

Regional Council 15 Archives

Finding Aid #303

Middle River-Baddeck Forks Pastoral Charge (Nova Scotia)

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Reference Number: PC/303

Title: Middle River-Baddeck Forks Pastoral Charge fonds

Dates: 1863-1880; 1891; 1898-2020

Extent: 26 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.

Middle River-Baddeck Forks Pastoral Charge contains the communities of faith of St. Andrew's United Church (Baddeck Forks) and Middle River United Church which are located on Victoria County, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia.

In 1925, the Congregational, Methodist and the majority of Presbyterian Churches in Canada were united into one denomination--The United Church of Canada. At this time, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church became St. Andrew's United Church. The majority of Presbyterians in Middle River chose to remain with The Presbyterian Church in Canada but a small group formed a United Church congregation in 1925. A United Church in Middle River was opened that same year in a former Methodist church building which was transported from Margaree and reassembled at Middle River. In 1927, Baddeck Forks and Middle River formed one pastoral charge. Beginning in 1960, the pastoral charge was served by the ministers from Greenwood United Church (Baddeck).

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

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

Scope and Content: Fonds is composed of baptism/marriage/burial records; membership records; minutes; reports; unpublished histories; and newspaper clippings from Middle River-Baddeck Forks Pastoral Charge and its Presbyterian antecedents. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Middle River-Baddeck Forks Pastoral Charge records
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Baddeck Forks) records
- St. Andrew's United Church (Baddeck Forks) records
- Middle River 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 October 1993, 1999 (accession 99-039), 2004 (accession 04-067), 2014 (accession 14-067), and 2019 (accession 19-061).

Related Records: See also W. Burton Crowe fonds for a photograph of Middle River United Church and St. Andrew's United Church.

Reference Number: PC/303/1

Title: Middle River-Baddeck Forks Pastoral Charge records

Dates: 1925-1950; 1975; 1992-1998; 2003-2017; 2019-2020

Extent: 6.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of baptism records; reports; and an unpublished history from Middle River-Baddeck Forks Pastoral Charge. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Baptism/Marriage/Burial Records
- 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/815/10	Baptism register Also includes baptisms from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (1908-1925)	1925-February 2, 1950
PC/815/10a	Loose pages from above book	

Annual Reports

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
AR/303	Annual reports	1992-1998; 2003-2017; 2019-2020

Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
CH/303	-History of Baddeck Forks Church by Joey and Borden MacPhee, 3 pp.	1975

Reference Number: PC/303/2

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

Dates: 1863-1880; 1891; 1898-1925

Extent: 6.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1824, Rev. John MacLennan visited the Baddeck Forks area and baptized 8 children. In 1834, Rev. Alexander Farquharson, from Middle River, began regularly visiting Baddeck Forks. It was Rev. Farquharson who encouraged the congregation to build a church. This first church was built in 1837 and was located where the cemetery at St. Andrew's United Church is now located. A new church building was started in 1865 and dedicated in 1872. The first settled minister of Baddeck Forks congregation was the Rev. P. K. MacRae who arrived in October 1899. In 1925, this congregation became part of The United Church of Canada.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of baptism records; membership records; minutes; and financial accounts from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Baddeck Forks. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Baptism Records
- Membership Records
- Records of Congregation
- Records of Board of Managers
- Records of Session
- Records of Board of Trustees
- Records of Women's Organizations

Note:

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

File List:

Baptism Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/815/11	Baptism register Also includes communion roll (1891-1908) and session minutes (1901-1910)	February 1898-July 17, 1899
PC/815/10	Baptism register Also includes baptisms from Middle River- Baddeck Forks Pastoral Charge (1925- 1950)	1908-1925
PC/815/10a	Loose pages from above book	

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/815/11	Communion roll Also includes baptism records (1898-1899) and session minutes (1901-1910)	1891; 1900; 1904-1908
PC/815/13	Communion roll Also includes session minutes (April 9, 1925) and communion records from St. Andrew's United Church (1925-1995)	1914-1925

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1151/12	Congregational meeting minutes Also includes congregational meeting minutes from St. Andrew's United Church (1925-1951)	January 1900-1925

Records of Board of Managers

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1152/1	Minutes Also includes Official Board minutes from St. Andrew's United Church (1925-1937)	February 15, 1910-1925

Records of Session

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/815/11	Minutes Also includes baptism records (1898-1899) and communion roll (891; 1900; 1904- 1908)	November 8, 1901-January 22, 1910
PC/1151/14	Minutes Also includes session minutes from St. Andrew's United Church (1925-2011) and Board/Congregational meeting minutes (2012-2016)	June 22, 1910-1925
PC/815/13	Minutes Also includes communion roll (1914-1995)	April 9, 1925

Records of Board of Trustees

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1151/11	Minutes Includes subscription lists at back of book	January 26, 1863-June 21, 1880

Records of Women's Organizations

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/813/4	Women's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS) minutes	March 1, 1899-October 1, 1902
PC/813/5	WFMS minutes	November 5, 1902-June 10, 1908
PC/813/6	WFMS minutes	July 15, 1908-December 3, 1913
PC/813/8	WFMS treasurer's accounts	1899-1908
PC/813/7	Woman's Missionary Society (WMS) minutes	January 14, 1914-March 3, 1922
PC/813/9	WMS treasurer's accounts	1932-1961

Reference Number: PC/303/3

Title: St. Andrew's United Church (Baddeck Forks)

Dates: 1925-2018

Extent: 12.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: In 1925, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church became St. Andrew's United Church. In 1927, Baddeck Forks and Middle River formed one pastoral charge.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of membership records; minutes; an unpublished history; and a newspaper clipping from St. Andrew's United Church (Baddeck Forks). Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:

- Membership Records
- Records of Congregation
- Records of Official Board
- Records of Session
- Church Histories

Note:

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

File List:

Membership Records

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/815/13	Communion roll Also includes membership records from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (1914-1925) and session minutes (April 9, 1925)	1925-1995
PC/1151/9	Communion roll	1996-2005
PC/1151/10	Membership transfer certificate (in) for Mrs. Anna Nicholson	November 21, 1983

Records of Congregation

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1151/12	Congregational meeting minutes Also includes minutes from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (1900-1925)	1925-January 22, 1951
PC/1151/13	Congregational meeting minutes	January 21, 1952-March 26, 2018
PC/1151/14	Congregational meeting minutes Also includes session minutes (1910-2011) and Official Board minutes (2012-2016)	April 15, 2012-December 4, 2016

Records of Official Board

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1152/1	Board of Managers minutes Also includes Board of Managers minutes from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (1910-1937)	1925-September 14, 1937
PC/815/14	Minutes	January 10, 1938-June 9, 1993
PC/1151/14	Minutes Also includes session minutes (1910-2011) and congregational minutes (2012-2016)	April 15, 2012-December 4, 2016

Records of Session

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/815/12	Minutes Also includes session minutes from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (1925)	1925-June 6, 1926
PC/1151/14	Minutes Also includes session minutes from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (1910-1925) and Official Board/congregational meeting minutes from St. Andrew's United Church (2012-2016)	1925-September 20, 2011

Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
CH/303	-Newspaper clipping: 'Churches by the Sea-St. Andrew's, Baddeck Forks' by M. Allen Gibson -History of Baddeck Forks Church by Joey and Borden MacPhee, 3 pp.	n.d. 1975

Reference Number: PC/303/4
Title: Middle River United Church records
Dates: [1975]; 1987; 1991-2007
Extent: 0.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History: The majority of Presbyterians in Middle River chose to remain with The Presbyterian Church in Canada but a small group formed a United Church congregation in 1925. A United Church in Middle River was opened in 1925 in a former Methodist church building which was transported from Margaree and reassembled at Middle River. In 1927, Baddeck Forks and Middle River formed one pastoral charge.

Scope and Content: Sous-fonds consists of minutes; unpublished histories; and a newspaper clipping from Middle River United Church. Sous-fonds is composed of the following series:
 Records of Board of Stewards
 Church Histories

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

File List:

Records of Board of Stewards

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
PC/1052/8	Minutes	January 15, 1991-January 28, 2007

Church Histories

File Number	File Title/Description	Dates
CH/303	-Newspaper clipping: "Churches by the Sea-Middle River United Church" by M. Allen Gibson (n.d.)	n.d.
	-"Middle River United Church" history written by Mrs. Jackqueline MacDonald and David [illegible]	[1975]
	-Brief handwritten history of Middle River United Church	1987

Ministers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Baddeck Forks)

1899-1909: P.K. MacRae

1910-1922: John MacNeil

1923: D.C. Thompson (summer student supply)

1923-1925: Hugh Michael

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1925-1927: Hugh Michael

Ministers of Middle River Pastoral Charge

1925-1928: William K. MacKay

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1925-1927: Chester R. Sutherland
1928-1931: M.A. MacMillan
1931-1943: J.D. Nelson MacDonald
1943-1944: R.A. Patterson (from Greenwood United Church in Baddeck)
1945-1950: E.F. MacMillan
1950-1951: A.D. MacDonald (from Greenwood United Church in Baddeck) and J.A. MacLellan (retired minister living in Baddeck)
1951-1954: James E. Forbes
1955-1956: Alastair MacIntosh
1956-1960: S.R. MacLennan
1960-1966: Bryon Manzer (from Greenwood United Church in Baddeck)
Summer 1962: Hugh Farquhar (student)
Summer 1963: Norman MacDougall (student)
Summer 1964: Harvey Harris (student)
Summer 1965: Warren Hingley (student)
1966-1968: Russell MacLeod (from Greenwood United Church in Baddeck)
1966: Grant Kerr (student)
1967: David MacKane (student)
1968: Howard Wilson (student)
1968-1973: Cecil Webber
1969-1970: Renford MacKenzie (student)
Summer 1971 and Summer 1972: M.A. MacMillan
1993-1980: Alfred Woodworth (from Greenwood United Church in Baddeck)
1980-1983: Rev. Harry A. Bagnall (from Greenwood United Church in Baddeck)
1983-1995: Rev. Louis Ihasz (from Greenwood United Church in Baddeck)
1995-2001: Rev. David R. Lutes (from Greenwood United Church in Baddeck)
2001-2002: ----
2002-2011: Rev. Karen A. Lynch (from Greenwood United Church in Baddeck)
2011-2017: Rev. Alison Etter (from Greenwood United Church in Baddeck)
2017-2018: ---
2018-present: Mary Harrison