore Elliott
1957-1960: D.R. McLennan
1961: W.K. MacKay
1962-1963: Henry Boston
1964-1965: W.A. Coish
1966-1967: L.H. Sutcliffe
1968: Lynford C. Smith
1969-1972: J.C. Silvester
1973-1979: J.H. Hicks
1980-1981: L.G. MacDonald
1982: J.R. Calder Fraser
1983-1985: Gordon MacLean
1986: Wilfred E. Pelley
1987-1991: George H. MacLean
1992: Harold J. King
1993-1994: Robert E. Baker
1995-1997: Mark MacLean
1998-2003: Sally McShane
2004: Nancy Ritchie
2005-: Neil A. McEwen