

Wesley United Church, Melrose and Golspie, is currently engaged in a sale of debentures to the amount of \$65,000.

Purpose of the endeavour is to obtain necessary mortgage finances to erect the congregation's first edifice — a Christian Education Building.

Stan. Patton, chairman of the debenture sale, along with his committee, have drawn up details of the sale on advice from the Canada Permanent Trust Co.

"Though the term of the debenture is 15 years," says Mr. Patton, "we anticipate the congregation's finances to be such that we can redeem debentures for cancellation after five years' time. Meantime the six per cent return to investors makes the sale attractive."

The Winnipeg Presbytery of the United Church gave approval to the venture at its meeting in March this year. The sale has also been approved by the Public Utilities Board.

Henry Weizel, who is chairman of the Building Committee of the congregation, has stated that plans for the proposed building are all complete so that tenders will be called just as soon as the mortgage through debentures has been raised.

The new building is expected to cost \$100,000. The construction of the sanctuary will have to be delayed until finances allow the same.

Wesley congregation had beginnings as a Sunday School under the leadership of the minister of Gordon United, Rev. D. A. MacLean, along with some of the people of that congregation.

The Sunday School was held in the halls of Miles Macdonell Collegiate until June 10, 1956, when the Winnipeg Presbytery Church Extension Committee provided the small building that is now situated at Melrose and Golspie.

The last four years have seen the congregation grow steadily so that the Easter service in April, held in Melrose School auditorium, was attended by approximately 500 people.

On Palm Sunday also 23 more members were received into the congregation. Three hundred and fifty families of East Kildonan find Wesley United as their church home.

For approximately the past two years Rev. Ken Moffatt has been pastor in the congregation. Services are held each Sunday at 9.30 and 11 a.m. in the little church at Melrose and Golspie, except for certain occasions when there is use of the Melrose School auditorium — as will be the case this Sunday.

Sunday School is held for all children between the ages of three and 16 on Sunday afternoons between 12.45 and 4 p.m.

The proposed new structure will give space for Sunday School and the numerous mid-week activities as well as for the Sunday services of worship.

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