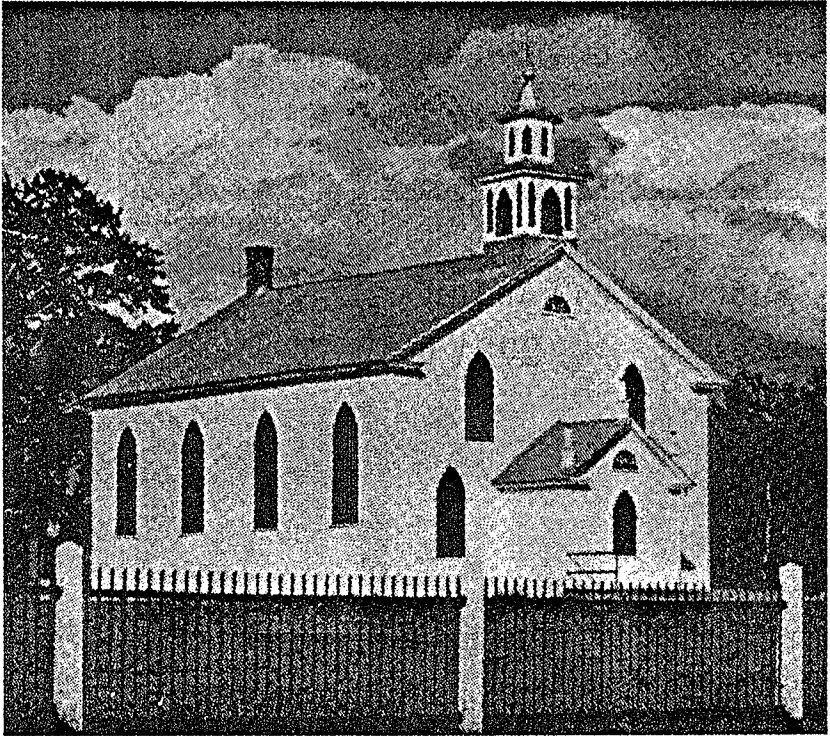


*Russeltown Flatts Church
1826-1992*



*The Little White Church Remembered
26 July 1992*

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Russeltown Flatts Church

166th Anniversary

July 26, 1992 2:00 p.m.

Organist

Leslie Orr

Choir

Kahnawake United Church

Minister

Rev. Elke Mehnert

Guest Speaker

Martha Diabo

The Order of Worship

WE COME IN PRAISE

Organ Prelude

Ohen:ton Kariwentehkwen

Hymn 1 : *"Holy Holy Holy"*

Prayer of Approach

Hymn 112 : *"Rejoice, the Lord is King"*

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson : *Micah 4 : 1 - 4*

Stephanie Diabo

Responsive Reading: *Ps-67 : (No. 714)*

Hymn 217 : *"A little child the Saviour came"*

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Gospel : *Act 28 : 16 - 17*

I-Corinthians 12 : 16 - 17

The Sermon : **"TIAORHONSE RE" : A New Day is Coming**

Martha Diabo

Hymn 501 : *"Will your anchor hold"*

AND TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Greetings and Announcements

Offering : *"The Choir"*

Doxology (sung)

*"Ron wa sen naiens ne Niio, ron wa sen naiens ne non kwe,
ron wa sen naiens ne ne ken, ron wa sen naiens ro ni ha"*

Hymn 625 : *"Praise God from who all blessings flow"*

Maintenance Committee Report **Lyman Roberts**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 582 : *"All things bright and beautiful"*

Ohen:ton Kariwentehkwen

Commissioning and Benediction

We welcome today into the family of God through the sacrament of baptism, *Alexander Lyman* son of Gordon and Lori Roberts. May God watch over this child and bless him richly that he may grow up to be a blessing to others. Alexander's baptism today creates another link in the chain his foreparents, Benjamin and Maria Roberts established with their arrival in Russeltown in 1811.,

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A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to worship in this unique *Little White Church*... a very special greeting to Mrs. Dorris Montour and her choir at the Kahnewahke United Church. We are honoured and grateful that Mrs. Montour and her choir are leading our worship in song today, and to Martha Diabo for her timely and thought provoking message. It has taken such a long time for our two congregations to gather in this little Church which was built 166 years ago. Thanks to our guest organist, Mr. Leslie Orr. A word of appreciation to Mariette Faille and Muriel Edgerton for the beautiful floral arrangements. Thanks to Lyle Gilmore and Muriel Edgerton for extending a warm and sincere welcome at the door to all visitors.

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The community was sadden to learn of the recent passing of Elizabeth (Betty) Wood-Bourassa. Her family has had a very long association with this church and Betty maintained the tradition as a loyal and enthusiastic member of the Maintenance and Cemetery Committees. She shall be greatly missed.

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Following the service, you are cordially invited to enjoy light refreshments graciously supplied by friends and the U.C.W. of Wesley-Knox.

Kindly note : There will be a service at Wesley-Knox August 2nd at 9:30 am. Wesley United Church on Covey Hill will be celebrating an anniversary service on August 30th at 2:30pm with Franklin Ensemble in attendance.

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Russeltown Flatts Church Maintenance Committee

The annual meeting was held on June 23rd at Lyle Gilmore's home. The absence of Elizabeth Bourassa was noted and a communication of understanding and good wishes was sent to Elizabeth. The condition of the church was reviewed and it was agreed that it is in relatively good condition. The south side will be scraped and painted but apart from this, there will be no major maintenance work done this year. In 1991 the belfry and roof were painted. The west end was scraped and painted. These two projects cost approximately \$1050.00.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and adopted. Copies are available upon request. It was noted that with the drop in interest rates income will be reduced but this should not affect the normal maintenance work. Four photo collections by Phil Norton were given to the church by the Roberts family to commemorate the 165th Anniversary. The pictures are hung in the choir alcove.

Lyle Gilmore
Chairman

Lyman Roberts
Secretary-Treasurer

Russeltown Flatts Church Cemetery Committee

The annual meeting was held on June 23rd at Lyle Gilmore's home. It was agreed that the property had been well cared for throughout the summer of 1991. It was in particularly good condition for the Anniversary service. The grass was cut 5 times in 1991.

Progress is being made on the repair of broken stones. The treasurer's report was reviewed and adopted. Copies are available upon request.

Ronald Yull
Chairman

Lyle Gilmore
Secretary-Treasurer

Members on both committees are:

Elizabeth Wood Bourassa *
Calvin Edgerton
Alan Smith

Dorothy Curran Clark
Brand Edwards
* deceased

The Maintenance and Cemetery Committee members are grateful for the continued encouragement and financial assistance received from friends and descendants from far and wide. Committee members are determined to maintain the church and cemetery so that all can be justly proud of it.