

Regional Council 15 Archives

Finding Aid #919

New West Pine Pastoral Charge (Nova Scotia)

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Reference Number: PC/919

Title: New West Pine Pastoral Charge fonds

Dates: 1876-1926; 1973; 1976; 2013-2017

Extent: 12 cm of textual records

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

The New West Pine Pastoral Charge consists of the appointment of New West Pine, which is located in Pinehurst, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia.

In 1925, the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches in Canada, including the churches in the New Germany area, united to form the United Church of Canada. The name of the Riversdale Presbyterian Pastoral Charge was changed to Pinehurst Pastoral Charge with appointments at New Germany, Riversdale/Pinehurst, Springfield and West Northfield.

In 1927, the Pinehurst Pastoral Charge was merged with the New Germany Pastoral Charge which contained preaching points at Barss Corner, Hemford, New Canada, New Cornwall, New Germany, Pinehurst, Simpson's Corner, Springfield and Upper and West Northfield. Springfield ceased to be listed, as a preaching point in 1949.

In 1968, the congregations of Barss Corner and Simpson's Corner were amalgamated with New Germany while New Canada and West Northfield were amalgamated with Pinehurst and Upper (New) Cornwall was amalgamated with Upper Northfield. The New Germany Pastoral Charge contained the appointments of Hemford, New Germany, Pinehurst and Upper Northfield in 1969. The United Church buildings at Barss Corner and New Canada were sold in 1970. In 1979, Pinehurst was replaced by the name New West Pine, a result of the amalgamation of the congregations of New Canada, Pinehurst and West Northfield. There is no actual place called New West Pine as this is a name for the combined appointments of New Canada, West Northfield and Pinehurst.

Upper Northfield United Church was closed on February 28, 2006.

As of January 1, 2014, New West Pine, by the consent of South Shore Presbytery, separated from the New Germany Pastoral Charge to become New West Pine Pastoral Charge.

Effective January 1, 2019, The United Church of Canada underwent some structural changes including the elimination of all Presbyteries. At this time, New West Pine 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: Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, membership rolls, minutes, financial accounts, reports, and an order of service from New West Pine United Church and its Presbyterian antecedent.

Fonds is composed of the following sous-fonds:

New West Pine United Church records

Riversdale Presbyterian Pastoral Charge records

Notes:

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

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Annual reports were received from the pastoral charge in the years 2014-2016. The Riversdale Presbyterian records were received in 2014 (accession 14-037). It is unknown when the other records were received.

Related Records: See New Germany Pastoral Charge records.

Reference Number: PC/919/1

Title: New West Pine United Church (Pinehurst) records

Dates: 1973; 1976; 2013-2015

Extent: 3 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1968, the congregations New Canada and West Northfield were amalgamated with Pinehurst, Upper (New) Cornwall, and Upper Northfield. In 1979, Pinehurst was replaced by the name New West Pine, a result of the amalgamation of the congregations of New Canada, Pinehurst and West Northfield. The name New West Pine was derived from the names of the 3 churches that amalgamated.

As of January 1, 2014, New West Pine, by the consent of South Shore Presbytery, separated from the New Germany Pastoral Charge, to become its own pastoral charge.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of annual reports, an order of service, and church histories from New West Pine United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

Annual Reports
Orders of Service
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/917	Annual reports	2013-2015

Orders of Service

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/972/19	Order of service for 100 th Anniversary Celebration Service	October 19, 1976

Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
CH-910	-Newspaper clipping: "Churches by the Sea – United Church of Canada, Pinehurst" by M. Allen Gibson	February 3, 1973
	-"United Church 100 th Anniversary Celebrations, Pinehurst, NS" by Mrs. Bruce McKean	June 13, 1976
	-"The 100 th Anniversary of Pinehurst United Church – The History and Letters from Former Ministers" by Mrs. Bruce McKean	1976

Reference Number: PC/919/2

Title: Riversdale Presbyterian Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1876-1926

Extent: 7 cm of textual records

Administrative History: The Presbyterians at New Germany may have been an appointment of the Bridgewater Pastoral Charge in the Halifax Presbytery previous to 1891 when it became an appointment of the Riversdale Pastoral Charge. The community of Riversdale was called Pinehurst after the 1920's.

A Presbyterian Church was erected at Riversdale/Pinehurst in 1876. This church was moved to a different location in Riversdale/Pinehurst in 1916.

In 1920, the Riversdale Pastoral Charge contained the Presbyterian appointments of New Germany, Northfield and Riversdale/Pinehurst.

The Riversdale Pastoral Charge joined The United Church of Canada in 1925. The church building in Pinehurst was used by the United Church congregation after 1925.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of baptism/marriage/burial records, membership rolls, minutes, and financial accounts. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records

Membership Records

Records of Session

Records of Treasurer

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/972/20	Riversdale Presbyterian Church register: Marriages (June 17, 1876-June 28, 1903; June 1905-November 1905) Baptisms (August 22, 1876-August 6, 1914) Burials (February 12, 1898-May 16, 1915) Also includes session minutes and membership roll)	1876-1915
PC/972/21	Riversdale Presbyterian Church register: Baptisms (transcription of Presbyterian records 1876-May 14, 1916) and originals (November 16, 1916-January 31, 1926)	1875-1926

Marriages (transcription of Presbyterian records 1876-June 11, 1916) and originals (December 27, 1916-June 13, 1925)

Burials (transcription February 12, 1878-May 14, 1915) and (originals May 16, 1915-April 11, 1919)

Also includes list of Epworth Methodist ministers (1849-1925); list of Presbyterian and United Church ministers (1876-1972); list of elders (1876-1918; 1961-1976); and membership roll (1916-1977)

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/972/20	Membership roll Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records; session minutes; and lists of ministers and elders	1876-1914
PC/972/21	Membership roll Also includes United Church membership roll (1925-1977)	1916-1925

Records of Session

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/972/20	Minutes Also includes history of congregation written in September 9, 1879; baptism/marriage/burial records; and a membership roll	August 18, 1879-May 2, 1905

Records of Treasurer

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/972/20	Record of monies paid toward religious and benevolent objects Also includes baptism/marriage/burial records; session minutes; and a membership roll	December 31, 1876-1885; 1905-1907

Ministers of New West Pine United Church

2014-2015: Ivan L. Norton

2015-: ----

Ministers of Riversdale Presbyterian Pastoral Charge

1875-1876: Vacant
1877-1879: Thomas H. Murray
1880-1883: Vacant
1884-1887: Henry Crawford
1888-1891: Vacant
1892-1893: Catechist
1894-1895: S.G. Lawson
1896-1899: J.H. Stewart
1900: Vacant
1901: J.H. Kirk
1902-1903: J.E. Thorpe
1904-1905: Colin McRae
1906-1907: Vacant
1908: W.W. Conrad
1909-1913: Student
1914-1915: J.F. McDonald
1917-1920: Chester A. Ritchie
1921: Vacant