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Lunenburg Pastoral Charge (Nova Scotia)

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Reference Number: PC/909

Title: Lunenburg Pastoral Charge fonds

Dates: 1815-2012

Extent: 95.5 cm of textual records and 2 photographs

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.

The former Lunenburg Pastoral Charge consisted of the appointments of Lunenburg (Central United) and First South which are both located in Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia.

In 1925, the Lunenburg Methodist congregation joined The United Church of Canada and became the Central United Church congregation. The First South Methodist congregation became First South United Church. At this time, the Lunenburg Pastoral Charge contained the appointments of First South and Lunenburg (Central United Church).

First South United Church separated from Lunenburg Pastoral Charge effective February 23, 2012 and became its own pastoral charge. The names for the newly created pastoral charges of First South Pastoral Charge and Central United-Lunenburg Pastoral Charge were approved by South Shore Presbytery on November 19, 2012.

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records; membership rolls; minutes; reports; photographs; orders of service; newspaper clippings; and published and unpublished histories from Lunenburg Pastoral Charge and its Methodist and Presbyterian antecedents. Fonds is composed of the following sous-fonds:

Lunenburg Pastoral Charge records

Lunenburg Methodist Circuit records

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Lunenburg) records

Central United Church records

First South United Church records

Notes:

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

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: The majority of records were transferred to the Archives in 2016 (accession 16-035). The photographs came to the Archives in September 1990 and the order of service for the celebration of Vincent Ihasz's ministry was received in 1998 (98-075).

Related Records: See Central United-Lunenburg Pastoral Charge fonds; First South Pastoral Charge fonds, Riverport Pastoral Charge fonds, LaHave-New Dublin Pastoral Charge fonds, and New Germany Pastoral Charge fonds.

Graphics Physical Description: There are two colour photographs of the exterior of Central United Church (11.5 cm x 9 cm).

Reference Number: PC/909/1

Title: Lunenburg Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1925-2012

Extent: 58 cm of textual records and 2 photographs

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records; membership rolls; minutes; reports; photographs; orders of service; newspaper clippings; and published and unpublished histories from Lunenburg Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records

Membership Records

Records of Official Board

Records of Board of Trustees

Annual Reports

Church Histories

Orders of Service

Photographs

Note:

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

File List:

Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1012/5	Lunenburg Pastoral Charge register: Baptisms (1925-July 27, 1931) Marriages (1925-May 17, 1939) Burials (1925-May 17, 1939) Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records from Lunenburg Methodist Circuit (1908-1925)	1925-1939
PC/1012/6	Lunenburg Pastoral Charge register: Marriages (September 2, 1939-August 7, 1946) Baptisms (September 27, 1931-September 12, 1946) Burials (July 25, 1939-August 18, 1946)	1939-1946
PC/1012/7	Lunenburg Pastoral Charge register: Marriages (September 28, 1946-December 21, 1951) Baptisms (September 16, 1946-November 11, 1951) Burials (September 27, 1946-December 10, 1951)	1946-1951

PC/1012/8	Lunenburg Pastoral Charge register: Marriages (March 22, 1952-September 26, 1980) Baptisms (January 13, 1952-September 15, 1963) Burials (January 7, 1952-August 28, 1968)	1952-1980
PC/1012/11	Burial register	September 7, 1968-May 5, 1989
PC/1012/9	Baptism register	December 20, 1963- January 24, 1999
PC/1012/10	Marriage register Also includes marriage records from Central United Church (2012-2015)	November 21, 1980-2012
PC/1012/12	Burial register Also includes burial records from Central United Church (2012-2016)	May 14, 1989-1925
PC/1012/13	Baptism register Also includes baptism records from Central United Church (2012-2015)	April 4, 1999-2012

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1012/15	Historic roll	1925-1950
PC/1012/14	Historic roll	1951-April 16, 1965
PC/1012/16	Communion roll and register	[1965]-1968

Records of Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1013/3	Minutes Also includes minutes from Central United Church	March 13, 1972-October 13, 2009

Records of Board of Trustees

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1013/5	Minutes Also includes minutes from Lunenburg Methodist Circuit (1896-1925)	1925-November 20, 1928

Annual Reports

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1014/2	Annual reports	1925-1941
PC/1014/3	Annual reports	1942-1961
PC/1014/4	Annual reports	1963-1970
PC/1014/5	Annual reports	1971-1976
PC/1014/6	Annual reports	1977-1980; 1996-1998

Newsletters

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC//1534/7	“Seeds and Raindrops” (Fall 1992; Summer 1993; Thanksgiving 1993)	1992-1993

Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
CH/908	-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: “UCW programs reaching out to women of the world – Marshall” by Linda Mason. <u>Halifax Chronicle Herald</u>	May 9, 1987
	-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: Photograph of stained glass window at Central United Church. <u>United Church Observer</u> .	January 15, 1954
	-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: “Central United – Church Notes”	n.d.
	-Photocopy of newspaper clipping: “Central United Welcomes Rev. Ralph Webber”	November 19, 1969
	-Newspaper clipping: Photograph of Central Methodist Church in 1900. <u>Lunenburg Progress Enterprise</u> .	November 22, 1961
	-Newspaper clipping: “Churches by the Sea: First service held in 1816” by M. Allen Gibson. <u>The Mail Star</u> .	n.d.
	-Newspaper clipping: Churches by the Sea: Central United Church, Lunenburg” by M. Allen Gibson.	February 19, 1955
	-Newspaper clipping: “Playing hymns labor of love” by Gerrie Grevatt. <u>The Mail-Star</u> .	October 9, 1993
		November 20, 1964

-Newspaper clipping: "Lunenburg's Central United Church Marks 150 th Birthday"	November 20, 1971
-Newspaper clipping: "Central United Church to mark 157 th anniversary." <u>The Chronicle-Herald.</u>	July 25, 1953
-Newspaper clipping: "Churches by the Sea: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lunenburg" by M. Allen Gibson	November 11, 1965
-Newspaper clipping: "Oldest Presbyterian Church" by J. Keith Young. <u>The Chronicle-Herald.</u>	n.d.
-Excerpt from a book or paper re. Rev. D. Luther Roth.	n.d.
-History of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.	n.d.
-Newspaper clipping: "Celebrating 200 th church anniversary"	n.d.
-Newspaper clipping: "200 th anniversary of first minister marked"	

Orders of Service

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/909/13	Orders of Service	June 20, 1993; October 10, 1993
PC/972/11	Order of service for celebration of ministry of Rev. Vincent Ihasz	1996

Photographs

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
V/67/4.199	A photograph of exterior of Central United Church Col. 11.5 cm x 9 cm.	[1975]
V/67/4.200	A photograph of exterior of Central United Church Col. 11.5 cm x 9 cm.	[1975]

Reference Number: PC/909/2

Title: Lunenburg Methodist Circuit records

Dates: 1915-1925

Extent: 16 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In July 1814, a Methodist society was founded in Lunenburg and the first Methodist church building was erected in 1816. A new Methodist church was built about 1883-1884 and opened on March 15, 1885. The old Methodist church building (1816) was torn down. Fire destroyed the Lunenburg parsonage in 1885, together with all the records of births, marriages and deaths up to that time (as per The Chronicle-Herald, 20 November 1971). The Methodist congregation at Lunenburg entered The United Church of Canada in 1925 and was renamed Central United Church.

In the early part of the 19th century, Methodists and Lutherans in First South Church worshipped in the school house. Early names for the community of First South were South Range and Upper South. The new First South Methodist Church was officially dedicated on 25 March 1888. In 1925, the name First South Methodist was changed to First South United Church when the congregation joined The United Church of Canada.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records; a membership roll; minutes; annual reports; and a published history from Lunenburg Methodist Circuit. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records
- Membership Records
- Records of Quarterly Official Board
- Records of Board of Trustees
- Annual Reports
- Church Histories

Note:

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

File List:

Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1012/1	Lunenburg Methodist Circuit baptism and marriage register, Extremely fragile.	August 3, 1815-November 4, 1837
PC/1012/2	Typewritten transcription of the above register Note says that records from 1837 to January 24, 1885 were destroyed by fire	
PC/1012/3	Lunenburg Methodist Circuit register:	1885-1908; 1921

Burials (August 13, 1885-April 7, 1908;
 September 3, 1921)
 Baptisms (February 10, 1885-June 15,
 1891)
 Marriages (August 27, 1885-June 25,
 1891)
 Also includes membership roll (1885-1894)

PC/1012/4 Lunenburg Methodist Circuit register: 1891-1908
 Marriages (September 16, 1891-January
 1908)
 Baptisms (November 10, 1891-March 27,
 1908)

PC/1012/5 Lunenburg Methodist Circuit register: 1908-1925
 Baptisms (May 14, 1908-1925)
 Marriages (April 14, 1908-1925)
 Burials (April 12, 1908-1925)
 Also includes baptism/marriage/burial
 records from Lunenburg Pastoral Charge
 (1925-1939)

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1012/3	Lunenburg Methodist membership roll Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records (1885-1908; 1921)	1885-1894

Records of Quarterly Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1012/18	Lunenburg Methodist Circuit Quarterly Official Board minutes Also includes financial statements (1891- 1915)	August 28, 1891-June 4, 1924

Records of Board of Trustees

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1013/4	Lunenburg Methodist Circuit Chapel and Parsonage Board of Trustees minutes	August 23, 1873-August 8, 1896
PC/1013/5	Lunenburg Methodist Circuit Board of Trustees minutes Also includes minutes from Central United Church (1925-1928)	September 17, 1896-1925

Annual Reports

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1014/1	Lunenburg Methodist Church annual reports	1896-1914; 1916-1919
PC/1014/2	Lunenburg Methodist Church annual reports	1920-1925
PC/909/11	Lunenburg Methodist Church: "Its History of a Century; Its Financial Statement for the Year Ending May 31, 1914 and Its Announcements for Year Ending May 31, 1915"	1915

Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/972/13	Nova Scotia Methodist Conference: "A Century of Methodism in Lunenburg"	1914

Reference Number: PC/909/3

Title: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Lunenburg) records

Dates: 1899-1900

Extent: 0.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: The settlers of Lunenburg were predominantly German and were either Lutheran or Calvinistic. The Calvinists (or Reformed Protestant) group met for worship as early as 1754. In 1759, the Reformed Protestant Congregation were granted permission to use St. John's Anglican Church for services. Construction of a Reformed Protestant Church began in 1769 (this building was replaced in 1825 by a larger building on the same site which was renovated in 1879).

The Reformed Protestant congregation was unable to secure a minister because there were few ministers willing to come to the area, so Bruin Romcas Comingoe was ordained at Halifax by two Presbyterian Ministers and two Congregational Ministers on 3 July 1770. Although Reverend Comingoe did not possess formal theological training, he was ordained as an exception to the rules in order that the Lunenburg congregation could have services.

In 1820, the Lunenburg congregation was called the Lunenburg Reformed Congregation. This congregation affiliated with the Church of Scotland in 1837. The official name, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, was given sometime around 1843. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Lunenburg is said to be the oldest continuing worshipping Presbyterian congregation in Canada. Though some people from this congregation would have joined in the United Church of Canada in 1925, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church remained a Presbyterian Church and did not enter The United Church of Canada.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of an annual report from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Note:

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

File List:

Annual Reports

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/909/12	Annual Report	1899-1900

Reference Number: PC/909/4

Title: Central United Church (Lunenburg) records

Dates: 1925-2009; 2012-2016

Extent: 20.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: The Methodist congregation at Lunenburg entered The United Church of Canada in 1925 and was renamed Central United Church.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of minutes and a programme for the 150th anniversary celebration of Central United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Records of Congregation
- Records of Official Board
- Orders of Service

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/1012/17	Congregational meeting minutes	April 1, 1926-November 3, 1943

Records of Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1013/1	Minutes	June 11, 1925-May 28, 1948
PC/1013/2	Minutes	October 6, 1948-November 30, 1971
PC/1013/3	Minutes Also includes minutes from Lunenburg Pastoral Charge	March 13, 1972-October 13, 2009

Orders of Service

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/972/10	Programme for 150 th Anniversary	November 17-22, 1964

Reference Number: PC/909/5

Title: First South United Church records

Dates: 1969; 1992-1993

Extent: 0.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1925, the name First South Methodist was changed to First South United Church when the congregation joined The United Church of Canada. First South United Church separated from Lunenburg Pastoral Charge effective February 23, 2012 and became its own pastoral charge. The names for the newly created pastoral charges of First South Pastoral Charge and Central United-Lunenburg Pastoral Charge were approved by South Shore Presbytery on November 19, 2012.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of an order of service from First South 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/972/12	Order of Service for 82 nd anniversary service	October 19, 1969

Ministers of Lunenburg Methodist Circuit

1814-1826: George Orth
1826-1827: Robert L. Lusher
1827-1828: John Marshall
1828-1829: Thomas H. Davies
1829-1831: George Miller
1831-1834: Henry Pope
1834-1836: John Marshall
1836-1837: John Snowball
1838-1841: William Webb
1841-1842: Henry Pope
1842-1845: Thomas H. Davies
1845-1846: Henry Pope
1846-1847: John Marshall
1847-1848: William Wilson
1848-1849: Henry Pope
1841-1851: Roland Morton
1851-1854: Richard Weddell
1852-1853: James Armstrong (assistant at Petite Riviere)
1854-1855: Jeremiah V. Jost
1855-1858: Joseph F. Bent
1858-1861: Joseph Hart
1861-1863: Charles Stewart
1861-1862: James G. Bigney (assistant at Ritcey's Cove)
1862-1864: Andrew Gray
1862-1863: Joseph G. Angwin (assistant at New Germany)
1863-1865: James Buckley
1864-1865: Robert O'Brien Johnson (assistant at Ritcey's Cove)
1865-1867: John J. Teasdale
1867-1870: George O. Huestis
1870-1873: Joseph Gaetz
1871-1874: John T. Baxendale (assistant at Ritcey's Cove)
1873-1876: Richard Smith
1874-1876: Arthur Hockin (assistant at Ritcey's Cove)
1876-1879: Thomas Rogers
1876-1877: J.H. Davies (assistant at Ritcey's Cove)
1877-1879: J.W. Shepherdson (assistant at Ritcey's Cove)
1879-1882: Alexander S. Tuttle
1882-1885: William Brown
1885-1888: John Johnson
1888-1891: William H. Langille
1891-1893: John J. Teasdale
1893-1896: James L. Batty
1896-1899: Benjamin Hills
1896-1897: C.H.C. McLarren (assistant)

1899-1902: Jabez F. Rogers
1902-1905: John Craig
1905-1909: Jabez Appleby
1909-1912: John P. Anthony
1912-1914: Donald Farquhar
1915-1917: C.E. Crowell
1918-1920: A.R. Reynolds
1921-1924: J. Appleby
1925: P.M. Hartley

Ministers of Lunenburg Pastoral Charge

1925-1928: P.M. Hartley
1929-1938: H.S. Bland
1939-1947: H.S.B. Strothard
1948-1955: E.B.S. Miller
1956-1961: N.S. MacDonald
1962-1965: R.G.R. Webber
1966-1973: David N. MacNaughton
1974: ----
1975-1981: Glenn M. MacLean
1982: ----
1983-1988: Donald C. MacPherson
1989: Ellis F. Boyd
1990-1995: Vincent Ihasz
1996-1998: Robyn Brown-Hewitt
1999: ----
2000-2012: A. Grace Caines Corkum