

Synod of Alberta and the North West Archivist Report

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Last February, I attended my last meeting as a member of the National Presbyterian Church History Committee. I enjoyed the experience very much and hoped I represented the West well on that committee. At present, there is no member on the committee from western Canada.

This past year, a few congregations have provided me with material for the Archives. This action is very encouraging and these documents will certainly be of great value to historians. These documents have not been culled or sorted by myself as yet.

Some churches made deposits several years ago but in the intervening 20 years, no documents have been microfilmed and sent to Toronto. I would encourage all congregations to constantly update their microfilming--at least every 10 years. The key documents are Session reports, Board of Managers Reports, Congregation meeting Reports, and Marriage, Baptismal and Burial Registers. Other congregational reports are welcome, but the hard original copies may be kept by each congregation in their own archives.

Churches

1. I received the Marriage (24 August 1963 to 13 August 2011), Baptismal (25 April 1964 – 14 December 2008), and Burial Registers (29 July 2008- 1 May 2017) from Strang Presbyterian Church (Dixonville, Alberta in the Peace River area) for microfilming.
2. There is still microfilming to be done for a couple of churches which have closed in the Edmonton-Lakeland Presbytery.

Synod Minutes and Reports

1. **Synod of Alberta and the Northwest** - I have deposited hard copies of the “Minutes and Reports” in our national archives for the following years: 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2015.

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