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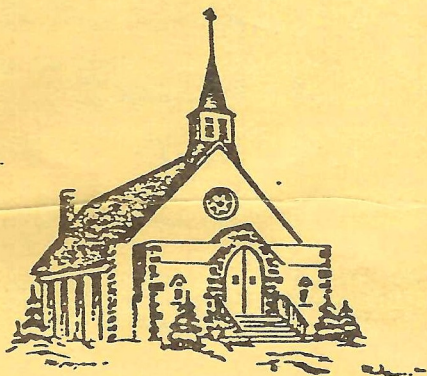
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A HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

TO TRY AND SUMMARISE THE HISTORY OF ST. SIMEON'S CHURCH OVER THE PAST 100 YEARS IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. GIVEN BELOW ARE SOME OF THE INTERESTING DATES AND FACTS. A COMPLETE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH HAS BEEN COMPILED BY MISS HANNA SMITH, AND WILL SOON BE READY FOR PUBLICATION.

DURING THE INCUMBENCY OF REV. EVANS, THE FIRST CHURCH OF ST. SIMEON'S WAS CONSTRUCTED IN LACHUTE IN 1879. IN 1881 THE CONSECRATION WAS PERFORMED BY BISHOP BOND. IN 1883 REV. EVANS LEFT LACHUTE AND WAS SUCCEEDED BY THE REV. BROWN BUT FOR FOUR MONTHS ONLY. HOWEVER, IN 1885 REV. SANDERS WAS APPOINTED THE NEW RECTOR AND DURING HIS TIME A NEW RECTORY WAS BUILT.

IN 1892 REV. SANDERS RESIGNED DUE TO ILL HEALTH AND REV. GIVEN BECAME THE RECTOR. ARUNDEL AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS THEN BECAME A SEPARATE MISSION, AND A CHURCH WAS BUILT AT LAKE LOUISA.

BETWEEN THE YEARS OF 1903 AND 1912 REV. CHARTERS EXTENDED THE WORK OF THE PARISH TO INCLUDE BROWNSBURG. THE NEXT MINISTER WAS REV. GAGNON WHO REMAINED A FEW SHORT MONTHS. IN THE INTERREGNUM, STUDENTS FROM THE DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE CONDUCTED THE SERVICES.

IN 1913 THE REV. LACKEY BECAME OUR RECTOR AND HE REMAINED FOR 19 YEARS. DURING HIS TIME ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH IN BROWNSBURG WAS BUILT AND THE PARISH OF LACHUTE BECAME SELF-SUPPORTING.

REV. LACRAS SUCCEEDED REV. LACKEY, AND HE OPENED THE FIRST BUILDING FUND FOR ADDED FACILITIES FOR ST. SIMEON'S CHURCH. PLANS WERE DRAWN UP, BUT THE ESTIMATE OF \$1,700 WAS THOUGHT BY THE CONGREGATION TO BE TOO GREAT A RESPONSIBILITY TO UNDERTAKE.

IN JANUARY 1942 THE REV. THORPE BECAME RECTOR FOR TWO YEARS, AFTER WHICH HE RESIGNED TO BECOME AN ARMY CHAPLAIN.

DURING THE YEARS OF 1939 - 1945 OUR SERVICES WERE CONDUCTED BY SUPPLY CLERGY AND LAY READERS. IN 1945 THE REV. LANG WAS INDUCTED AS RECTOR. DURING HIS MINISTRY IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE ORIGINAL CHURCH WAS IN NEED OF MANY EXPENSIVE REPAIRS. IT WAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO BUILD A NEW CHURCH ON THE ORIGINAL SITE OF THE EXISTING ONE. A LOAN WAS OBTAINED FROM THE DIOCESAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND PROVIDED THAT THE PARISH COULD RAISE AN EQUAL SUM OF \$15,000.

IN MAY 1946 A MOTION WAS MADE TO DEMOLISH THE OLD CHURCH AND A CONTRACT TO RE-BUILD A NEW CHURCH WAS MADE WITH A LOCAL BUILDER - MR. JAMES POLLOCK. IT MUST BE ADDED THAT THE MONEY RAISED WAS BY ALL LACHUTERS.

ON SUNDAY THE 2ND MARCH 1948 THE FIRST SERVICE WAS HELD IN THE NEW ST. SIMEON'S CHURCH AND THE DEDICATION SERVICE ON THE 8TH APRIL, 1948.

IN 1964 THE OLD RECTORY ON THE ROAD TO BROWNSBURG WAS SOLD, AND THE PRESENT RECTORY ON MEIKLE STREET WAS BUILT. IN 1968 REV. LANG RESIGNED AND WAS SUCCEEDED BY THE REV. STOTE, WHO SERVED THE PARISH UNTIL 1975.

THE REV. BRISTOW WAS INDUCTED IN MAY OF 1976 AND REMAINED UNTIL NOVEMBER 1979.

ON THE 21ST FEBRUARY, 1980 THE REV. TREVOR JONES WAS INDUCTED AS OUR NEW MINISTER. HE CONDUCTED HIS FIRST SERVICE AT ST. SIMEON'S ON SUNDAY THE 24TH FEBRUARY, 1980.

THE STORY OF ST. SIMEON'S CHURCH, IS NOT JUST OF RECTORS AND ITS BUILDINGS - IT IS THE ONGOING STORY OF FAITHFUL ANGLICANS EXTENDING THE LIFE OF CHRIST INTO THEIR HOMES, AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY.