



"The Meeting Place"

175th Anniversary ~ August 29, 2015

In 1840 Rev. Robert Rundle travelled from England to Fort Edmonton as a newly ordained Wesleyan Missionary to serve at the HBC Fort Edmonton post. His intentions were modest but the results were that he became a significant part in the settlement of Western Canada. We are celebrating the "Meeting Place" where First Nations, Missionaries and Fur Traders met in peace to worship, learn and break bread with one another.

This hill overlooking Pigeon Lake was chosen as *Rundle's Mission* because it was a resting place for the aboriginal people, there was fresh water year round, an abundance of fish and wildlife and good soil for planting crops. Rev. Rundle did not choose this place until 1847 but had visited the area on his travels. Many missionaries followed - Sinclair, Woolsey, Steinhauer, McDougall, Campbell and more.

This is a fluid history that did not happen with a specific event but was a part of the many changes that were happening with the settlement of Western Canada and the disappearance of the buffalo.

As with many stories, this began with a peaceful respect between peoples that became a sad story of dominance and the residential school system. As part of the healing process, let us remember the time when Rev. Rundle was welcomed by Chief Maskipeton to share with one another their knowledge and respect.

Join us at "The Meeting Place" for a day of celebration, education and fellowship.

Sunrise	Blessing of the Site by First Nations Elder
11:00 am	Covered Wagon Procession
11:15 am	Welcome and Greetings
12:00 to 2:00	Lunch Compliments of our Sponsors
12:00 to 4:00	Entertainment on the Monument
	Historical Displays and Demonstrations
	First Nations Crafts at the Tipi
	Aboriginal Dancers and Drummers
	Kids Corner Old Time Crafts & Games
	Trading Post Open for Business
3:00	Anniversary Cake & Coffee



Ma-Me-O United Church

The Rundle's Mission Society is very grateful to the Ma-Me-O United Church and their generous donation of \$34,000 towards the

Give us a Lift Campaign.

We are saddened by the closure of so many of our local churches but are determined to keep a connection to the congregations and individuals who have, and continue to, support us.

We see so many happy faces in the summer months as children enjoy the natural surroundings here at Rundle's Mission. We truly are a place for recreation, relaxation and rejuvenation.



Upcoming Events

Annual Harvest Supper

October 1, 2015

5-8pm

Tickets \$15.00

Beef on a Bun, Potatoes, Dessert, Salads,
Refreshments, Entertainment

**ALL PROCEEDS TO
"GIVE US A LIFT CAMPAIGN"**

Traditional Fish Fry & Silent Auction

Saturday November 7, 2015

\$25 per person

(advanced tickets only)

Rundle's Memorial Lodge

Further details to come.

Watch your Email and Facebook

Joan Mitchell

Joan is the "Mission Gardener" and we don't know what we would do without her! Because of her generous spirit and tremendous green thumb we are able to make Rundle's Mission even more special.

If you see Joan out picking weeds or watering the plants Please stop and Thank her for the many hours she Volunteers.

From the bottom of our hearts ...Thanks Joan!



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Can we ask You ... please take note of the Memorial on Rev. Gerald Hutchinson.

Thank You to all who attended his service. Your stories made it very special.

Please post the Anniversary Poster in a prominent place in your community. Thanks!

Did You Know? The American Whiskey Traders continued to ply their trade and by 1871 pressure was put on Ottawa to establish law and order in Southern Alberta. "A chance meeting in 1873 south of the Red Deer River by McDougall's with Blackfoot chiefs focused on the native demands to deal with the impact of *firewater*. The Cypress hills massacre in the spring of 1873 galvanized the government, and the NWMP was established. John McDougall was commissioned to prepare the tribes for their arrival of the force. Safety was assured when the Police established posts at Fort MacLeod, Fort Saskatchewan and Fort Walsh, two of which were near hastily deserted whiskey traders' forts. pp 26 Mission to the Stoneys by Roberts MacDonald