

hardly let me do it. But I do work there. I do all the hard preaching when it comes down to brass tacks.

(This other man--where does his salary come from?)

It comes from the money deriving to the Mennonite Board. And he stayed from the money that comes in from donations from other churches. All the other churches in Montana has Indian leaders--pastors. They got one here in Clinton that's temporary. And they do not have any pastor at Hammon at the present time. Last year I went over there to help them quite a bit. They had one temporary pastor there, but he didn't stay long. He called me there and I'd go over there and help him along.

(Are any of these pastors you're talking about from Oklahoma churches Indian?)

No. There's just one--temporary pastor--he's an Indian. He's on the outs with the movement and he's got a different work. So when the Mennonites found out that he had a side-line job, they cut his salary down. Now he wants to quit the field--quit the work. He's from Clinton. He's Cheyenne. Now they're waiting for people to come in and fill in them two spots. And I'm afraid they want me to go to one of them, and I don't want to move from here. Because I've got a home here and my people needs help more than all of them does. So I just thought I'd stay here and help them out. Yeah. The church I been baptized by, they want me back. But I told them, no. "I'm all right where I'm at."

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(Which church was that?)

Baptist.

(Here in Canton?)

Yeah. I was baptized through the northern Baptist movement, in Geary, Oklahoma. When we moved up here they didn't have no Baptist church--Indian Baptist church here at that time. So we joined this church by letter and from then on we been affiliating with the Mennonite movement. It's been about twenty--or thirty years ago.

(The church that you joined by letter was this Mennonite church?)