

## **Archivist's Report:**

It has been another great year here at the Conference Archives. Records have been steadily flowing in and we've had some great volunteers to assist in going through these records. The Moncton Museum continues to rent archival space while they undergo renovations and The United Church of Canada Archives will be sending some records for storage in January 2014.

In 2013, the Archives received 110 accessions of records from Pastoral Charges, Presbyteries, the Conference office, and individuals (approximately 27 metres of textual records and 200 photographs). Many of these records were from Pastoral Charges that we didn't have much material for so it's wonderful to be able to flesh out our historic records. As always, Pastoral Charges and Presbyteries are encouraged to send in their historical records for long-term preservation. Remember, not only do these records help tell our story as a church but they also serve to hold us accountable and have an important administrative function.

Last year the Archives received 95 telephone calls and responded to 129 written requests for assistance. There were 33 people who came to the Archives to do research. These calls, emails, and visits came from Presbyteries and Pastoral Charges, the Conference office, and academic and genealogical researchers and covered a wide range of topics from property matters to photographs for a Christmas present.

I had the privilege of visiting with Truro Presbytery, Miramichi Presbytery, the Chignecto Presbytery Lay-Licensed Worship Leaders, and Truro UCW Presbyterial to give presentations. I am always available to come speak or do workshops at Presbytery meetings as well as other group meetings. I am also more than willing to visit churches if you would like a little extra help in identifying those records which should be sent to the Archives and visited with several churches this past year for that purpose.

The review of the Presbytery minutes took place in the month before the annual meeting with the help of Judith Colwell. The minutes were very well done.

I am very grateful for the faithful volunteers who helped at the Archives this past year. Katie Ferguson and Emily Jeffers, both Mount Allison students, came in weekly, as did Judith Colwell. Emily Fuller, Emma Bass, and Jisun Kim also came in a couple times to lend a helping hand. The Archives Committee has been as supportive as ever.

Respectfully submitted,

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