

Community: (Profile#1)

The population of Prince Edward Island is approximately 142,000. The capital of our province is Charlottetown. It was at Province House in the heart of that city that Canada was born. In 1864, the Fathers of Confederation first met here to discuss union of the British North American Colonies. Today, our legislature meets in the same building.

Charlottetown has the only airport on Prince Edward Island (approx 45 minute drive from Bedeque). From Charlottetown it is only a 30 minute flight to Halifax; from there you can make connections to almost anywhere you wish to travel. It is approximately a two hour flight to Toronto. Charlottetown has many attractions including Confederation Center and the Provincial Library as well as beautiful parks for walking and enjoying the waterfront of the city and the many historic properties nearby.

The opening of the Confederation Bridge in June, 1997 has joined Prince Edward Island with the mainland (or vice versa). Driving time to Moncton is now approximately ninety minutes.

The village of Bedeque where the manse is located is situated about 10 minutes from the Confederation Bridge. The manse is located directly across the road from the Bedeque church. (Further information can be found on page 8.)

Bedeque area is well-served by a wide range of educational (see Education) facilities, shopping centers, health care facilities (hospital build in Summerside and opened approx seven years ago) and Government office (see "access.pei" website for further information). There are also many recreational facilities, a rink and softball field in Central Bedeque and in Borden, as well as a Wellness Centre in Summerside. There is a very active minor hockey program for both boys and girls in the area and there are also a number of gyms and/or spas available in the Summerside area. A beautiful scenic boardwalk along the waters of Bedeque Bay extends for several miles, and then joins up with the Confederation Trail. Summerside is also home to a cultural centre housing the P.E.I. Sports Hall of Fame and the Jubilee Theatre. One of the city's most famous attractions is the College of Piping, recognized in many countries of the world.

In the summer months, there are many attractions for visitors and Islanders alike. There are gift shops, lobster suppers, parades, community celebration and of course many golf courses.

Students living in the village of Bedeque have a choice of attending Athena Consolidated (Grades Kindergarten to nine) in Summerside and going on to Three Oaks Senior High School in Summerside for Grades 10, 11 and 12 or they can attend Somerset School in Kinkora for Grades Kindergarten to eight and move on to Kinkora Regional High School for Grades nine to twelve.

Athena School houses approximately 385 students and Three Oaks Sr. High has an estimated population of 900 while Somerset School and Kinkora Regional High School each has a population in the area of 200 students.

French Immersion: - early French Immersion only is available in this area. Students would not be attending Athena or Somerset schools but one of the schools in the town of Summerside.

Busing would be arranged. **Core French** begins for all students in Grade four. There is a new **French Language School** located in Summerside available to students who have at least one parent whose mother tongue is French.

All schools in the area are active in intramural and inter-school sports. Breakfast programs are available at most schools and there are many after-school activities such as band, drama, leadership, French and Chess clubs to mention only a few. Strong emphasis is now placed on “healthy eating” and healthy life choices”.

The Western School Board Office is located at 272 MacEwen Road, Summerside, PE, C1N 4P2; Telephone: 902-888-8400, Fax: 902-888-8449. Please feel free to contact them for any questions your may have.

Post Secondary Education: The University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown offers studies in arts, science, nursing, education, music, nutritional sciences and business administration. Preparatory programs in medicine, law and engineering are also available. The University of P.E.I. is also home to the Atlantic Veterinary College which is considered a world leader in aquaculture research and offers doctoral degrees and masters in veterinary medicine. The Island’s Community College, Holland College, specializes in offering theory and hands-on training in a flexible learning environment. Partnerships with the private sector and industry have led to custom designed programs to meet the needs of specific employers. The college is also home to the **Atlantic Police Academy, the Atlantic Tourism and Hospitality Institute** and the **Culinary Institute of Canada**.

Further information can be obtained on any aspects of P.E.I. Education by going to website – <http://www.gov.pe.ca/infopei/index>

The Pastoral Charge Profile: (Profile 2)

The Bedeque United Church Pastoral Charge is composed of three congregations: Borden United, Cape Traverse United and Bedeque United. Borden is located close to the entrance of the Confederation Bridge. Cape Traverse is approximately four kms away and Bedeque church is in the heart of the village of Bedeque. Services are held at 9:30 a.m. in Borden and Cape Traverse (one Sunday in Borden, next Sunday in Cape Traverse) and in Bedeque each Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m.

The following is the number of funerals, baptisms, confirmations and marriages which took place within the Bedeque Pastoral Charge during the past two years.

Year	Funerals	Baptisms	Confirmations	Marriages
2009	16	9	2	5
2010	7	6	15	4

The average attendance for Bedeque church is 85 and for Borden-Cape Traverse 65, making an average attendance for the Pastoral Charge of 150 persons per Sunday.

History of Bedeque United Church can be traced back 187 years when the first services were held in the barn of Nathaniel Wright, a United Empire Loyalist, not far from the site of the present church. A chapel was built in 1818 on part of the land which is now the site of the Lower Bedeque Cemetery. In January 1888, the present church was dedicated as Bedeque Methodist Church. In 1903 the chancel was added and in 1925, the Bedeque Methodist Church became Bedeque United. In 1935, the vestry was extended and in 1954, the John Craig Memorial Hall was built. 1988 saw Bedeque United congregation celebrating the 100th anniversary of the church with various activities throughout the year. In 1991, the Allan organ was purchased and in 1997, an addition was built to the front of the church hall to accommodate the Minister's study and an office for the secretary of the Pastoral Charge. The building is kept in good repair with a very active and interested Board of Trustees working along with the congregation.

The congregation has quite a number of members of families whose roots in the church go back for several generations, some five or more!

The Cape Traverse Church history goes back to 1831 when the first Methodist chapel was build. In July 1890, the present church was dedicated. For 50 years the Cape Traverse congregation was part of the Tryon circuit. The vestry was added in 1956. In 1968 Cape Traverse became part of the Bedeque Charge with Borden and Cape Traverse churches worshipping as one. Each church has its own Sunday school, Board of Trustees and Stewards. There is a joint Session and Choir with Borden. A large extension was added in 1987 including vestry, kitchen, choir room and washrooms. The church celebrated its 100th anniversary 1990.

The Borden church service began in the schoolhouse on July 4, 1920. In 1924 the service moved to the Borden Union Hall. The present church was built under the leadership of Rev. Burton Crowe and was dedicated for worship on November 9, 1950. On November 9, 2010, the church family celebrated its 60th anniversary. In 2003, a new kitchen and washrooms were added.

Both Borden and Cape Traverse communities have seen many changes by the loss of jobs from Marine Atlantic and with the completion of the Confederation Bridge. However, both churches say that the impact was minimal on their congregations due to the fact that workers lived across the province, not necessarily in the Borden-Cape Traverse area.

The congregations of the Bedeque United Church Charge have many members whose occupation is dependent either directly or indirectly on agriculture. The past few years have been difficult times for those involved in the agricultural industry. Due to difficulty in finding adequate employment, many families are under stress.

Special Concerns/Consideration: Like many churches, Bedeque Pastoral Charge is facing the challenges of an aging population. A concern for our future is our young people. Many are very active up to their high school graduation. Very often the ones who go away to university do not return to this area. They are more likely to settle in urban centers where jobs are more plentiful. However, on the positive side, we have welcomed some new members to our Pastoral Charge churches and hope we can continue to do so in the future.

Youth Activities:

Bedeque Sunday School is held during church services from September until June. Traditionally, the Sunday School follows the curriculum as outlined by the C.E. Committee. The average attendance is 20 to 22. They participate in Palm Sunday, White Gift Service, Christmas Concert and Christmas Eve Service.

Borden and Cape Traverse Sunday – These churches hold a combined Sunday School each Sunday morning during church service.

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Organizational structure of the Bedeque Pastoral charge provides leadership, coordination in insight into various committee and organizations. The Official Board for the Charge consists of:

- Elders of the three congregations
- Stewards of Cape Traverse and Borden congregations
- Chairperson of Trustees of each church in the Pastoral Charge
- Chairperson of Finance Committee from each Church
- Treasurer of each of the three congregations
- Treasurer of the Pastoral Charge
- Minister of the Pastoral Charge
- Chair or representative of Christian Education Committee
- Chair or representative of United Church Women
- Presbytery representatives from each Church

Bedeque Pastoral Charge Manse: The Bedeque United Church Charge Manse is located in the village of Bedeque, directly across the road from the church. This beautiful large country home was built in 1883 for the early Methodist Clergy. The house is situated on a large lot and is surrounded by beautiful stately old trees with the beautiful Bedeque Bay nearby and Chelton Beach Provincial Park just a 5 minute drive from Bedeque. Here, there is a beautiful view of the Confederation Bridge, a beautiful sandy beach with picnic tables, showers, etc and a warm and safe beach for everyone to enjoy.

The manse, built on a stone foundation, consists of two floors and an attic. The basement has a clay floor and is not finished. The first floor has a large kitchen, ½ bath/laundry-room, living room, dining room, family/study and large back porch. The second floor consists of four large bedrooms, large hall and full bath. Several rooms are carpeted.

The building has seen extensive renovations over the last few years. The roof has been completely covered in plywood and re-shingled. All the windows were replaced with vinyl inserts and the exterior of the house was sandblasted and stained in colors appropriate to the age of the building. The kitchen was totally renovated and enlarged, floor leveled, new drywall, cupboards and flooring installed. The bath on the second floor was completely updated with new flooring, fixtures, shower, tub and vanity. A new furnace was installed in 1998 and the oil tank

was replaced in 2004. The electrical and plumbing systems were brought up to standard, and the basement received a thorough cleaning.

Some of the features of this special house which add to its character include high ceilings, wide baseboards and trims, large rectangular windows and a long wooden banister. The beautiful Manse has been maintained with characteristics of the era in which it was built, and will continue to be a source of pride for the whole Bedeque Pastoral Charge congregation and a spacious, comfortable home for Clergy and their families for many years to come.

A new detached two-car garage was built approximately two years ago.

Ministry and Personnel Committee is responsible for providing consultative service to the Official Board regarding the oversight of the relationship between the staff and the Congregation.

Finance Committee is responsible for the management of the temporal and financial affairs of the Congregation. They secure contributions, disburse funds, and draft a budget in consultation with other committees for presentation to the Annual Meeting of the congregation. (Detailed and up-to-date report in the Annual Report).

Stewards Committee – detailed and up-to-date report in the attached copy of the 2005 Annual Report

United Church Women play a vital role in the church in many ways. An up-to-date report on their activities can be found in Annual Report.

Recent Additions – Within the last couple of years each church has installed large screens and sound systems with a shared laptop computer. These are used to enhance Church Services.

The Bedeque United Church has recently built the MacFarlane Family Room in a corner of the Vestry to enable families with small children a place to go where the children can play and yet the parent can still see and be part of the service.

Profile # 4: Position Description

The congregations of the Bedeque Pastoral Charge are searching for a dynamic individual to fill a full time ordained minister position on or about July 1st, 2012. The minister is responsible to the Official Board and would be accountable to the Presbytery for the general conduct of the ministry.

The spiritual atmosphere offered in the Charge is exciting, enjoyable and rewarding with a supportive congregation of strong faith and commitment.

The five most important programs and activities in the Pastoral Charge include the following: visiting congregation members who are shut-in or in hospital; biblical preaching and worship; Sunday School; youth programming; and community outreach. Support by volunteers and the Minister in our Charge is the key to the success of these and other activities and programs.

In more detail, the following priorities exist in our Pastoral Charge:

1. Worship and Preaching:

It is the wish of the congregation for the minister to be responsible for public worship in the Pastoral Charge, including the planning and scheduling of services, communions, weddings, baptisms and funerals, etc.

The Minister should:

- Deliver sermons and prayers that are relevant to current issues and everyday life.
- Provide the opportunity for the congregation to read scripture passages.
- Arrange time with the children during worship with a meaningful story and hymn.
- Provide the opportunity for a variety of hymns and music styles during service, but still support the traditional hymns, and senior and junior choir selections.
- Provide the opportunity for fellowship with members of the congregation and the community.

2. Pastoral Care:

- Involve young families in the life and work of the church, actively encouraging more involvement of members and adherents.
- Inclusion of young people.
- Provide care and support for members of the congregation who are in seniors' homes.
- Provide pastoral and spiritual care for those who are bereaved.
- Provide communion to the people who are unable to attend church services (sick, elderly, shut-ins).
- Pre-marriage discussions with couples.
- Confidentially assist those with personal crises (marriage, employment, finance, etc.)
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3. Christian Education and Support:

In consultation with the Christian Education Committee, provide support, leadership and spiritual guidance for all age groups in the congregation (ie. Sunday School, bible study, bible school, and confirmation, marriage and baptism preparation).

4. Community Outreach:

Encourage the continuation and expansion of outreach programs in the community (ie. White Gift Sunday, ecumenical activities with the churches in our area, Helping Hand Fund, interest and involvement in the community outside of church, attending Remembrance Day Services, supporting world needs, etc.).

5. Administration:

Work with church staff and volunteers in the day-to-day administration of the church. Attend Presbytery, Maritime Conference, Official Board and other committee meetings as necessary.

6. Personal Development:

The congregation would strongly encourage the minister to seek rest and relaxation for personal and spiritual renewal, and to continually upgrade their skills for personal development, with guidance from the Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee.

Profile # 5: Skills and Personal Qualities

The congregation is hopeful that our new minister relates well with people across all generations, especially with children and young people. Special attributes in an individual being considered for this call include: being warm, nurturing and personable; deft at communicating; able to work with other faith communities; and self motivated.

Other desirable skills or personal qualities include:

- A strong commitment to the beliefs and well being of the United Church of Canada.
- Being comfortable with public speaking and leading a whole congregation in ministry.
- Applying creative ideas in services and presentations.
- Some ability or interest in using technology in the work of the church - or ability to 'work outside the box' when appropriate.
- A keen interest and capacity for providing leadership in further developing the Pastoral Charge.
- A sense of humour.
- Desire and ability to encourage members to take leadership responsibilities/take active role in the life of the Church.
- A strong awareness of small rural communities, its ministry and associated needs, especially during times of need.
- A desire to be interested and involved in the community outside of church.

Profile # 6: Terms of Employment

Salary: Based on scale as per General Council Schedule

Vacation: 4 Weeks per year

Travel Allowance: In accordance with mileage allowance as specified in General Council Guidelines, paid on submission of log.

Housing:	Manse is provided with heat, light and telephone costs. Manse is partially furnished, including refrigerator, range, washer, dishwasher, dryer, etc. Personal long distance calls are the responsibility of the minister.
Moving Expense:	Based upon reasonable estimates and receipts as per the Manual.
Study Leave:	Three weeks per year, including Sundays, approved by the M&P committee.
Book Allowance:	\$1275.00 per year
Office Support:	Secretary in office 15 to 18 hours weekly. The Pastoral Charge has a fully equipped office in the Bedeque Church.
Pension & Benefits:	As per Manual