

before we make any move. And that title must be changed over in to the hands of the Mennonite Indian Movement, if we take over. If we come in contact with your church movement in any other way, we'll feel that we cannot have the full faith of the land or beyond that if you do not do that." "Well, we'll do that, if we see that you're going to do the work properly." "Well, you just come over there and see what we're doing." They came over one Sunday. We had an open house. They looked around. We improved the place quite a bit. Painted the building on the inside. Put out outhouses. And now we're going to paint the outside of the church and then we're going to repair whatever is needed by our donations from different parties. That's the way we're doing. We're fixing to keep in line with other churches--see how they're progressing. And they in turn do the same to us.

DECLINE OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP TODAY

(Could you make some kind of comment about how successful you think the Mennonite Church has been among the Indians, as far as getting converts and members and Indian people interested in the movement?)

Well, that's a pretty hard question. But all the people has been affiliating with our church movement. They're beginning to find out how strict the church movement is. And they start studying the other churches. The other church movements have started moving in. So they start going to the other churches without getting relieved from their mother church and then going to another church by a written letter. So the movement is getting pretty slim, now. Because the people are beginning to think that these churches are trying to mislead them. Which some of them are doing now. They're telling that this church is better than that old church you've been going to. So they're taking the members away and misleading them, whereby our church members are getting pretty slim.

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