

# HISTORIC SITES & ARCHIVES JOURNAL

*Dedicated to preserving our religious heritage and making history live.*

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## First edition officially launched . . . and society formed

### Annual report from the editor's desk

By Bruce Peel, Chairman Conference Committee

The Historic Sites & Archives Committee of Conference met five times in 1987.

In retrospect it was a year when the Committee examined its objectives, considered how these could be attained, and lobbied for a proper level of budgeting. In the process the Committee owed much to the skills of the Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilk as a planner and expeditor. One document, *Mission Design*, stressed the importance of a national church remembering its heritage, while a *Foundation Plan* dealt with the need for a viable plan of financial support for preservation of historic church buildings and church artifacts. The several documents were later consolidated into a volume entitled simply *Guidelines* (for the use of the Conference and the Committee). As part of planning the Committee prepared a four-year budget for presentation to the Conference Budget Committee.

In September Mr. Keith Stotyn, Alberta Conference Archivist, represented our Committee at a meeting of the National Committee on Archives and History. In his report he emphasized that the National Committee has two distinct roles, and that its responsibilities for historic sites policy was not part of the duties of the National Church Archives operating at Victoria University. Subsequently our Committee sent a document encompassing our ideas on historic buildings and church artifacts responsibility and preservation to the National Committee and to the Secretary of General Council.

The Committee appreciates the staff and space the Provincial Archives provides for congregational records of our church in Alberta. Throughout the year the depositing of congregational records proceeded smoothly. Mr. Stotyn, Senior Archivist, informed the Committee that

the inventory of all United Church records had been completed; he presented the two volume index to the Rev. Wm. Phipps, Conference Executive Secretary. Mr. Phipps then sent a letter of appreciation to the Hon. Dennis Anderson, Minister of Culture. Mr. Stotyn was given official recognition of our Committee by being appointed Conference Archivist. Our Committee also maintained contact with the Historic Resources branch of the Department of Culture.

The Committee on Historic Sites and Archives of the Alberta and Northwest Conference has worked unobtrusively for many years carrying out its mandate, but with the publication of the first issue of the *Journal* the Committee may be said to have gone public so that church members may know of its work. Our church has a proud Christian heritage, and its role in the spiritual life of the province deserves greater attention. It is the hope of the Committee that the pages of future issues of the *Journal* will provide a vehicle for noting forthcoming local anniversaries and the appearance of congregational histories. ●

### Rationale for society

In studying a variety of scenarios, including the Methodist Church, U.S.A. who are doing much more than the United Church of Canada in historical activity, our committee decided to form a society based on the following rationale:

Historic Sites and Archives' issues and concerns have a very low priority on Conference's and individual's time and interest. Therefore a small committee as presently constituted has a mammoth task and limited budget. Its personnel are usually retired with limited energy levels. However, the importance of the ongoing committee as presently set out in the manual with their duties and oversight must be maintained and continue to have the power and authority vested in it.

It has been found that wherever a society has been formed, either as a subcommittee or independently, new energy, resources, and enthusiasm have been generated. In the light of the realistic needs of preserving and developing historic awareness within Conference, our committee has formed a subgroup accountable to it with the following constitution and bylaws that have been established. In addition the Society is being incorporated under the Alberta

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## A Mission Design for Doing History . . .

### Preamble

Based on the experience of the Historic Sites and Archives Committee of the Calgary Presbytery of the United Church of Canada, in the development of the Historic McDougall Mission Site at Morley, Alberta, it was found that at Morley, Alberta it was found that a complete Rationale and Mission Design levels of policy making within the structures of the Church. To this end both the Mission Development Committee and Historic Sites Committee of the Alberta and North West Conference have collaborated in developing this

proposal and Mission Design for eight reasons: namely,

- (I) To **Clarify** the reason for preserving the history of our missionary enterprise in Canada and particularly in the West.
- (II) To **Justify** the need for and the support of the McDougall Mission as one of Canada's most significant roots of Methodism in the West.
- (III) To **Assist** in the development of adequate guidelines for policy making.
- (IV) To **Continue** to develop the foundations for on-going support and stewardship of our heritage.

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## Sponsorship

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It was my privilege to see most of the paste up of this first volume of the Alberta and Northwest Conference Historic Sites and Archives Journal. To see the Conference Historic Sites and Archives Committee reaching out through the printed media to inform and enlist the public is a commendable action on their part. The readership of this type of a historical journal may not be extensive, but for those who do take the study and preservation of our historical roots seriously, this journal will be read intently. As I sense from the first glance at this journal, it will attempt to lift up a philosophical statement on preserving our roots, and secondly identify the value of preservation of significant sites which without special attention could be lost from us.

Our Conference is indebted to Mr. Keith Stotyn, Senior Archivist for his role in perserving our manuscripts in the Provincial Archives. He's also Alberta Conference Archivist, who represents us on the National Committee.

We of the Conference thank the Committee for their efforts and hope that the fruits of their labours are used by many. Read this, the first issue of the first volume and share it wherever you believe it would be helpful.

*Rev. Harry Steele*

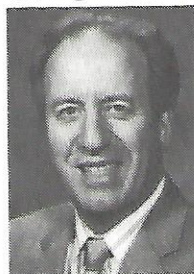
Rev. Harry Steele  
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I am honoured to be a part of the first edition of **The Historic Sites and Archives Journal** of the Alberta and Northwest Conference of the United Church of Canada. Made possible through the efforts of many dedicated members of the Conference, this Journal will not only assist with the preservation and commemoration of Alberta's religious history, but will also serve to enhance and promote a greater general understanding of our Province's rich and colourful past.

As other projects of the Alberta and Northwest Conference have contributed to the preservation of the physical remnants of our past, for example the inventory of Church buildings and the ongoing development of the Morley Mission site, this new publication will assist immeasurably in bringing the written word to the attention of those interested and concerned with the history of the United Church of Canada.

To all those who have dedicated their time and energies to preserving our religious heritage and to bringing this publication to fruition, I offer my warmest congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

Yours truly,

*Greg Stevens*

Greg Stevens, P. Eng.  
 Minister of Culture and Multiculturalism



## Overview

The Historic Sites and Archives Journal was initiated by the Alberta and Northwest Conference Committee to provide a means to assist in the preservation of the history of the heritage of the United Church of Canada and to encourage individuals, congregations and presbyteries to carry out their mandate within the United Church Manual, and to bring together human and material resources in the preservation of our religious heritage.

### MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (1987-88 Term)

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## Alberta and Northwest Conference (United Church of Canada) Historical Society

### Annual General Meeting

The First Annual meeting of the Alberta and Northwest Conference (United Church of Canada) Historical Society will meet at:

PLACE: Renfrew United Church  
956 Radnor Avenue N.E.,  
Calgary, T2E 5H5

DATE & TIME: Saturday  
October 22, 1988  
from 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

### PROGRAM:

10 A.M. Registration  
11 A.M. Plenary Session  
12 Noon Lunch catered  
(\$5.00/Person)  
1 P.M. Archives & History  
2 P.M. Historic Sites  
and Preservation  
3 P.M. Plenary Session  
4 P.M. Adjournment

### PURPOSE:

- (1) Election of Board of Directors for 1988-89 term
- (2) Consult with Expertise within the Society's objectives
- (3) Exchange information
- (4) Develop strategies for the Development of the Historic enterprise within the Alberta & Northwest Conference.

More details on the Annual Meeting will be forwarded to members prior to meeting date of October 22, 1988.

### Indian Psalm 23

*The Great Father above is a Shepherd Chief. I am His and with Him I want not. He throws out to me a rope and the name of the rope is love and He draws me to where the grass is green and the water good and I eat and lie down satisfied. Sometimes my heart is weak and falls down, but He lifts it up again, and draws me into a good road. His name is wonderful.*

*Sometime, it may be soon, it may be longer, it may be a long, long time, He will draw me into a place between mountains.*

*It is dark there but I'll draw not back, I'll be afraid not, for it is there between these mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet me and the hunger I have felt in my heart all through this life will be satisfied.*

*Sometimes He makes the love rope into a whip, but afterwards He gives me a staff to lean on.*

*He spreads a table before me with all kinds of food. He puts His hands on my head and all the "tired" is gone.*

*My cup He fills until it runs over. What I tell you is true. I lie not. These roads that are away ahead "will stay with me through this life" and afterwards I will go to live in the "Big Teepee" and sit down with the Shepherd Chief forever.*

A TRANSLATION FROM THE CREE

Rationale...From page 1

Societies Act. Application has been made for an income tax registration number so that donations will be acknowledged to enable people to make claims against income tax.

### Constitution & By-laws

#### Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Alberta and Northwest Conference United Church Historical Society, hereinafter called "Society".

#### Article II Purpose

The Society is formed for the following purposes:

1. Working with the Alberta and Northwest Conference Committee on Historic Sites & Archives in the collection and preservation of materials related to the history of The United Church of Canada and its antecedents.
2. Promoting research, writing and publication in the field.
3. Locating and encouraging the preservation and appropriate sites of historical interest within the Conference.
4. Developing interest in United Church of Canada history, and skills for pursuing it among local church historians and others.
5. Publicizing, among the relevant parties, observances of historical anniversaries and other events of interest.
6. Developing financial and human resources for the support of historic projects of the United Church of Canada.
7. To comply with appendix IV, pages 212 and 213 of the United Church Manual, 26th revised edition 1987.
8. Engaging in such other activities as shall be deemed appropriate.

### Article III

#### Constituency and Membership

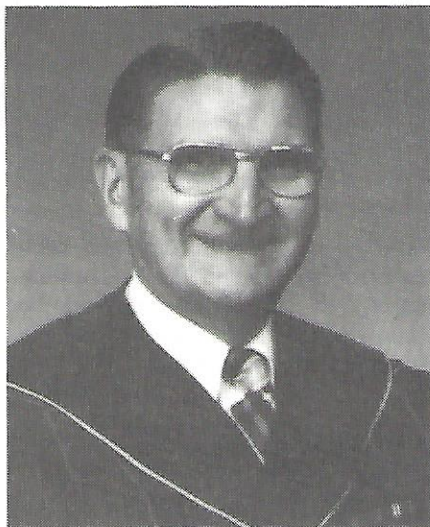
The Society shall associate itself in cooperative ways with the Alberta and Northwest Conference Committee on Historic Sites & Archives and additionally with the national committee on Archives and History.

Membership in the Society shall be open to all persons interested in the history of the United Church of Canada

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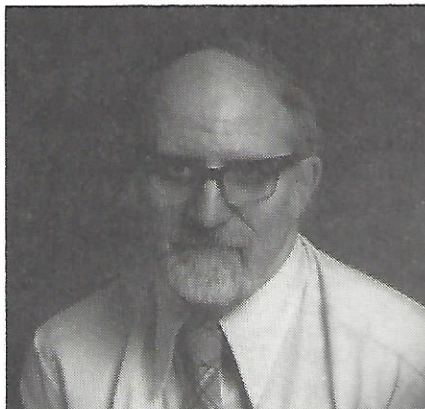


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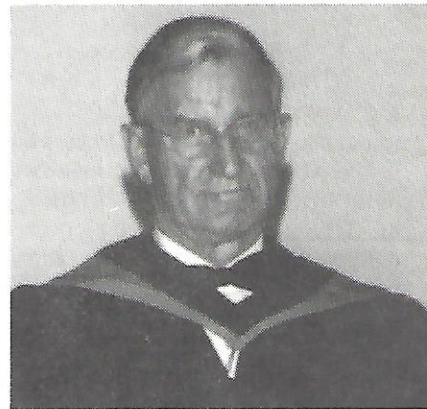
### President

**STEPHEN W. WILK, B.S.A. (U. of S.), Chap. II Ret'd (R.C.N.V.R.), B.D. (U.B.C.) D. Min. (San Francisco).** Among the many courts of the church Stephen has served as Chairperson of the Calgary Presbytery, the Board of Regents at St. Andrew's College (8 years), the Ecumenical Foundation of Canada and the Canadian Association of Pastoral Education Board of Directors (7 years), and is past chairperson of the Alberta Pastoral Care Association. He has chaired the Conference Mission Development Committee, and is currently representative on the Historic Sites and Archives Committee of Conference and continues to act as Chairperson of the Calgary Presbytery Committee. He has written and published a number of books, thesis, articles and publications.



### Vice-President

**ROBERT MacDonald B.A. (U. of S.) Certificate (France), M.A. (Queens), B.Ed. Ph.D. (U. of C.)** is an historian associated with the University of Calgary. In addition to teaching school and doing research for the restoration of Fortress Louisbourg, he has taught Canadian History at University of Saskatchewan, Mount Royal, Camrose and Calgary, as well as completed research for Alberta Historic Sites Services. Among his publications are articles dealing with French Canadian education, Hutterites, the Canadian North, and Saskatchewan during the war.



### Sec.-Treas.

**HERMAN J. MILLER, B.A. (Queens), B.D. (St. Stephens)** is a retired minister from Carstairs. He has served in a number of pastoral charges in Alberta and has occupied a number of church offices throughout Conference, notably 21 years as Secretary of Presbytery and 5 times as Chairman as well as Secretary of Conference for 4 years. Currently he is a member of the Conference Historic Sites and Archives Committee.



### Board Member

**PAUL M. GIBSON, B.A. (U. of A.)** is currently employed by a major oil company. His interests are genealogy and history, particularly Methodist missionary activity in the Canadian Prairie West. A resident of Alberta since 1962, he has been a member at large of the Conference Committee and currently researching our Methodist connection with Eastern Canada. He is a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Calgary.



### Chairman - Conference Committee

**BRUCE PEEL, M.A. (U. of S.), B.L.S. (U. of T.)** Librarian Emeritus of the University of Alberta, has had a long-time interest in Western Canadian history. His major contribution has been a Bibliography of the Prairie Provinces, an attempt at a comprehensive listing of books and pamphlets published to 1953. His "The Rossville Mission Press" is the only full study of the work of the Reverend James Evans, inventor of the Cree syllabic script, and of the Reverend William Mason, his successor in operating the press.

Rationale...From page 3

and its antecedents, and sympathetic to the aims and purposes of the Society, and on the payment of such annual dues as the Society may levy.

There may be honorary members who don't pay dues, elected by the membership of the Society.

Organizations and institutions sympathetic to the interests of the Society may join.

### Article IV Meetings

The Society shall meet at least annually at such time and place as it shall determine. Special meetings may be held at the call of the president. Members present shall constitute a quorum.

### Article V. Officers

The Society shall elect the following officers at the regular annual meeting who shall serve until their successors are elected:

President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer (or Secretary and Treasurer) and an Executive Committee which shall consist of the elected officers

plus the chairperson of the Alberta and Northwest Conference Committee on Historic Sites and Archives. The majority of officers of the Society shall be members of the United Church of Canada. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President of the Society.

### Article VI Administration

**Section 1.** Management of the Society shall be vested in the Executive Committee.

**Section 2.** The operating budget of the

Society shall be proposed by the Executive Committee to the annual meeting for approval, together with a recommendation of the amount of annual dues.

**Section 3.** The Executive Committee shall name a committee of three persons to prepare nominations for all elective offices to be acted upon at the Annual meeting.

**Section 4.** The Executive Committee shall regulate its own meet-

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ings, temporarily fill vacancies and prescribe the various duties of the officers of the Society.

**Section 5.** Annual meetings of the Society shall be held at an appropriate time and place agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

**Section 6.** The Society shall be accountable to the Committee on Historic Sites and Archives of the Alberta and Northwest Conference in all matters relating to its organization and operation.

## Article VII Amendments

The Constitution and By-Laws shall be approved by the Society and may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present and voting, providing that such proposed amendments be circulated within the membership not less than two weeks prior to the meeting. ●

## Mission Design...From page 1

(V) To **Provide** accurate and scientific research and develop information for the tourists from all parts of the world, through interpretation of the heritage of the United Church of Canada.

(VI) To **Preserve** and document archeological historical data pertaining to our religious roots that have contributed to the uniqueness of the United Church of Canada.

(VII) To **Preserve and Restore** buildings and sites where appropriate.

(VIII) To **Develop a Model** for the creation and maintenance of Historic Sites and Archives in Alberta and elsewhere in Canada.

## MISSION PURPOSE FOR HISTORIC SITES AND ARCHIVES

The purpose of preserving our heritage for future generations is a call of the Gospel to build on foundations (Luke 12:35ff). "To lose our history and our roots is to lose one's mind and be disconnected from the meanings of the past." Therefore, it is incumbent upon our present generation to diligently study our past and hopefully learn from the errors and triumphs of our ancestors. We are what we are today because of the contributions of missionaries like Rundle, the McDougalls and a long succession of lay persons and clergy.

Without the records and visible signs of the Biblical Heritage of our Judeo-Christian past, we are challenged to ask what would we be like in the present. As scholars, authors, researchers, and tourists from all parts of the world come to inquire and study our culture, it becomes imperative that we tell the story of our faith and background with integrity. Based on present and future projection, countless thousands of visitors are anticipated to view our historic sites. For example, the McDougall Mission Site at Morley (the second oldest building in Alberta still standing on its original foundation) already has thousands of visitors each year. It is also incumbent upon every congregation to preserve its history and help in the development of our archives, so that the record of the whole people of God may be preserved.

This document is prepared as a springboard to general mission Policy for Historic Sites and Archives.

## MISSION GOALS

The goals of this Mission Design or Proposal:

I. To develop a budget for Historic Sites purposes within the Conference.

II. To establish a foundation as a funding source for Archives and Historic Sites, to undergird the present endeavours in preserving the heritage of the United Church of Canada in Alberta and in Canada.

III. To establish a procedure for generating funds which is not in conflict with the ongoing Mission and Service budgeting requirements.

IV. As already demonstrated, continue to creatively make use of resources which are designated for the purpose of preserving our heritage.

V. To co-ordinate the work of the National Real Property Committee's responsibility within the Alberta and N.W. Conference and to provide professionally developed plans (strategies) for the care, maintenance, preservation and interpretation of United Canada of Canada owned Historic Sites and Archives.

VI. To search out and access any existing funds within the United Church at all levels.

## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES by Dr. Robert MacDonald

History reflects the dynamics of human activity and the interactions through time. For E.H. Carr, the student of history, the historian, in studying and writing engages in a continuous

process of interaction between himself and the facts. In his work, the historian tries to recreate a past society and to interpret interrelationships. In this endeavour, there must be a faithfulness and integrity in his approach and conclusions.

While interpretations may vary, there are standards and criteria which historians apply in determining significant facts or data relevant to the study at hand, methods to judge credibility of data, and logical basis on which interpretations rest. And it must be realized that a study cannot be absolutely complete, given the documents which reduce events or relations.

For the historian, as one's understandings of human nature and society increase, new insights are gained, and the study, as in all studies of scholarly endeavour, becomes increasingly faithful to the past.

But one must not confuse these changes of interpretation, based on new insights or concepts, with those interpretations reflecting a current ideology or fashion, or current problem imposed on the past. The integrity of the scholar's art remains paramount.

It is easy to have hindsight, particularly in the light of consequences of events or decisions, or other criteria. It has become a fashion in some quarters to belittle the work of the missionaries and early churches. But in the examination of the record of this work, the historian must examine missionaries, laity and clergy, using as criteria the sincerity and honesty of their efforts. Moreover in judging actions, it must be done in the realization of what courses of action were feasible, not in hindsight, but in terms of the missionaries' own society, times, environment and cultural parameters. In short they must be judged in terms of their context.

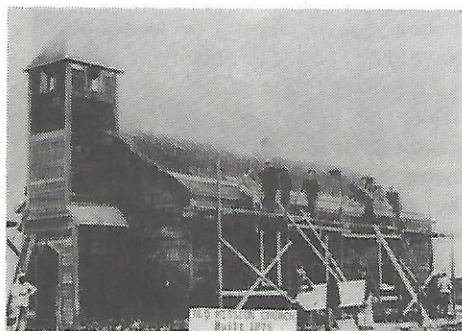
Contemporary society is a product of the past, and to maintain integrity with the past, the historian cannot revise the past. For the contemporary church in structure and influence, it is built on the foundation of early missionaries, clergy and laity. In this way the contemporary church looks back, learns from the past, in a spirit of understanding.

Historic sites have been established in the province and country because of their architectural significance. But equally important, and perhaps especially so for the present-day church, the sites reflect and commemorate the work of the people associated with them. And in this commemoration the integrity of the historic record is maintained. ●



# VISUAL HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN ALBERTA

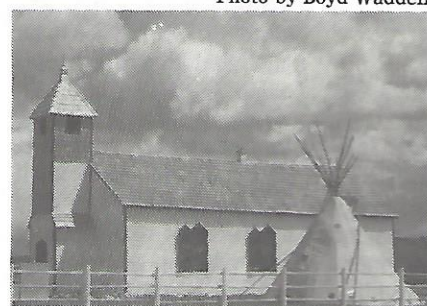
In order to illustrate the work of Historic Sites in a graphic way, members of the Committee made a display unit for use at Conference, Presbytery and the Morley McDougall site. The four-panel display illustrated both the work of the Historic Sites Committee and benefits to congregations of this work and expertise as well as the resources of the Provincial Archives. The description of this display is as follows:



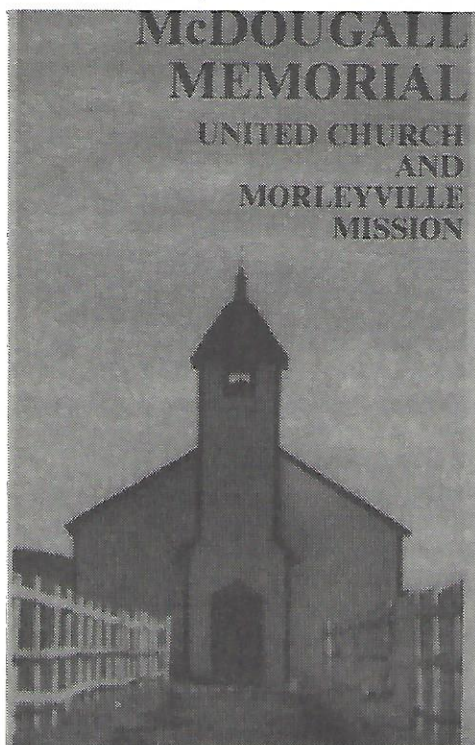
**THE OLD MISSION** built 1875 (during the 1950 restoration).



**REV. H.B. STEINHAUER AND CHIEFS**



**MORLEY MISSION** designated 1979.

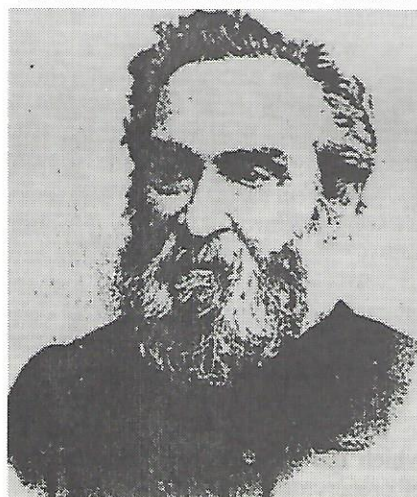


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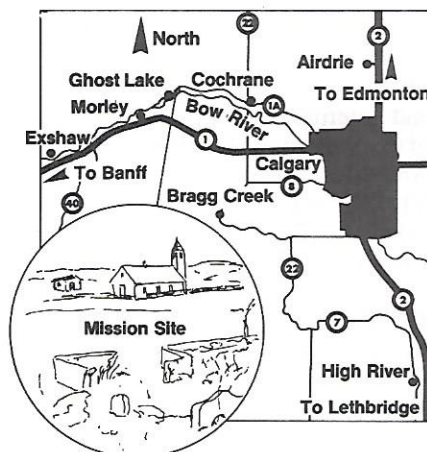
**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO  
PRESERVE THE HERITAGE  
OF THE MORLEYVILLE  
MISSION!**

Restoration of the McDougall Memorial Church and archaeological research on the Mission site is going ahead. 1988 is our target date for

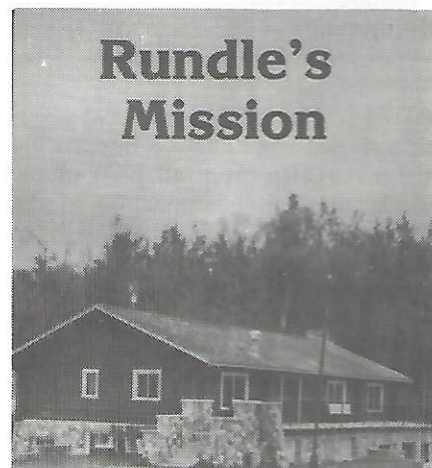
**McDOUGALL CHURCH** at Morley a pamphlet developed to interpret the Methodist Heritage to the world, est. 1875 and is the second oldest building in the province on original foundation.



**REV. ROBERT RUNDLE**, Methodist. First Missionary of any Christian Denomination from 1846-8.



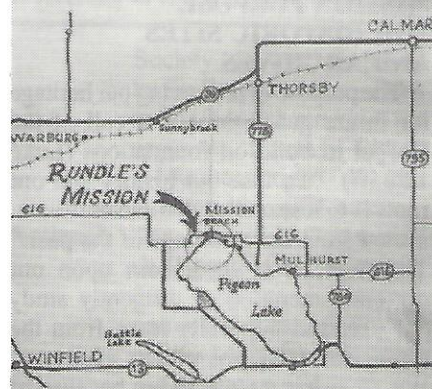
**MAP** of location of Morley site in relation to Calgary, including inset map.



**Rundle's  
Mission**

## HOW TO GET THERE:

Rundle's Mission is located approximately 100 km south west of Edmonton, at Mission Beach on the North shore of Pigeon Lake. It is accessible from all directions by all-weather roads.

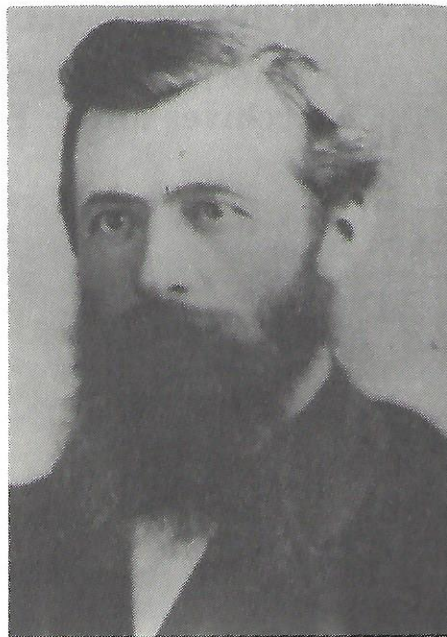


**RUNDLE Mission Pamphlet** indicating the oversight by the Conference Centre, established as a National Historic Site, built in 1847.

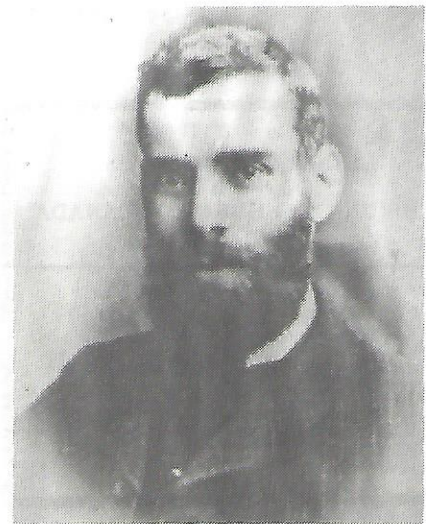




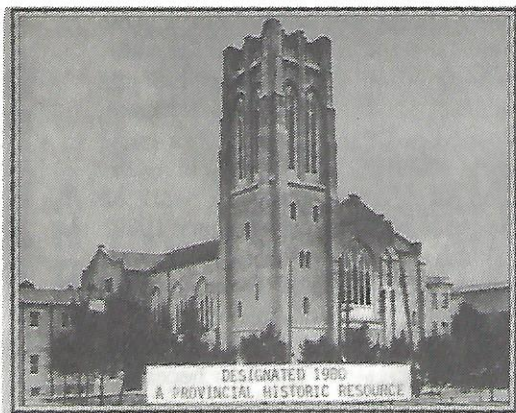
**REV. GEORGE McDOUGALL**, pioneer Methodist missionary from 1820-1876.



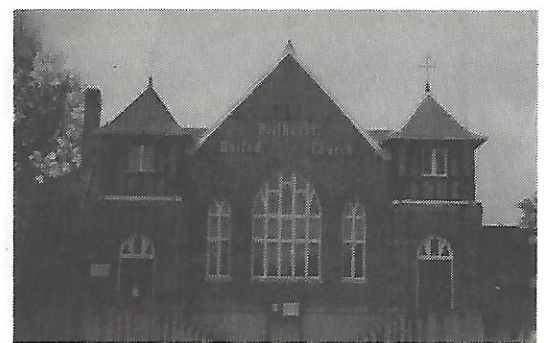
**REV. JOHN McDOUGALL**, pioneer Methodist missionary from 1842-1917.



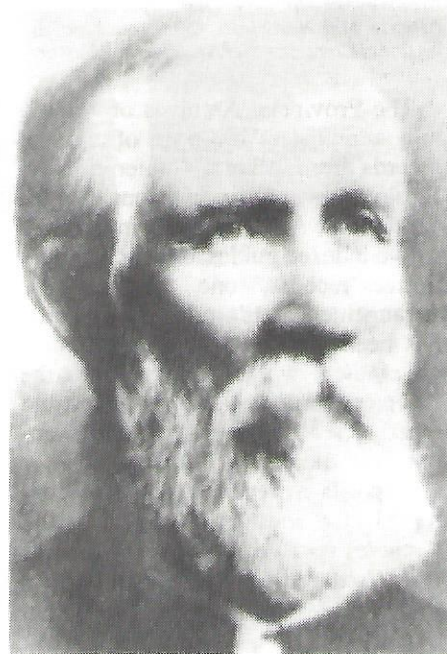
**REV. ANGUS ROBERTSON**, Knox Presbyterian Church, Calgary from 1883-1885.



**KNOX UNITED CHURCH**, Calgary designated 1980.



**HILLHURST United Church** designated 1987.



**REV. JAMES ROBERTSON**, first Presbyterian Missionary west of the Great Lakes, 1881-1902.

## HOW CONGREGATIONS BENEFIT FROM ASSISTING

- Expertise in
- ◆ Planning
  - ◆ Organizing
  - ◆ Resourcing
  - ◆ Evaluating
  - ◆ Documenting
  - ◆ History Writing
  - ◆ Record Management

## UNITED CHURCH HISTORIC SITES

1. Rundle's Mission - Pigeon Lake
2. McDougall's Mission - Morley
3. Fort Victoria - Pagan
4. Knox United Church - Calgary
5. Hillhurst United Church - Calgary
6. Knox Presbyterian Church - Edmonton
7. St. Stephen's College - Edmonton
8. Athabasca United Church - Athabasca
9. Irricana United Church - Irricana
10. Ralph Connor United Church - Canmore



Each Presbytery has Historic Sites and Archival work to do. Our Committee is set up to assist in the following ways.

A Foundation Plan or Trust Fund to assist matching Funds from Primary Sources.



## FROM THE CONFERENCE ARCHIVIST

### Alberta and Northwest Conference Archives at the Provincial Archives

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**ARCHIVES**  
AT THE  
PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES  
OF ALBERTA

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The Provincial Archives of Alberta now administers 103.5 m. of archival records from Alberta Conference, its Presbyteries and congregations. Almost 100% of the Archives is now inventoried in two indexed guides; one for administrative records, one for registers. Arrangement and description of records has been pursued with funds from a government works project. Once the inventory sheets have been proofed and typed, the inventories will be completed to the end of March, 1988.

Deposits in recent years have continued at a constant level. Provincial Archives received 3.77 m. of records from Conference, two Presbyteries and twenty-two congregations in 1987. Contacts were made with 10 congrega-

tions concerning the deposit of records.

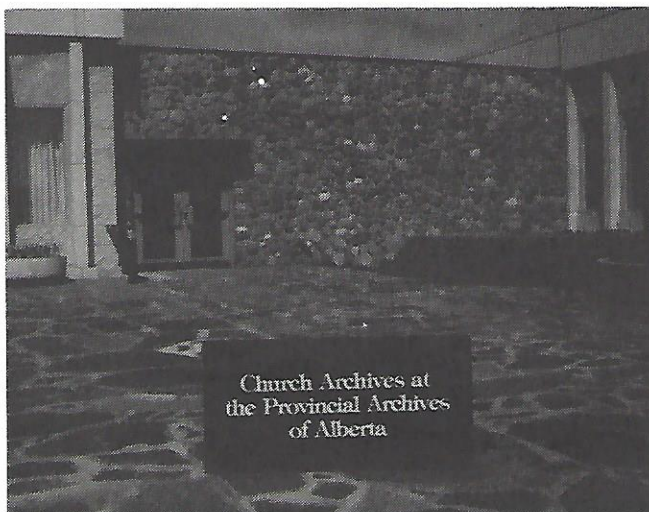
Use of the Conference Archives has remained brisk. In 1987 Provincial Archives responded to seventy-two written and telephone inquiries; the largest portion being requests for baptisms. Seventy-three researchers working at the Archives made 420 requests for material in 1987, amounting to an average of 35 requests per month.

In an effort to improve the awareness of Conference members about the existence of the Archives, Provincial Archives assisted the Committee to prepare a display which was on view at the annual meeting of Conference this year. A proposal for a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to publish a guide to the Alberta Conference Archives has been prepared. If approved, work on the guide will begin in January 1989.

Plans are in place to conduct a records survey of Conference, Presbytery and congregational offices in order to determine all categories of records which are being created. This is a necessary preliminary step to the development of guidelines for the systematic transfer of archival records and destruction of non-archival records. Work on the survey is dependent on having knowledgeable staff available. The first attempt to obtain expertise through a professional internship was unsuccessful, but further opportunities will be pursued.

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Alberta Conference Archivist

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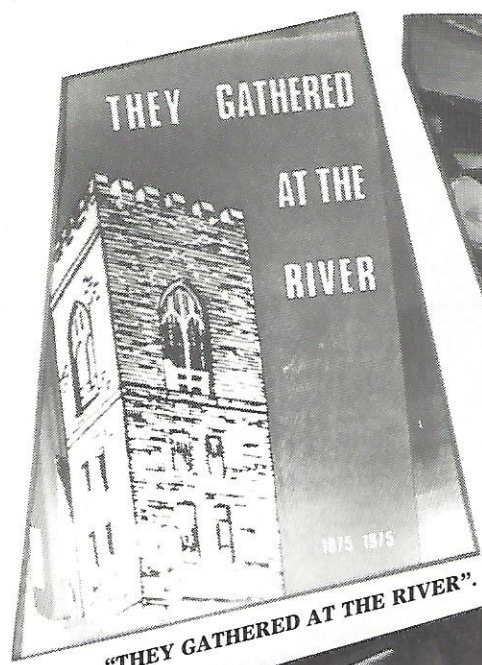
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The Alberta Conference (1853-1983, 84.6 meters) archives includes all administrative records of the Church; including correspondence, accounts, clergy rolls, records of educational institutions and hospitals operated by the Conference, records of presbyteries and of the United Church Women. Also included are records of the three denominations which united to form the Church in 1925: the Presbyterian (1887-1925), Methodist (1863-1925), and Congregational (1910-1912) Churches. Two hundred seventy-three pastoral charges are represented, many of which contain several congregations. Congregational records may include registers of births, marriages, and burials, minutes, accounts, church group records and photographs.

**INFORMATION** on United Church  
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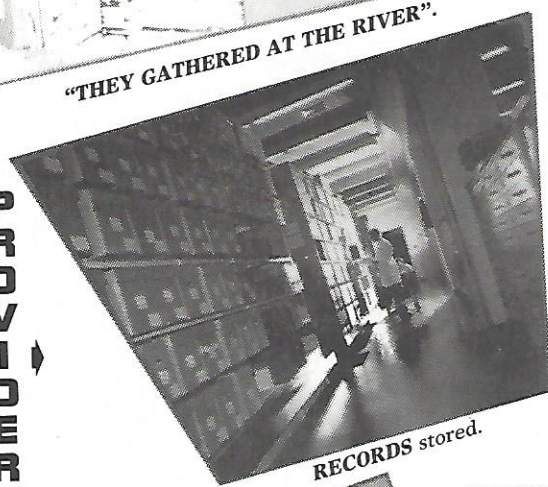
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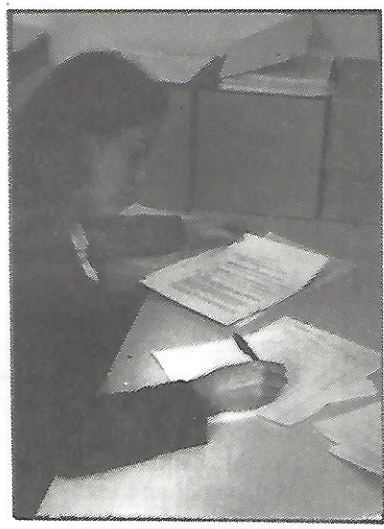
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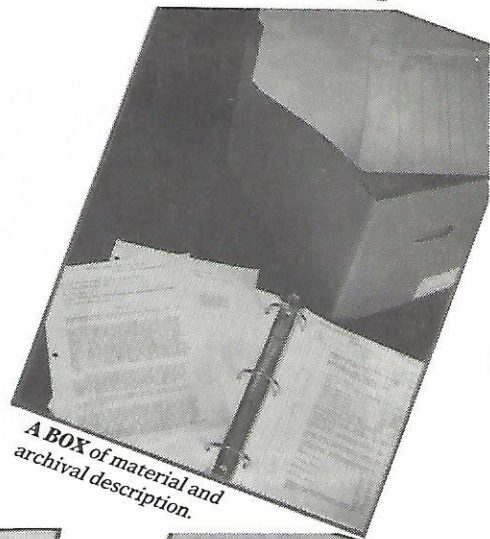
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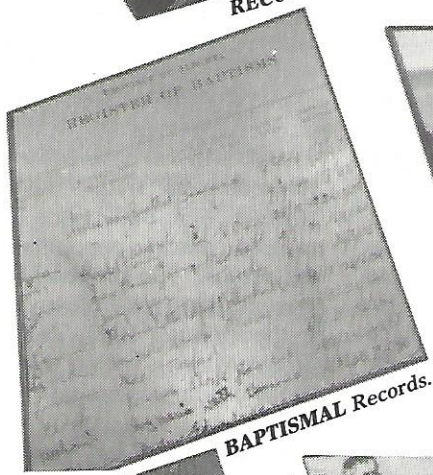
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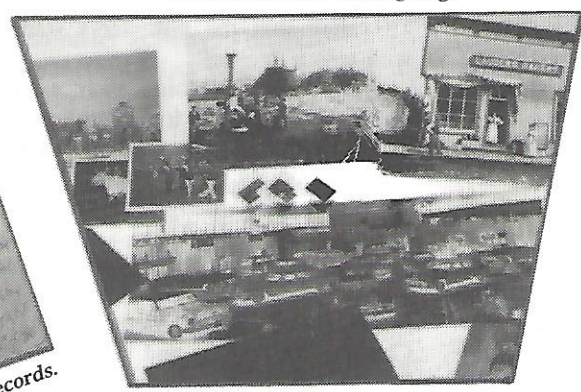
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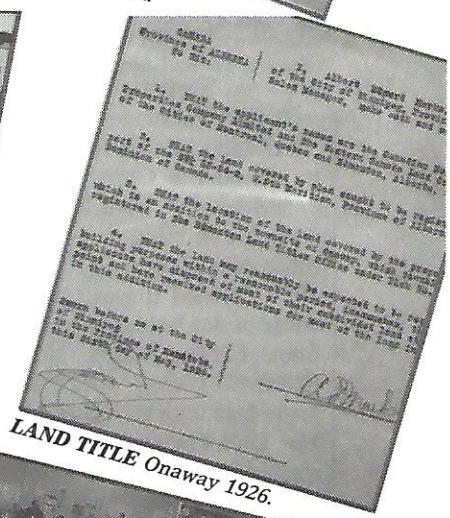
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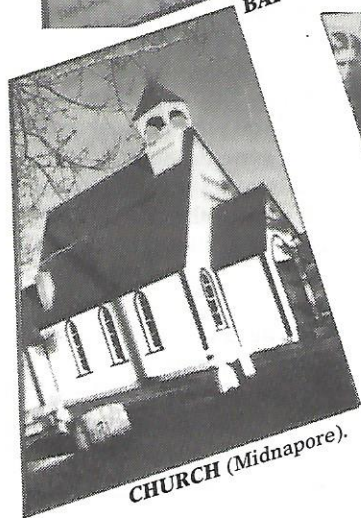


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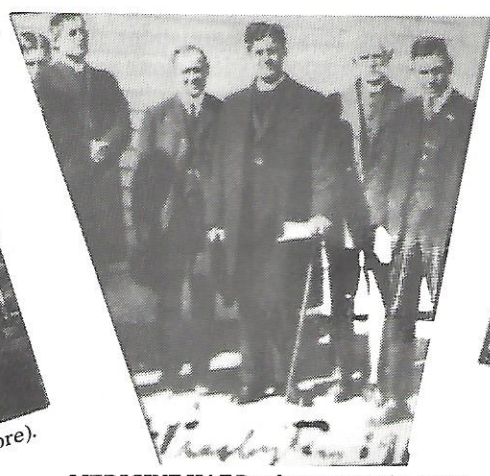


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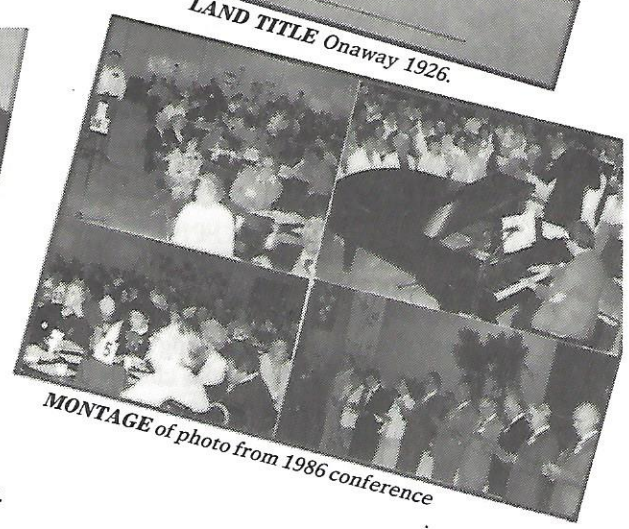
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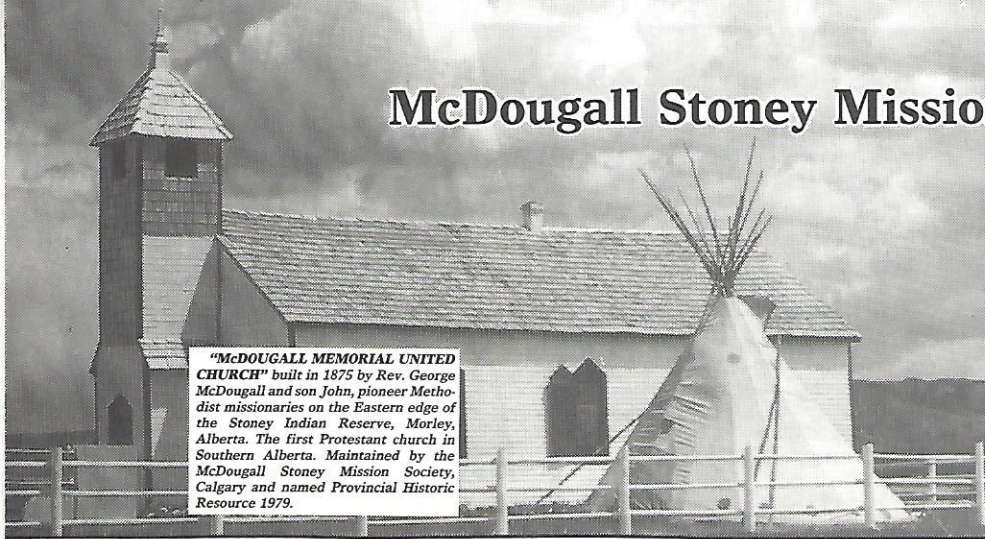
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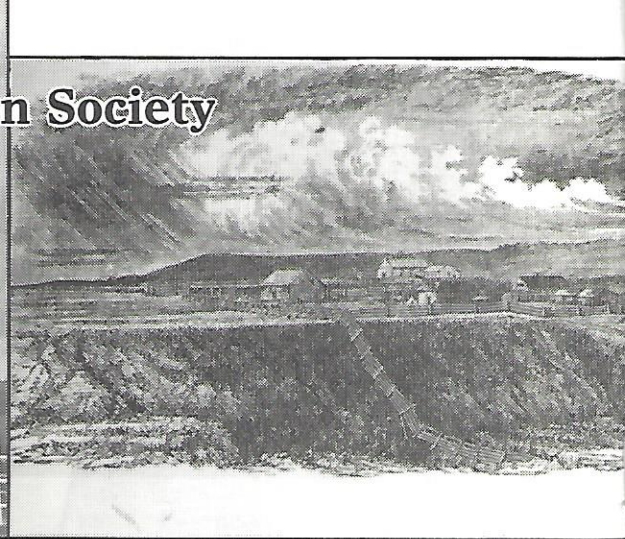
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# McDougall Stoney Mission Society

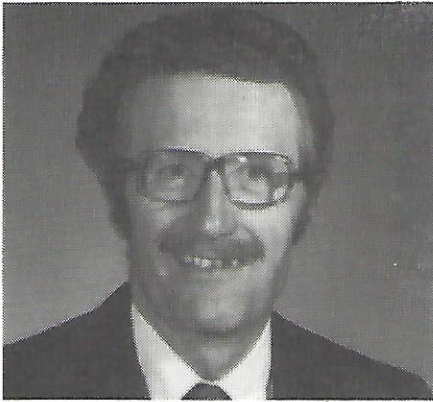


"McDOUGALL MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH" built in 1875 by Rev. George McDougall and son John, pioneer Methodist missionaries on the Eastern edge of the Stoney Indian Reserve, Morley, Alberta. The first Protestant church in Southern Alberta. Maintained by the McDougall Stoney Mission Society, Calgary and named Provincial Historic Resource 1979.



McDOUGALL MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH, Provincial Historical Site, Highway 1A, Morley, Alberta. Lazarus Wesley's teepee is in foreground.

SKETCH of Morley Methodist Mission at Morley, from the *Missionary Outlook*, June 1881.



**LEONARD McDOUGALL** – President of McDougall Stoney Mission Society, B. Ed. (U. of A.). Was a principal for 36 years with the Calgary Board of Education and in administration for several years. He was chairperson and director of the Stampede Board for 29 years.

Early missionaries such as the McDougalls came to Western Canada to spread the Christian faith as they experienced it from the Gospels. It is with this in mind that we reflect upon those men of the A.O.T.S. clubs who in 1950 decided it was time to preserve some of our heritage for future generations. Central, Knox, North Hill and Hillhurst United Churches provided some men with the vision of the Future. Mr. Dick Gaetz, Mr. John Laurie and many others proposed the first meetings with the purpose to restore the old Morley Church. A cheque received from a Texan sent to Central United Church read, "In Europe they preserve their churches for hundreds of years. Here is \$50.00 – fix it up or tear it down." This was the beginning of the restoration, the motivation provided from a citizen of another land.

The second oldest building on its original site in Alberta, the church is the oldest of its type in the province, constructed in 1875 in the vernacular Gothic style. Regular services ceased at the site in 1921 when a new church was

built in Morley townsite. An orphanage, home and barn were built on the original site. Title to the property passed to the United Church in 1928. However twenty-two years of "abandonment" took their toll of the old church.

Concerns for the church from the McDougall family and others were ignored for years. Thus it was in 1950 the glimmer of hope began to shine. Carpenters and other volunteers began to work on the old building. Rev. Dr. Gerald Switzer, Dick Gaetz, Doug McDougall and many members of the A.O.T.S. clubs descended on the site to begin a much needed restoration. The shell that the volunteers started with was a derelict.

The Provincial cabinet gave a one-time grant of \$1,500 to the project. To maintain the church the McDougall Mission Society was formed. The volunteer group had many names previous to this time. In 1961 the Society was incorporated under the Societies Act to encourage camping and other activities. In 1971 the McDougall Memorial United Church Restoration and Maintenance Committee was established to oversee the site. The formal name of the society again changed.

Following lengthy negotiations the McDougall Mission Society along with the United Church of Canada obtained a transfer of title. In January 1973 the McDougall Mission Society became a committee of Calgary Presbytery. In 1977 a Presbytery Historic Sites Committee was created. The United Church of Canada declared it an historic site in 1977. Provincial statutes recognized its heritage value. On June 3, 1977 agreements with the federal government allowed easement of access to the land and the cemetery. Calgary Presbytery supported the declaration of June 1978. At this time the larger portion of the

church lands were returned to the Stoney Band at Morley.

Work continued at the site in 1978-1979. January 1979 saw long term plans drawn up and discussed. Later that year, the Minister of Culture indicated the province's willingness to declare the church an historic site. This recognized the Methodist work in the province. Included in the order were archaeological interpretations and an interpretive centre. Funding for these projects would be sought from private and public funds. Donors in the initial projects came from the United Church of Canada, Nickle Foundation, Devonian Foundation, Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, and Alberta Culture. Employment grants also helped the project. Archaeological excavations began and over 25,000 artifacts have been uncovered. Archeological studies and historical research were undertaken by 1984. A project team was appointed to oversee the project. The proposal of the team was presented to Conference Executive in the spring of 1987. The McDougall Stoney Mission Society would continue as the existing committee for on-going events.

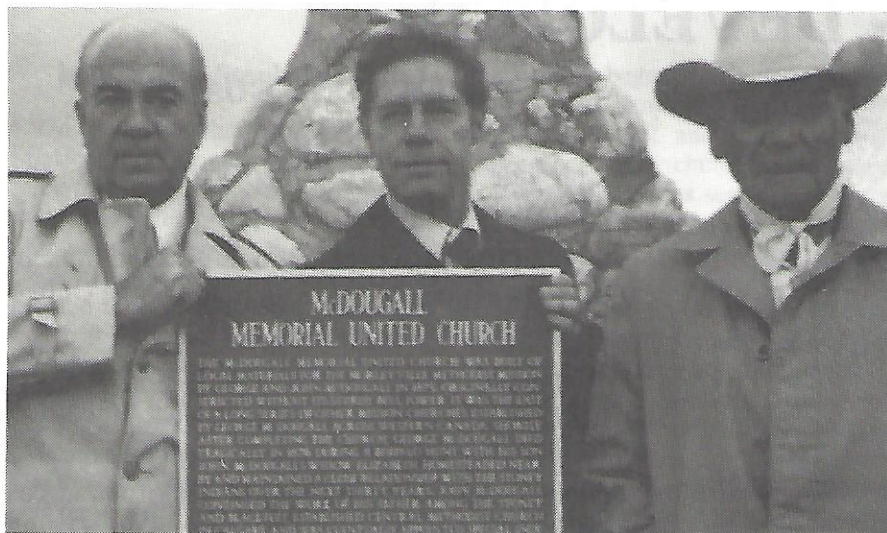
Spring and fall services are held each year. School visits, weddings, and study groups continue to use the site. Visitors from nearly every land have visited on summer weekends. Thousands have gone through the gates.

It is with sincere appreciation that the Society thanks all volunteers, committees, the United Church of Canada, the residents of the neighbouring community around Morley, our excellent friends from the Stoney Band at Morley and the Alberta government for the successes we have enjoyed over these many fruitful years. May the old church continue for a long time as a witness of the richness in the Foothills. ●



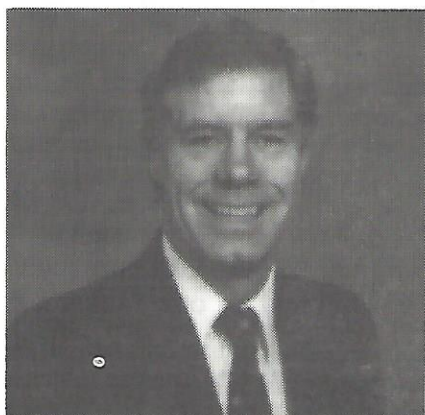
# McDOUGALL MISSION SITE PLANNING TEAM

## McDOUGALL MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH, MORLEY, ALBERTA



LEFT TO RIGHT: Andy Little M.L.A., Dr. Gerald McDougall, Chief David Crowchild

## A PROJECT IS BORN .... by Gerald McDougall



**GERALD M. McDOUGALL, M.D.**  
F.R.C.P.C. (U. of A.), Associate Dean of  
Medicine, University of Calgary, Chairman  
of Mission Site Planning Team.

In 1979, upon the request of the United Church of Canada, the McDougall Memorial United Church was designated a Provincial Historic Resource. Soon after, the McDougall Mission Site Planning Team was formed as a sub-committee of the Historic Sites Committee of Calgary Presbytery, United Church of Canada. The purpose of the McDougall Mission Site Project is to formulate themes, ideas and methods by which the site can be developed into a significant interpretive centre, providing the public with a unique perspective on early missionary activity in Alberta.

The project has undertaken a multi-disciplinary research assessment of the McDougall Mission site which will suggest methods of preservation, maintenance and development of the historic values and uses of the site in terms of theological, historical and

archaeological significance. This research assessment has consisted of a detailed historical research component and an archaeological testing program, results of which will contribute to the formulation of a Site Master Plan.

It is our objective to ensure that the site is thematically interpreted within the context of Southern Alberta history as a whole, particularly as related to missionary activity. The interpretation content will relate to the history of the Stoney Indians who occupy the area served by the Morleyville Mission and interpret the role of the McDougall Church within the context of missionary work, settlement patterns and the evolution of the entire Methodist Mission in the general Morleyville settlement area.

The Methodist Mission, Morleyville, was chosen and established by George McDougall (1820 - 1876) and his son, John McDougall (1842 - 1917) to fulfill a longstanding commitment to open a mission among the Mountain Stoney tribe. It is best known as the first Methodist Indian Mission in Southern Alberta, and was the home base for Christian work among the Stoney Indian people, featuring the first day school for Stoney children and perhaps the earliest orphanage. The Mission buildings included a Mission house, an Indian orphanage, barns, corrals, and associated structures.

The old Mission Church, built in 1875, was the focus for the organized missionary activity. The building, which is a vernacular adaption of the Gothic revival style, is the oldest structure in

Alberta of this style and still standing on its original site. It was the first Christian Church erected in Southern Alberta; it boasted the first permanent homestead in the Bow valley area, complete with cattle, horses, and milking cows; and the first school teacher (Andrew Sibbald) taught there. Ultimately, the Mission became the forerunner of the surveyed Morleyville settlement modelled on the river lot system with ten irregularly shaped parcels of land extending from Jacob's Creek to the Ghost River. This Morleyville Mission became the hub of an expanding community centred upon Church work, teaching, trading, farming, and ranching.

The McDougall family are known foremost as a missionary family, as a pioneering settlement family and, ultimately, as "nation-builders" in preserving peace with the Indian tribes of Western Canada during the treaty-making period of the 1870's.

For the Mission Site Planning Team, the conservation and interpretation of the Church and Mission site through historical, archaeological and architectural assessment and research provide a common thread to all objectives of the McDougall Mission Site Project. The conservation is currently timely as the building needs attention and stabilization.

### DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT

#### ◆ STAGE ONE

- Organization
  - Society
  - Presbytery Committee
  - Designation
  - Planning Team

#### ◆ STAGE TWO

- Project Proposal

#### ◆ STAGE THREE

- Archaeological, Historical, Geological, Architectural Analysis and Professional Reports.

#### ◆ STAGE FOUR

- Master Plan and Interpretive Themes

#### ◆ STAGE FIVE

- Resoration and ongoing development of the Maintenance and Trust Fund.



# A TRUST FUND IS BEING DEVELOPED . . .



- There is **No National Budget** to develop Historic Sites in Canada.
- Therefore Alberta Conference has to generate its own funding base.
- Historic Sites & Archives Committee has undertaken a major project for the United Church of Canada in developing its Historic Sites beginning with the Morley McDougall Mission Site.
- The Committee has developed a Mission Design with a strategy to do a significant task for the National church.

A sub-committee of the Morley Mission Site Planning Team has been established to oversee the fund raising. They are Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilk, Dr. Gerald McDougall, Morley McDougall and Dr. Robert MacDonald.

## TRUST FUND GOALS Long term

- To provide a budget for the development of the Morley Mission Project.
- To be a funding source to undergird the present endeavours in preserving the heritage of the United Church of Canada in Alberta.
- To generate funds which are not in conflict with the ongoing Mission and Service budgeting requirements.
- To continue to creatively make use of resources which are designated for the purpose of preserving our heritage.
- To assist in co-ordinating the work of the National Real Property Committee's responsibility within the Alberta and N.W. Conference and to provide professionally developed plans (strategies) for the care, maintenance, preservation and interpretation of United Church of Canada owned Historic Sites and Archives: (i.e. beginning with the Morley McDougall Mission Site as a model).
- To search out and access any existing funds within the United Church and all other sources.
- To provide an appropriate accountability structure for the use of the fund.
- To establish a Trust Fund to create a secure financial basis for the ongoing management and development of the Morley Mission Site.

## HELP US PRESERVE THE MISSION'S HERITAGE!

- ☐ Enclosed, please find my contribution to the Mission Project. Please make all cheques payable to "Morleyville Mission Site Project".  
*Tax deductible receipts will be issued for all contributions over ten dollars.*
- ☐ I wish to contribute documents, photos or volunteer time to the Project.
- ☐ I would like to receive more information.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ I wish to become a member of the McDougall Stoney Mission Society (\$5.00)



**The Treasurer  
Morleyville Mission Site Project  
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# Mission Perspective In History

by Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilk

On reflecting theologically on the Mission of the Church and to maintain integrity with our roots, it is important to determine the perspective and intent of mission at any given time in history. Thus, the meaning and function of God's mission in the world will vary according to the context and motivations at any given period. For instance, during apostolic times there were no churches or clergy. The spreading of the Gospel so challenged the world that the church was formed. "A separated people at odds with the world".<sup>1</sup> As the church increased in power it tended to call people out of the world into the church. Preaching the Gospel became an important part of the church.

In the medieval period, the church tended to envelop the world. In these times the sense of mission was minimal.

During the Reformation period although some attempts were made to disengage the church from the world, the main attempt was to free the Gospel from ownership by the church and of the world. The Gospel became a force in its own right nevertheless as Spike notes, "The concept of Christendom was so universal that any basic alienation between church and world as separate entities was a foreign notion to the major reformers."<sup>2</sup> Hence, Reformation rather than mission was the predominant new role of the church in that period.

The period of modern missionary

expansion began particularly in the eighteenth century, a time when increased travel and trade came to influence the church-world-gospel sequence. This was seen in the literal way in which William Carey and his generation of pioneer missionaries translated the command, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."<sup>3</sup> At first, the individually inspired went out to various countries with the conviction that the world was in need of salvation and the truth of the Gospel. According to Spike, churches did not send their early missionaries. They went out on their own volition. Later on, through their efforts, the various church bodies developed more organized forms to promote mission, e.g. the British and Foreign Missionary Society. Soon all major denominations, including the Methodist Church, sent preachers of the Gospel to establish churches in other parts of the world. As Spike has emphasized, "The Church preached the Gospel through various missions, overseas, . . . in order to create new churches."<sup>4</sup>

Until fairly recently, to be a "mission church" has been considered to be not quite a church — only the church in process of becoming. Missions were optional activities of the church. "Missions" as Colin W. Williams observes, "for the most part still are separate from the center of church life."<sup>5</sup> This is tied in with a "vertical" parish view of the church as is still the central mental image which dominates our minds. As yet the image of the whole church as a pilgrim body moving out horizontally across the dividing walls of nation, race, culture and class is not yet clearly seen or felt.<sup>6</sup>

Recent understanding of the mission task has changed considerably. The new understanding involves a new concept of the nature of the church itself, and of the "world" into which the church extends its mission. A possible major reason for this is that the distinction between the Christian and the pagan

world has broken down. A modern world view has overtaken the concept of Christendom which was carried from the Middle Ages. Robert McAfee Brown makes the point that,

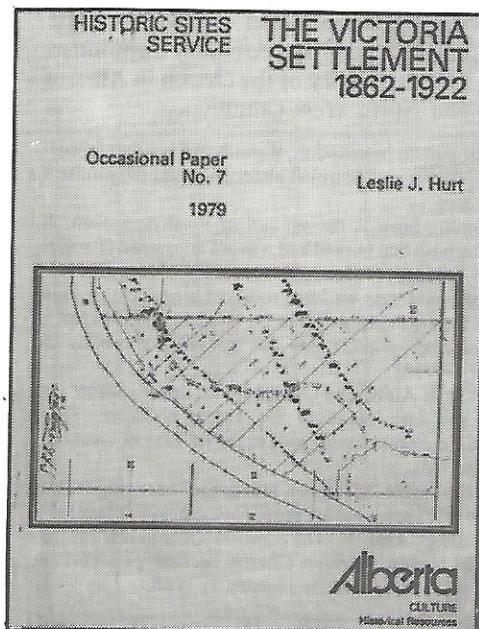
"The era of Christendom is over . . . Instead of Christendom culture we have a pluralistic culture; instead of a church personifying the aspirations of all mankind, we have many churches or religious communities, no one of which claims the allegiance of more than a part of mankind."<sup>7</sup>

The modern view is indifferent to all the familiar assumptions the church has had about life's meaning, the destiny of the populace and nations. It is a technological and secular view. A strange new world has come into being. The western church is part of that world, yet her Gospel does not seem to address that world which hungers for a unifying principle.

The result of this sudden awareness has sent the church to the drafting board, to define its uniqueness and establish its identity. Since World War II a renewed interest in theology resulted in the need to rediscover the meaning of the church as apart from the world. It became apparent from this search that every church was in a missionary situation. Related to this theological firmament came the movement toward unity within the Christian church. The result as stated by Robert W. Spike was that, "The foolish distinction between mission churches and churches has been exposed in its true light."<sup>8</sup>

The preservation of the religious heritage and symbols of past mission has a vital role to play in the continuing and evolving mission of the contemporary church. Any analysis of church history must take into account the context in which the mission was conceived, and developed as seen in the four distinct eras outlined.

As the mission of the church continues, preserving Historic Sites has a vital place in the mission enterprise. ●



1. Robert W. Spike, "The Glorious Confusion about Mission", *Dead or Alive* (Board of Evangelism and Social Service, The United Church of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, 1966) P. 81.
2. *Ibid.*, P. 82.
3. Matthew 28:19 (R.S.V.).
4. Spike, *Dead or Alive*, P. 82.
5. Colin W. Williams, *Where in the World* (National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 475 Riverside Drive, 1963), P. 46.
6. *Ibid.*
7. Robert McAfee Brown, *Frontiers for the Church Today* (Oxford University Press, New York, 1973), P.P. 38-38.
8. Spike, *Dead or Alive*, *Ibid.*, P. 82.



# CALGARY PRESBYTERY EXERCISES ITS MANDATE

As a result of and the need to regularise the relationship with the McDougall Stoney Mission Society, and to fulfill the requirements in The Manual, in November 1976 an Historic Sites Committee was established by Calgary Presbytery, with responsibility for the oversight of historic properties within Calgary Presbytery, including policy decisions regarding any archaeological studies and restoration and fund raising for any historic sites. Early work concerned the McDougall Memorial Church at Morley, both in establishing on clearer legal grounds the relation with the McDougall Society and the Stoney Band, and in getting the site named a provincial historic site which was accomplished in 1979.

While the McDougall Project, through the McDougall Mission Site Planning Team, occupied considerable attention, the Committee made up of interested people including representatives of various churches within Presbytery, engaged in other activities. The Committee lent support to Knox United Church (1980) and later Hillhurst United Church (1987) which became provincial historic sites. The work of the former treasurer the late John Brown who also provided more liaison with the McDougall Society was well appreciated. In 1979 plans were drawn up for an Inventory Project of United Churches in Calgary, stressing not only the buildings and sites, but the history of the various congregations. With the assistance of Alberta Culture and under the direction of Mr. Ken Thomson, contributions were solicited from congregations, compiled, and in 1985, a 191-page report was presented to Presbytery. It is hoped this could serve as a model for other presbyteries. The project continues with annual additions made by

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congregations and work on an inventory of ministers.

Since 1980, an on-going activity has been the production of an Annual Report submitted to Presbytery. In recent years, in addition to reports of activities financial considerations, and assistance in historical writing, the historic legacy of the United Church in Southern Alberta and especially Calgary has been examined. Through the contributions of the chairman, Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilk and Rev. Sinclair Reikie, Methodism (1985), Presbyterianism (1986), Congregationalism (1987) and The United Church Roots (1988) have been chronicled.

In addition to the regular Committee meetings, the last year and a half have been busy. Responding to a difficulty in establishing a national policy on historic sites, the executive committee worked in the spring of 1987 to produce a mission design for the support and development of historic sites and archives, as well as a foundation plan to develop these sites, particularly the Morleyville Site, so the story of the church can be told to all who visit. This was approved by the Conference Committee. As well, the executive met several times to produce a brochure on quick facts on Alberta Historic Sites as well as a panel board of information which was displayed at Conference in Red Deer. In addition a handbook of guidelines for the Conference Committee was produced at Calgary's initiative. In June 1987 the executive and the planning team met to begin the process of setting up the foundation plan or trust fund as well as to discuss student employment for the Morley Site.

At the beginning of July, legal

considerations were discussed and the decision was made to have the McDougall Stoney Mission Society act as trustee for the financial campaign. At the end of July the Planning Team discussed potential sources of student employment as well as themes for the interpretation of the site. The executive met in September to discuss strategies of fund raising. In addition the chairman and secretary met with Conference chairman Bruce Peel and Rev. Ernest Nix from Mississauga to discuss the concept of a proposal to Toronto to establish a Task Force on Historic Sites. Material including the model of the Methodist Church in the United States which Rev. Nix had brought was used in producing a lengthy proposal.

In November the executive committee met to discuss the structure of the Historic Sites and Archives Committee on a functional basis, the proposed legal agreement between the McDougall Society and Presbytery, and the report of the Planning Team. In January 1988 the Planning team met to discuss the 1987 work at the site as well as the foundation or trust fund. The chairman, secretary and the chairman of the Planning Team, Dr. Gerald McDougall, worked on an extensive report to the McDougall Society, outlining the history of the project, the constitutional and legal basis of it, as well as considerations for the foundation or trust plan. Finally, on an initiative from Calgary, with the assistance of the Conference Chairman Bruce Peel, the Conference Committee accepted a proposal to establish an historical society and to begin a journal or publication to inform interested people of the work of the Historic Sites and Archives Committee and the history of the church in Alberta and North West Conference. ●

## The Church Crest



The Church Crest is the official signature of the Church, placed on legal documents, ordination parchments and licenses to perform the sacraments. It was designed by Dr. V.T. Mooney, former Treasurer of the Church.

For our church members, this insignia is a spiritual and historic reminder. Its oval shape is derived from the outline of a fish which was used as a symbol of identity by early Christians. The initials of the words "Jesus Christ, son of God, Saviour" spells the Greek word for fish.

The "X" at the centre is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ, and is a traditional symbol for Christ.

The open Bible represents the Congregational Churches with their emphasis upon God's truth that makes people free. From this communion we have a heritage of liberty in prophesying, love of spiritual freedom, awareness of the creative power of the Holy Spirit and clear witness for civic justice.

The dove is emblematic of the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:10) whose transforming power has been a distinctive mark of Methodism. Here our heritage is one of evangelical zeal,

concern for human redemption, warmth of Christian fellowship, the testimony of Spiritual experience and the ministry of sacred song.

The burning bush is the symbol of Presbyterianism. It refers to the bush that burned and was not consumed (Exodus 3-2), and symbolizes the indestructibility of the Church. From Presbyterianism we have received a heritage of high regard for the dignity of worship, the education of all people, the authority of scripture and the church as the body of Christ.

The symbols Alpha and Omega in the lower quarter are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They symbolize the eternal living god, in the fullness of creation. (Revelation 1:8).

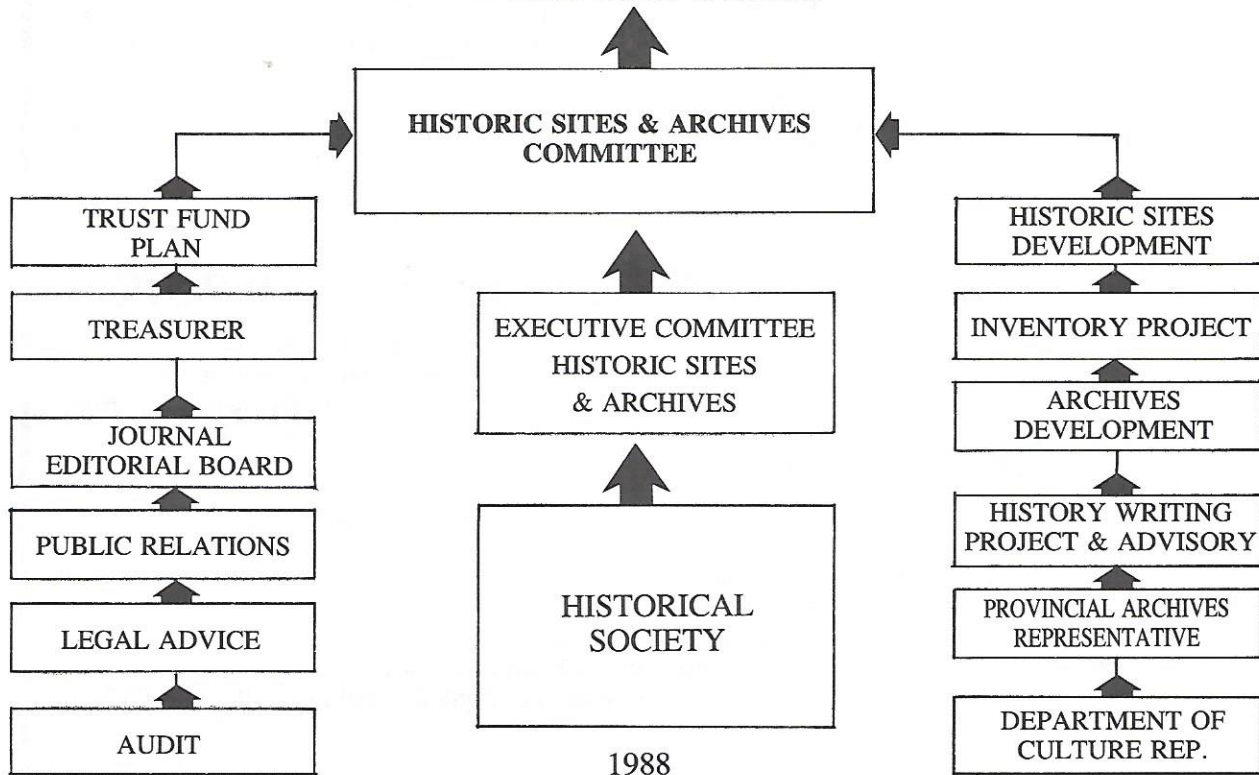
The Latin words "ut omnes unum sint" meaning "That all may be one" are a reminder that we are both a "united" and a "uniting" church. The Canada Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church became part of The United Church of Canada on January 1, 1968.



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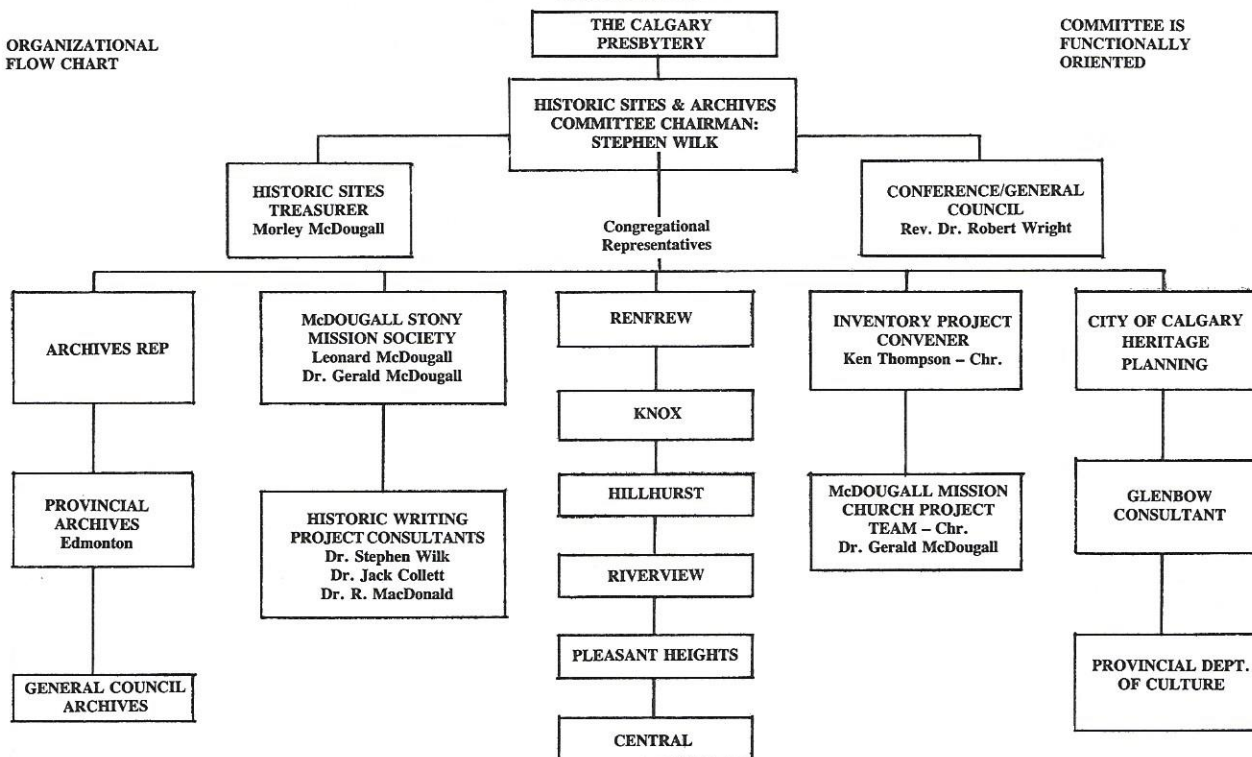
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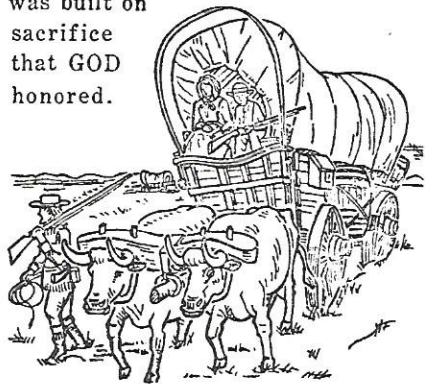
## News Notes

### COLLECTION OF PHOTOS:

The Rev. Ernest Nix has a 5000 Post Card collection of Church Buildings across Canada. If you wish to contribute to his collection please send to:

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### THE HISTORY OF CONFERENCE BEING WRITTEN

Ernest Nix and Stephen Wilk are collaborating in the writing of the history of Alberta and Northwest Conference. This is being done in phases to tie into historical developments at Conference, Presbytery, and Congregational levels. A Master Plan includes researching, inventory, indexing and collating and writing a definitive history. Watch for future developments.

(This project was authorized by the Conference Committee.)

### ALBERTA GIVES LEADERSHIP

(Ms.) Jean E. Dryden, formerly employed by the Alberta Department of Culture is now United Church Archivist at Victoria University Archives, Victoria University, Toronto.

### SOME FUTURE TOPICS

1. Early Mission Presses
2. Our Methodist Roots
3. Our Presbyterian Roots
4. Our Congregational Roots
5. The Rundle Mission Story
6. The Eastern Methodist Connection
7. The McDougall Story  
(beginning of a serial)
8. The United Church Story
9. Book Reviews
10. Other topics as appropriate material is submitted

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