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ChUn 17, West Coast Mission fonds

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United Church of Canada. West Coast Mission fonds. -- 1962-1977; predominant 1970-1976. -- 17 cm textual records.

The West Coast Mission was created as an amalgamation of the Ahousat, Bamfield, Alberni Valley Indian and Long Beach Pastoral Charges in 1969 by the Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery, although the names West Coast Mission and West Coast Marine had been used as early as the 1930's to refer to mission work in the area. It began operation in January of the following year, its initial status being that of a "Pastoral Charge (Experimental)," apparently changed to that of a regular pastoral charge in 1974, the same time that its responsibilities were expanded to include the Pacific Rim Marine Project the new Port Alberni Project and the Franklin River congregation.

The Mission had a Council and an executive elected by the Council, with the Mission's full-time clergy sitting on both. Although it was constituted as a pastoral charge, the Mission was involved in rural and urban native ministry in the area, and regarded missionary work as one of its core responsibilities, in the Alberni Valley area succeeding the Advisory Committee to Indian Work in the Alberni Valley (previously the Advisory Board to the Alberni Indian Residential School) in this function.

Full-time clergy who were active in the Mission included D.M. Hoops, Bob Baird, Terry Whyte and Bill Dixon. The first chair of the Committee was Mary Myrfield, who remained prominent within the Mission throughout the period covered by the records.

By October of 1976 the Mission was no longer listed as a pastoral charge of the presbytery, but it did continue to hold monies and operate as a coordinating body until 1977 or later. If Rev. Bill Dixon's 1977 Study and Plan was adopted, the Mission may have ceased to be a United Church body, but remained in operation.

Fonds consists of the following series: Minutes and reports, 1962-1977; Finances and accounts, 1970-1976; Organization and staffing, 1970-1976; Property management, 1970-1976; Correspondence, 1970-1972; Projects and strategic planning, 1971-1977; Resident students' and band members' lists, 1962-1974; and Tseshaht United Church, 1971-1975.

Arrangement: Minutes from 1962-1969, and possibly other records of the Advisory Committee to Indian Work in the Alberni Valley, were inherited by the Mission and are with the records.

Finding Aids: Folder list available.

1. United Church of Canada. West Coast Mission 2. United Church of Canada. Advisory Committee to Indian Work in the Alberni Valley

I. Whyte, Terence T. II. Baird, Robert Graham III. Hoops, David M. IV. Dixon, William J. V. Alberni Indian Residential School (Port Alberni, B.C.) VI. Ahousat (B.C.) VII. Bamfield (B.C.)
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Outer Dates: 1962 - 1977

Fonds description. Church Records -- United Church Bodies.

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I Minutes and reports

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1/1 Council minutes, 1969-1976

1/2 Annual reports, [1965?], 1970, 1972

1/3 Council minutes (Copies labeled "5835 copy"), 1974-1977
Many duplicates with 1/1

1/4 Advisory Committee (to Indian Work) minutes, 1962-1969

1/5 Agenda Items, 1973-1977; predominant 1976-1977

1/6 Reports, some minutes (no label), 1976

490/23 Study and Plan - West Coast Mission, 1977

II Correspondence

1/7 Correspondence, 1970-1972

III Organization and staffing

1/8 Organization and Staffing, 1970-1976

1/9 Office holders of the Charge, 1970-1976

IV Finances and accounts

1/10 Financial statements, 1971-1976

1/11 Accounts: Pastoral Charge payables, 1970-1976

V Projects and strategic planning

1/12 Study and Plan / Rev. Bill Dixon, 1977

1/13 Indian Hostel - Port Alberni, 1968-1971

1/14 Alberni Project - 1, 1973-1975

1/15 Alberni Project - 2, 1971-1977

VI Resident students' and band members' lists

1/16 Alberni Indian Residence students etc., 1962-1974

1/17 Indian Boarding Students, 1971-1974

1/18 Indian Band lists, 1964-[197-?]

VII Tseshaht United Church

1/19 Tseshaht (Opetchesah) United Church, 1971-1975

VIII Property management

1/20 Property matters (except Manses), 1974-1976
Also labeled "Lot 81 Alberni" and "(Beshah - Old Res. School)"

1/21 Manse: 5835 River Road, 1970-1976

1/22 Van, also equipment for, 1970-1976; predominant 1973-1976

Most folder titles are transcribed, with dates added.

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