

Finding Aid - Acme United Church (1909-1998) fonds (PR3577)

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Summary information

Title:	Acme United Church (1909-1998) fonds
Reference code:	PR3577
Date:	1909-1998 (creation)
Physical description:	0.60 m of textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Acme United Church in Acme, Alberta has its origins in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Acme and Acme Methodist Church. Presbyterian services were first held in Acme in 1909 in the Kiaora School. A church building was completed on August 7, 1910 and the congregation took the name of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. As the community grew, the church building was used as a school and worship was moved to the Methodist Church building.

Formal unification talks began between the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations in 1914. Methodist services were first held in Acme at the Delft and Bancroft school-houses by a minister from Carstairs. In 1910 a formal congregation was established and of September 4th of the same year the church building was dedicated, with the congregation being part of the Acme Methodist Circuit. In July 1916 the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations in Acme agreed to unite into a single congregation, the Acme United Church. The Presbyterian Church building was sold and services continued in the previous Methodist Church, the site of the current Acme United Church.

Acme United Church voted to join the newly formed United Church of Canada, a union of Methodist, Congregational, and some Presbyterian denominations, in 1925. In 1928, Acme Pastoral Charge was moved from the Calgary Presbytery to the newly formed Three Hills Presbytery. In 1938, the church building was renovated. In 1957 the old church was moved to a new site so that a new church building could be constructed. The new building was dedicated on Sunday Dec. 22, 1957.

In 1998, Acme United Church amalgamated with Zion United Church in Beiseker, and the name Acme United Church was retained.

Custodial history

Records deposited under accession number PR1975.0387 were acquired sometime prior to 1975 however there is no surviving record of the details.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of Annual Reports (1981-1993 with gaps); Official Board minutes (1916, 1956); Board of Managers minutes (1917-1959); Board of Stewards minutes (1960-1995); Session minutes (1927-1950, 1960-1964, 1983-1995); Congregational meeting minutes (1910-1998, includes minutes

for Acme United Church (1998-)); Register (Presbyterian/United) of Baptisms (1910-1911, 1917-1922), Marriages (1910-1927), and burials (1910-1927); Register (United) of Baptisms (1931-2000), Marriages (1927-2000), and Burials (1927-2000) (Includes entries for Acme United Church (1998-)); Communion Roll (1910-1958); Ladies' Aid records (1920-1933); Women's Association records (1953-1961); Women's Missionary Society records (1926-1961); United Church Women records (1962-1982); Orders of Service (1970, 1975); Newsletters (1985-1986); Pamphlet (1985).

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** The title is based on the content of the records.

Immediate source of acquisition

In 1975, the Conference entered into a permanent loan agreement with the Provincial Archives of Alberta (PAA) for the physical custody and control of the holdings of the Conference Archives and the records were relocated to the PAA in that same year. Records received after 1975 have come from the congregation, church members, or officers of the presbytery or the Conference. Mary Davis deposited the materials constituting PR2004.0641 with the archives on behalf of Acme United Church in November 2003.

Arrangement

The materials have been arranged chronologically and in accordance with the congregational series arrangement plan.

Restrictions on access

Some records are restricted for conservation purposes.

Conditions governing use

Subject to the *Copyright Act.* Permission for use required. See Conference Archivist.

Finding aids

Some file lists are available. Speak to a reference archivist for more information.

Related material

For additional materials please see the Acme United Church fonds (1998-) (PR3578) and Acme Pastoral Charge fonds (PR3579) in the United Church of Canada Alberta and Northwest Conference Archives, located at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Note [General]

Information in the Administrative History was sourced from the fonds and the following book: \[History of Churches in the Acme Area\]; \[1975?\]; Author unknown.

Note [General]

Includes accessions PR1975.0387, PR1982.0173, PR1983.0285, PR1990.0049, PR1985.0371, PR1986.0379, PR2004.0641, PR1991.0043, and PR1992.0040.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Conservation:** The materials have suffered some fire damage. Photocopies can be viewed of originals that are restricted for conservation reasons.

Access points

- Methodist Church (subject)
- Presbyterian Church (subject)
- United Church of Canada (subject)
- Acme, AB (place)

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
PR2004.0641/10	File - Acme United Church Congregational Meeting Minutes <i>Note [General] :</i> Some materials have fire damage	1959-2002	
PR2004.0641/8	File - Acme United Church Board of Session and Stewards Minutes <i>Note [General] :</i> Some materials have fire damage	1983-1995	
PR2004.0641/7	File - Acme United Church Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials <i>Note [General] :</i> Some materials have fire damage	1991-2000	
PR2004.0641/22	File - Acme United Church Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials <i>Note [General] :</i> Some materials have fire damage	1978-1991	