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Annual Meeting, January 15, 1930

Committee on Religious Education  
Director of Religious Education  
Junior Auxiliary  
World Fellowship Department  
Women's Assembly  
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Clerk  
Representatives in Duluth Council of Churches  
Treasurer  
Building and Grounds Committee  
Finance Committee  
Trustees  
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Nominating Committee



JEAN M. MATTER  
3009 East First Street  
DULUTH, MINN.

Report of Women's Assembly for 1929.

Mr. Moderator, Members of Pilgrim Church.

During the past year the Womens Assembly has held 8 regular meetings-4 of them following noon luncheons. The average attendance at the luncheon meetings was 77 or about 50 higher than the average of other meetings. Which goes to show that the women also must be fed.

As special features we had an all assembly party in March, a program and tea at the Aftenro Home in April Normal School Banquet and musical tea in May, Spring luncheon in June, the Fall Reunion dinner in September, a musical tea at the home of Mrs. Oscar Mitchell in October, a turkey dinner in November, dinner and supper for those who took part in the every member canvas and the Christmas Sale and luncheon in December.

Besides creating sociability the majority of these affairs helped to increase the Assembly Treasury. Thus besides paying our regular running expenses we were able to give \$2500.00 towards the church budget, send 3 needy girls to summer camps and buy \$270.00 worth of new dishes and silver ware for the church kitchen and dining room.

The year 1929 will stand out in our history as the year of the Cook Book. This volume will always be to us a reminder of the energy, patience, persistence and untiring labors of a loyal committee of our members. When we examined the possibilities for profit from the book we began to consider to what important use the money could be put. We recalled Dr. Elderkin's desire, as expressed at many past annual meetings and decided that, during this his 10th year of service with us, we would like to purchase the lot east of the church. Then came the question of price and financing the purchase until the profits from the Cook Book (still to be printed) were available. Here we turned to Mr. Oscar Mitchell for advice and help which were most willingly given. Through his efforts the lot was offered at a cash price of \$1350.00. We had no money so Mr. Mitchell advanced the entire amount and the 75 foot lot became the property of the church in September. The Cook Books were offered for sale on Dec. 4th. Last week, with the printing cost practically covered we were able to pay Mr. Mitchell \$650.00. With the help of all our members and the book, which is so fine it sells itself on sight, we hope by the end of this year to report that we have paid the last half of the cost.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M Matter, Pres. 2



PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
Director's Report

Any report made by the Director of Religious Education would be woefully inadequate if it did not take into account the loyal service which is being rendered our Church by the Superintendents of the various departments of educational work of Pilgrim Church. In times past the Superintendents have made individual reports at the Annual Meeting. This is as it should be. They have done notable service and are acquainted with the intricate details of their departments. They should have an opportunity to present the record of their accomplishments and to ask your aid in carrying forward their work. However, in the Educational Department reports we are trying, this year, as we did last, to worship both God and Mammon. Mammon in this case being the God of efficiency. Hence the Director of Religious Education makes a single report and the real workers and builders of the Church School are submerged under it.

This leads me to say that now, as much as ever in the Church's history, we are dependent upon lay leadership. A professional Director of Religious Education does not make a Church School. In our Protestant Churches we have always been dependent upon lay workers. Pilgrim Church School will do its work only in so far as those who are qualified will accept responsibility in our Educational Department. To secure

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a single teacher the Superintendents or the Director probably interview, on the average, as many as four persons. Somehow this ratio must be cut down. Our loyalty to the Kingdom of God and our Church and our belief in the type of education which the Church can give must prompt us to give of our time if our Church asks it. If enough of our people say, "Won't you try to get someone else", the time comes when there is no one else to whom we may go. May I request as Director of our Educational work that you respond, if at all possible, when ~~some~~one of our Superintendents gives you the "Macedonian Call".

Our week day activities in the Parish House center around the Scout organizations, the Rangers and the athletic groups.

Perhaps there is no organization which runs so smoothly or is directed so capably as is our Girl Scout Troop. Mrs. Bernice P. Jeronimus, the captain and Mrs. O. L. Coleman, the lieutenant have forty-  
✓ two girls under their direction. The meetings are a joy to watch. The discipline is perfect, the attention and interest of the girls without parallel. A distinct attempt is made to discover and develop leadership among the girls themselves. The outdoor program coupled with training in the household arts is making a very valuable contribution to these young lives. The complete report of activities which Mrs. Jeronimus has placed on file in the office should be read by everyone present.

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The Boy Scout Troop became badly dis-organized during the period when there was no Director. This fall this situation has been remedied. A very able Troop Committee headed by Mr. W. W. Rector is directing affairs and Kilmer Bagley, the recently appointed Scoutmaster, has managed the troop so it has won efficiency streamers for two out of the last three months. We long for the day when our discipline will equal that of the Girl Scout Troop but perhaps boys are not made that way. The Troop is overcrowded at present and we continue to have more boys asking admittance than we can conveniently care for. Pilgrim Troop continues to stand at the top in the matter of the advancement of Scouts to high rank.

The Ranger Troop continues its meetings under my leadership with the assistance of Donald Berkeiser. We are dealing in this group with the younger boys and do not always make the progress we should like. However we are negotiating now to put in a troop of Cub Scouts. The Boy Scout movement is sponsoring this new movement for boys from nine to twelve years of age. We believe the added incentive of joining the Scout movement early may help us in meeting our problem among the younger boys.

Our recreation room has been open for many periods after school hours and almost any day, especially in bad weather, boys will be found playing there. We want our young people to feel that this church welcomes them and aims to make their play hours happy ones.

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The Church School itself appears to be in a healthy condition.

✓ The Cradle Roll department under the leadership of Mrs. H. L. Nordal is keeping in constant touch with seventy-five babies of pre-school age.

✓ The Beginners department under Mrs. W. Seymour Smith, though subject to much fluctuation in attendance due to sickness among the tiny children, does very fine work. This fall the room was completely re-decorated thru the kindness of several friends of Pilgrim Church. In teaching force and equipment I believe we may say this department is second to none in the city.

✓ The Primary department has been under the capable leadership of Mrs. L. C. Coffin. The interest shown by the youngsters is very great as is shown by the fact that several Sundays this fall showed an attendance of over eighty. Some of the classes are so large that they sorely tax the facilities of the upstairs class rooms in Salter Chapel. This is our largest department and if it continues to grow during the coming year we will need more room for it.

✓ The Junior Department has been wisely administered by Mrs. E. L. Armstrong. Here we have had a very serious problem because of the shortage of teachers. It does not seem to be so difficult to secure teachers for the younger groups but <sup>in</sup> the upper departments there is a hesitancy about accepting teaching work. This should not be, as a greater impress can be made on these more mature minds which easily offsets the problem of discipline. The worship services in the Junior

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department have been especially fine. The Superintendent can tell a story for Juniors in masterful fashion. The children listen intently and profit by it.

Mrs. R. W. Northup has led our Intermediate department and has spent much time and effort in planning worship services which would be interesting and instructive. The whole plan of the opening service has been changed. The main feature consists of a talk, a story, or a description of some incident in the life of Christ illustrated with a picture. Flags have been provided for use in this part of the service also. An experiment was tried in which the Church auditorium was used for the opening service of this department. We have moved back again into Salter Chapel and continue to work under the handicap of noise and confusion incident to the passing of classes.

Mrs. H. G. Manley has guided the destinies of the Senior department in her usual capable fashion. Work with High School young people is in the experimental stage in these modern days. In selecting teaching material for this department we have tried to secure subjects interesting to young people and pertinent to their problems. Some of the topics are most fundamental and deal with the very heart of the problem of Christian living. We are trying to open these up to the young people in an understandable fashion.

The Missionary department of the Church School is now under the leadership of Mrs. Dunham. Her attention this fall has been taken by our Thanksgiving and Christmas projects and the planning of work for the coming year. The children of Pilgrim

school are not selfish. The response at Thanksgiving time and at Christmas was beyond all expectation. If we can train these youth in friendliness and helpfulness toward others we have made a large contribution to their lives.

The Fireside Forum, or young peoples society, meeting on Sunday evening has had its successes and its failures. In the last three years the name and form of this society has been changed no less than three times. This indicates that there has been dissatisfaction on the part of those directing it. Many of our young people do not attend at all. Their parents seem to like to have them in the home circle on Sunday evenings. Attempts to attract the young people by serving refreshments and playing games have been somewhat successful but have not promoted the spirit of worship and devotion which we commonly associate with a service in the Church. Other Churches are meeting the same problems. One wonders if the evening meeting of young peoples societies in our Churches is to go the way of the evening Church Services.

In closing this report there are two or three specific recommendations which I would like to make.

1. Should we not supplement the educational work of our church by organizing an adult department.

2. Should we not make plans to make the recreation room available for class room work by lining it with accoustical wall board which would destroy the echo.

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3. Should we not partition off the upstairs class rooms in Salter Chapel so the passing of classes would not interfere with the Intermediate department.

Clarence L. Sunbury  
Director

REPORT OF THE GIRL SCOUTS PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
For the Year 1929.

Thistle Troop of Girl Scouts sponsored by Pilgrim Congregational Church, will complete its twelfth year of existence in February.

During the past year the troop has registered forty five scouts. At the present time there are 42 enrolled of whom four are candidate, 22 tenderfoot, 14 second class and 2 first class, who are acting as Junior officers in the troop. 50% of those enrolled are members of Pilgrim Church while the remaining percent represent nine other churches.

Our regular meetings are conducted thru the Court of Honor which consists of patrol leaders and troop officers who meet once a month to plan all troop activities and programs. Each patrol leader, with the aid of a corporal, is responsible for the progress of eight ~~scouts~~ girls, thus developing leadership, group spirit, unselfishness, self discipline, and interest which is stimulated through the point system, rewarding individuals for their efforts in carrying out the Scout Program of education, recreation, and inspiration.

More interest has been shown in outdoor activities this year. An average of 75% of the girls have attended each hike. More thought has been given to systematic outdoor cooking and fire building, thus again stressing patrol organization to obtain results.

One meeting each month is purely social, the patrols each having an opportunity at some time during the year to have charge of entertainment, receiving guests, cooking, serving, or clean up. Those in charge of entertainment plan, rehearse, and give a dramatization, providing an opportunity for originality, initiative and the discovery of unsuspected talent. Here again we find the

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beginning of interest in working for the group, which will later carry on to her community and her country.

Our community service this year included the making of several outfits for a doll, furnished us by the Light House, for a little seven year old girl who is almost blind, and who is in a hospital with infantile paralysis; the making and stuffing of cloth bunnies for children in orphanages; the contributing of clothing and toys for members of an unfortunate family at Christmas time; and the singing of carols at the hospitals.

On February 6th, Margery Humphreys was presented with the Letter of Commendation which is solely a character award and a requisite for the Golden Eaglet, the highest award offered a Girl Scout.

On June 12th, the Womens' Assembly presented Miss Elwell with a gold clock in recognition of her ten years service as captain. It was with real regret that the troop then received notice of her resignation, which became necessary because of her absence from the city this year. To compensate for the loss of Miss Elwell, the troop was very fortunate in enlisting the services this fall of Mrs. O. L. Coleman whom the girls received with real joy..

We wish to thank Mr. M. Meldahl and Mr. & Mrs. Humphreys for assistance in transporting luggage to and from the cabin; Mrs. Elderkin and Mrs. E. A. Vivian for the party given the troop last June; Mrs. I. K. Lewis for her assistance in one of the dramatizations; Mrs. Banning for a donation of ice cream; and Mr. Clifford  
Dept. Bldg. Inspector  
Mork, for our fine bulletin board.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bernice P. Jeronimus, Capt.*



CHURCH SCHOOL  
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
ENROLLMENT AND AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

		1929										1928	1927
		ENROLLED	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	AV	AV
55	BEGINNERS	62	17	23	25	28	31	28	39	36	27	26	31
90	PRIMARY	105	42	53	63	58	74	56	77	78	54	62	55
94	JUNIOR	88	49	56	62	61	59	60	66	70	64	61	64
66	INTERMEDIATE	76	47	55	44	51	48	51	58	60	59	52	68
49	SENIOR	53	31	31	30	27	24	27	31	31	32	29	30)
17	ADULT	-	-	14	10	-	-	-	3	2	2	3	7
27	TEACHERS	26	25	26	27	25	26	23	20	21	23	24	26
8	OFFICERS	9	6	6	5	6	5	5	7	8	8	6	9
406	TOTALS	419	217	264	266	256	268	250	301	306	269	263	253
	LESS ADULTS	-	-	14	10	-	-	-	3	2	2	3	7
	TOTALS (Not inc. adults)	419	217	250	256	256	268	250	298	304	267	260	253

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

By

*B. Huber*

SECRETARY

*Jan 15-1930*



REPORT OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE  
of the  
FILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
for the year  
1929

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In-as-much as the Church Treasurer has in his report given the full details of the complete financial transactions of the Church for the year 1929, it seems necessary in this report only to comment briefly on several points.

The budget appropriated for coal \$1,800.00. Due to careful handling, Mr. Curnow, our cheerful and faithful custodian, kept the amount of coal expenditures down to the sum of \$1,487.32.

The Building and Grounds Committee wishes to further express its appreciation to Mr. Curnow for the very considerable amount of cleaning and varnishing of floors done by him during the year, thereby saving the Church from considerable expense in this direction.

During the summer we received such a very advantageous figure for the painting of the main church auditorium, the lobby, the reception rooms and the floors of the recreation room and down stairs hallway, that it seemed too good an opportunity to lose, although it meant that in doing the work we would be exceeding the specified appropriation in our 1929 budget for the item of Church Repairs. The Board of Trustees sanctioned this expenditure and the work was done.

MRS. OSCAR MITCHELL  
Acting under instructions of the Board of Trustees, the Building and Grounds Committee appointed a sub-committee consisting of Mr. Charles Foster, chairman, Mrs. Willard B. Matter and Mr. G. A. E. Finlayson to have charge of the expenditure of the \$250.00 appropriated for landscaping. Before starting any work, it was considered very desirable to have a complete plan of landscaping worked out, toward which we can work from year to year, and a well known member of our Church was sufficiently generous to personally defray the expense of the original survey and landscaping plan which was prepared by Mr. Cornell of Morell & Nichols, landscape architects of Minneapolis, whose charge for this survey was \$50.00. The total amount reported by the Treasurer for this item of landscaping was \$326.90, but this included the \$50.00 fee of Morell and Nichols, for which the Church was reimbursed, as just mentioned, which reduced the net expenditure by the Church to the sum of \$276.90 -- \$26.90 more than the amount appropriated for this item. It may have appeared to some members of the Church that the showing of the actual planting made was less than they expected to see for the sum expended, but the cost of this work was very materially increased by reason of the unusual preparation for the planting. The ground was found to be filled with bricks, stones and other rubbish, all of which had to be removed. The committee received several estimates on the nursery stock and cost of planting and accepted the lowest estimate. The total amount expended also includes the supervision given by Mr. Cornell at the time of planting.

The total appropriation for everything included under the head of "Upkeep of Plant" for 1929 was \$6,182.14. The amount actually expended for all items during the year 1929 was \$6,236.74, or \$54.60 more than the amount for which the budget provided. However, as this includes the \$50.00 fee of Morell and Nichols, for which the Church was later reimbursed, it is only fair to subtract this \$50.00 which then leaves an excess of expenditures over budget of \$4.60. If in addition to this the amount of rental received during the year, \$20.00, be credited to Upkeep of Plant, as the Building and Grounds Committee feels would be proper, the Building and Grounds Committee then finds itself in a position to declare a dividend of \$15.40 as the net result of the year's operations.

Respectfully submitted,

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

BY

*A. H. Smith*  
Chairman.



# Pilgrim Congregational Church

TWENTY-THIRD AVENUE EAST AND FOURTH STREET

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

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2426 EAST FOURTH STREET

VERA R. GRAWN, CHURCH SECRETARY  
THE CHURCH OFFICE

15 Jan'y 1930

BREWER MATTOCKS, JR., CLERK  
911 WOODLAND AVENUE

ARTHUR P. BARNES, TREASURER  
201 BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING

## Report of the Clerk

To the officers & Members  
of Pilgrim Cong Church }

Among those attending the meeting tonight is A.T. who says he is one of our humble members and he wants to know "what's going" and to see the "wheels go round".

Will you bear with the Clerk if he tries to explain some of the intricacies of things to A.T. that the rest of you perfectly well know all about?

Yes A.T., you ought to know - no one has a better right to know, and I'm glad you want to know, and while you may not say in your haste with the psalmist "all men are liars" you will sure think some of 'em are!

Here is part of what the Clerk has to do, so attend closely, and when you've heard this you will be "not disgusted", "but paralyzed" wondering "how come?"

The Clerk has 3 collections up at his house -

Postage Stamps - Grandfathers - and Church Membership Enrollment Cards, and the wierdest is the third one.

He will be glad to show you or anyone interested any one or all three if you'll come up to his house.

For each collection there seem to be different rules applying

Grandfathers don't have to be dead to go into the collection but most of them are, especially those 10 or 20 generations back.

Postage stamps you have to have the actual stamps at hand to show or they don't count. Some years back I had a lot of them stolen so I can't show you them, but then



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Neither so I count them now as part of my collection.

Church membership cards are different.

When we receive a member into the church the clerk enters on a card his name & consecutive number.

If he dies or transfers his membership to another church you remove his card.

If he leaves the city never to return except as a visitor or not at all and does not write back that he is dead or joined some other church or drop his name from the roll or someone else gives you this information of him, you keep on counting his card "till the card come home".

In that way you see you can always have a big list of members.

Why sure A.T., we have a by-law covering such contingency - "a member remaining out of touch with the church for 5 years is supposed to have his name dropped".

But what's a by law between friends?

Yes, it does sound awfully foolish, and the more so, when I tell you that we're supposed to pay a tax to the State Association on all members.

Well here is the Clerk's annual best time story

For that is about what it figures out -  
He told you at last Annual Meeting he had

During the year we have taken in

We issued letters of dismissal to other churches

We lost by death

Leaving a net enrollment of

a gain for the year of ~~22~~ 22

884 cards on file

47 new members

931  
19  
6  
906

84 out - many more members changed their name



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Well A.T., as a system can you beat it?

It's just like cheating at Solitaire isn't it?

Can you imagine The Finance Com. or Trustees standing for The Treasurer's turning in a report of assets at hand consisting of pledges made by members who have been gone from the city 5-7-10 years?

Neither can I!

But what can I do?

I've hollered for several years for a revision of the rolls so as to come somewhere near to an honest count, but I seem to be the only one interested in the matter so, I shoud worry!

But when you consider A.T. that we have some of the cities outstanding business executives in our membership, isn't The Clerk's report a laugh?

O, well!

Brewer Mattocks Jr  
Clerk



TO THE MEMBERS OF PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:

The Trustees beg leave to present this report covering the business and financial affairs of the Church for the year 1929:

We wish to compliment the Pastor and the various organizations of the Church on a very successful year from a business and financial viewpoint. Too much credit cannot be given to the Pastor and to all of the members of the various organizations of the Church for this result.

The Trustees have endeavored to keep ample insurance covering all of the risks to which the Church and its property are subjected, and there is at the present time the following lines of insurance in force:

\$160,000.00 fire insurance written under General Form with the 80% co-insurance clause, covering \$152,000.00 on the building and \$8,000.00 on contents. This insurance is written so that one-third of this line expires on January 20th of each year.

\$12,000.00 fire insurance covering on the parsonage.

Workmen's Compensation insurance covering all employees.

General Liability covering on the Church property with \$50,000 limits and on the parsonage with \$15,000 limits.

Church Protective Policy in amount of \$200.00 covering larceny, embezzlement, interior robbery at Church or at the home of an officer, messenger robbery outside of the Church, safe burglary and check forgery. This policy was taken primarily to protect the collections and offerings before they are deposited.

Office robbery and burglary policy in effect in the amount of \$2300.00, insuring primarily the Communion Service.

The Church has reached the point where it is a very large business organization, collecting and disbursing as we did last year more than \$30,000.00. The Church has for



some time been operating on a budget plan. We endeavor each year in the Every-Member Canvass to secure pledges which, together with the expected contributions outside of the pledges, will meet the budget of expense. The tendency of all healthful, growing, business organizations is to gradually increase the operations and thereby the expenses. The Church is no exception to this general rule. Each department sees the opportunity for increased activities and the necessity for increased expenditures.

The total budget, as requested, for 1929, was \$32,790.14. This budget was not under-written and was therefore never adopted by the Trustees but it was used largely as a guide for expenditures and careful watch was kept of the financial condition of the Church, and while for a time it looked as if we might not maintain our record of coming to the annual meeting with all bills paid without reducing our contributions to benevolences, by vigorous efforts and the co-operation of all concerned we succeeded in doing this.

The actual cash expenditure was \$31,602.97 or \$1187.17 less than the proposed budget. There were three items in which more was spent than contained in the proposed budget. The Pulpit and Office overran \$92.00 Music \$63.68, Upkeep of Plant \$54.60, making a total overrun of \$217.20. There were three items of the budget in which the amount expended was less than the budget. The Department of Religious Education, owing to the death of the Director and a vacancy in that office for a time, expended \$792.27 less than the budget. The ladies, by prompt payment of the note due on account of purchase of the parsonage, saved \$49.67 in interest, and the Contingent Expenses were \$562.43 less than the amount estimated in the budget, making a total saving from the budget of \$1404.37 or a net saving in the cash expended of \$1187.87. It was only the fact that we were able to make these savings that enabled us to come to the annual meeting with all bills paid without reducing the amount paid on account of benevolences.

The proposed budget for 1930 is \$33,593.00, being an increase of \$802.86 over the budget for 1929 and an increase of \$1990.03 over the amount expended in 1929. The result of the Every-Member Canvass to meet the budget for 1930 may be summarized as follows:



Total pledges . . . . .	\$26,733.00
Pledge of the Women's Assembly . . . . .	1,300.00
Expected contributions outside pledges . . . . .	1,200.00
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Total . . . . .	\$29,233.00

This amount is \$4360.00 less than the proposed budget and \$2369.67 less than the amount actually paid out in 1929.

It is evident that the Trustees cannot safely adopt the proposed budget at the present time, nor will it be safe to commence operations on the basis of the proposed budget unless some provision is made to underwrite it. The Finance Committee, including the Director of the Canvass, will be continued in office until some final conclusion is reached. One of two conclusions must be reached:

1. To increase the expected revenue,  
or
2. Cut down the proposed expenses.

To increase the expected revenue will require either additional pledges from those who have not given any or an increase in pledges on the part of those who have made pledges. The Trustees are not familiar in detail with the names of those who have given pledges or of the amounts of the various pledges. This information is of course available.

The theory of the Church has been that the donations must be absolutely voluntary. It is possible we may have gone too far in that direction. It is the opinion of the Finance Committee that a great many of the pledges of persons entirely able and even anxious to give and do their share, are not as high as they should be. In other words, that some of those who have given pledges have given their pledges on too low a basis. We understand that no one has been asked to increase the amount of his pledge and there is a very great reluctance to do that. There is, of course, no objection on the part of the Trustees or the Finance Committee or the Pastor to anyone who feels that possibly he is not doing his share, increasing his pledge. It is also possible that there are those members of the Church and congregation who should make pledges and have not done so. Again, the Trustees as a Board must plead ignorance. The Finance Committee of course have the information in their hands as to those who are being carried on the Church rolls and are not making pledges.



Another problem that confronts the Finance Committee and the Trustees is that pledges are not all paid. Something more than \$2,000.00 of pledges payable in 1928 were not paid until in 1929, and payment of this amount of prior pledges was the fortunate thing that enabled us to come through as well as we did in 1929. There is also a very substantial amount of pledges that were payable in 1929 and some even for 1928 that are still unpaid. There are, of course, individual cases of people who cannot pay their pledges, but the Trustees feel that a pledge to the Church is an obligation of the very highest nature and while no disposition exists on the part of anybody connected with the Church to attempt to enforce these claims legally, the moral obligation, where there is no valid excuse, is as great as it would be if the individual had signed a promissory note.

Unless the pledges for 1930 are increased in amount by the voluntary act of those who have made them or by the voluntary pledge of people who have not already signed the pledges, then there is no escape from the necessity of reducing the budget of expenditures.

There are certain things in the budget that cannot be reduced without crippling the work of the Church and no attempt is made here to determine what items must be reduced if the amount of the pledges cannot be increased.

The Trustees want in this manner to request every individual of the Church or congregation who feels any obligation to give a pledge and who has either not given a pledge or given one that he feels should be larger, to correct that situation at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Weaver, Director of the Canvass, will assist anyone who may desire to make a new pledge or to increase one already made, or this can be arranged through the Church Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

*Oscar Mitchell*  
Chairman, Board of Trustees of  
Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Duluth, Minnesota,  
January 15, 1930.



PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Twenty-third Avenue East and Fourth Street

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

To The Members of Pilgrim Church:

At the close of a very pleasant and peaceful year, the chairman of ushers comes to the annual meeting, to return his sincere thanks to those who so willingly and loyally stood by, both at regular and special services.

During the summer months, in weather permitting, was a frequent response to the chairman's appeal, but at all times, willing substitutes were found, and very seldom, if at any time, was the church lacking for ushers at the morning service.

I bespeak for the incoming Administration a continuance of this willingness and loyalty of the past year.

On December 17<sup>th</sup> we were all shocked by the sudden death of Mr. John A. Kerr. In his death the ushers lost a loyal worker, and the church a devoted member.

Respectfully Submitted  
H. S. Horr, Chairman.



The nominating committee presents the names of members of Pilgrim Congregational Church who have been nominated as follows:

DEACONS

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| 1- Mr A P Barnes     | Three years   |
| 2- Dr D F Pennie     | " "   |
| 3- Mr A J Zoerb      | " "   |
| 4- Mr G H Winchester | Two years (to fill out the unexpired term of Mr C C Salter) |

TRUSTEES

- 1- Mr S E Matter
- 2- Mr Oscar Mitchell

TREASURER

- 1- Mr E A Vivian

ASSISTANT TREASURER

- 1- Mr F E Blodgett

CLERK

- 1- Mr Brewer Mattocks Jr

HISTORIAN

- 1- Mr W W Sanford

MEMBERS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1- Mrs H G Manley       | Three years   |
| <del>Mr</del> A L Mayer | " "   |
| 3- Mr B S Savin         | One year (to fill out the unexpired term of Mrs L G Coit) |

MEMBERS STANDING COMMITTEE

- 1- Mrs E D Field
- 2- Mrs Charles Foster
- 3- Mrs A W Frick
- 4- Mrs R E Johnson

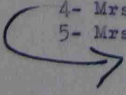
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

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| 1- Mrs T F McCarthy | Chairman |
| 2- Mrs H C Bertram  |          |
| 3- Mrs T A Gall     |          |
| 4- Mrs F N Knapp    |          |
| 5- Mrs G C Spalding |          |

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE

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| 1- Mrs G R Reed             | Chairman |
| 2- Mrs Albert Baldwin       |          |
| 3- Mrs M F Bates            |          |
| 4- Miss Lillian Ferguson    |          |
| 5- Mrs P J Frost            |          |
| 6- Miss Gertrude Longstreet |          |

MUSIC COMMITTEE

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|---------------------|----------|
| 1- Mr W W Rector    | Chairman |
| 2- Dr B F Davis     |          |
| 3- Mrs C F Graff    |          |
| 4- Mrs H F Sleepack |          |
| 5- Mrs G C MacRae   |          |
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THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS THE HONOR TO ANNOUNCE THE NAMES OF MEMBERS OF  
CHURCH MISSIONARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- 1- Mrs C E Carlson
  - 2- Mrs A T Dinsmore
  - 3- Mr R F Hunt
  - 4- Mr H U Moore
  - 5- Mrs M H Tibbetts
- Chairman

USHERS

- 1- Mr W S Horr
  - 2- Mr O L Berby
  - 3- Mr H E Farnam
  - 4- Mr F D Harlow
  - 5- Mr J A Hector
  - 6- Mr P F Heimick
  - 7- Mr W W Huntley
  - 8- Mr T J Kitts
  - 9- Mr P S Knowlton
  - 10- Mr H G Manley
  - 11- Mr A C Ott
  - 12- Mr Seymour Smith
  - 13- Mr E A Vogt
- Chairman

REPRESENTATIVES IN DULUTH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

- 1- Mr M M Meldahl
  - 2- Mr R L Durham
  - 3- Mr H L George
  - 4- Mr A W Gross
  - 5- Dr G C MacRae
  - 6- Mr G I Rathbun
  - 7- Mr J F Thompson
- Chairman

Respectfully submitted

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Mr F B Hubler
- Miss Alice Drew
- Mrs T H Hawkes
- Mrs L E Paddock
- Mr G A E Finlayson
- Mr Lane MacGregor
- Mr H W Nichols
- Chairman

Duluth, Minnesota  
January 15, 1930

*F B Hubler*



- Historian -

This is the 59th annual meeting of Pilgrim Church. The Church has an unbroken record of an annual meeting every year since the date of its organization - January 18, 1871.- It should be noted there <sup>are</sup> three members of the church at the present time who attended the first annual meeting held in January 1872.

There recently came into my hands a pamphlet of particular interest to the older members of the church -- It is dated November 19, 1893, - 36 years ago, and is headed "Letter of Rev. Edward M. Noyes, relative to his call to Boston and Action of Pilgrim Church", and accompanying this letter is a pledge to be signed by the individual members of the Church.

In a Nine-Year Anniversary sermon delivered on Sunday, September 15, 1929, the Minister of this Church said his pastorate was the third longest in the history of Pilgrim Church, and that 594 new members had been received into the Church during his pastorate.

There is a building now being erected just outside of Athens, Greece; as a memorial for Dr. Herbert M. Irwin, who for 20 years was the minister of Pilgrim Church in the foreign field. This building is to cost \$11,000. Pilgrim Church is asked to supply 1/10th of this amount. *of which \$89 has been forwarded.*

Dr. Everett Leshner--whom we all knew and remember well--died at his home in St. Paul August 10th, 1929. He was Superintendent of Congregational Minnesota Conference for 16 years, and had been active in Church affairs in the Northwest for more than 20 years. Dr. Leshner often occupied the pulpit of Pilgrim Church and responded willingly when requested to do so.

At the fall re-union meeting of this Church, held on the 27th day of September, 1929, a resolution was adopted by which the Rev. Ray Phillips became the special representative of Pilgrim Church, on the Foreign Field, <sup>this</sup> is most fitting and proper. He is a product of this Church, and our Sunday School. We have a right to believe his inspiration and determination to devote his life to work among a people who needed just such help as he could give came to him under the influence of Pilgrim Church and Pilgrim Sunday School. There should be a contact sustained between him and the Church, and its members. He should receive encouragement and be assured of the interest of the Church in his work.

On August 11th, 1929, Rev. Clarence S. Dunham, and his wife, arrived in Duluth from Littleton, Mass., to become the leaders of the Department of Religious Education in this Church. Pilgrim Church has been very fortunate in the selection of its leaders for its Department of Religious Education.



Report of the World Fellowship Department of the  
Women's Assembly of Pilgrim Congregational Church

Reports at best are prosy things, but Dr. Elderkin's suggestion that this year we could not only report on what has happened, but also what might, may, or should happen, would undoubtedly add spice to an otherwise dull report, but I fear such a procedure would prove disastrous in that there might be no organization on which to report in 1931 -- and one more word stands out in my memory, brief -- so I will be brief.

The World Fellowship Department closes the year 1929 with a record of eight regular meetings, two church night dinner meetings, six programs given by our own members, and four programs by out of town speakers, Miss Roda Jane Dickinson, Miss Miriam Woodbury, Miss Lilian Picken, and Dr. Cyril Haas. The congregation as a whole remembers the two latter speakers with great pleasure, I know.

The Box Committee reports money and articles sent away to the amount of \$233.00, which report explains the low state of the treasury, reporting on hand on December 18, 1929 but \$14.13, which is a far better position to be in than if the two amounts were reversed, and the money and articles not sent away.

We have had a very happy year together and look forward to a better one this year, with a whole set of new officers bringing in fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie A. Gerry President

January 14, 1930



## Report of Junior Auxiliary

The Junior Auxiliary of the Women's Assembly of Pilgrim Church held nine regular meetings during the year with an average attendance of twenty five. In addition to these we held a picnic at the Caults' home.

Our first undertaking this year was the Annual Dinner in January. In February we took charge of the General Assembly Luncheon, then in March we took Easter coming the last of March gave us the responsibility of decorating the church for the second year in succession. The girls decorated the dining room and feasted on cake at the Spring Luncheon and the same at the Christmas baby wash. We had a good booth at the sale and also a forerunners. It was voted to donate the price of articles instead of the articles as the girls did not want to undertake an elaborate wash again.

After hurriedly washing forks between courses at the dinner the Junior Assembly donated 19 doz. forks to the church. Our group felt that we wanted to do something in memory of Mr. Joyce so decided to buy a \$100 bond to start a fund to send a needy Boy Scout to Camp Sory each summer. Up to this time the bond has not been bought as our pledges came in a little slowly so we took the necessary money and sent a boy from the Bethel troop. We still intend to buy the bond however and make it a permanent fund.

At the December meeting the Election of Officers for the coming year with the following in charge -

President	Mrs. Gertrude Halsey
Vice Pres.	Mrs. Grace Taylor
Sec'y.	Mrs. M. W. Tibbels
Treas.	Mrs. Harman Sieber
Directors	Mrs. R. D. MacLeod
	Harry M. Marquis
	Seymour Smith
	A. C. Ott

I have enjoyed the past year very much and the contacts have been very pleasant and at this time I want to thank the girls who worked so faithfully. Respectfully submitted.

General Financial Statement			
Bal. on hand Jan. 29	415.45	Pd. Wm's. Assemb.	\$ 500.00
Receipts in 1930	272.64	Miscellaneous	89.50
	688.09	Total	589.50
Disbursements	589.50	(Detailed Statement on other side)	
Bal. on hand Jan. '30	98.59		



# Detailed Financial Statement

1929 - Receipts		
Jan 7.	Bal. on hand.	415.75
	Kmas 1928 Sales	11.65
	Chopping tools	4.05
	Miscellaneous	2.10
Jan. 16.	Dinner	28.00
March.	Assemb. luncheon	5.00
April.	Spring luncheon	25.00
July.	Int. on savings	4.36
Sept.	Proceeds from May Tea.	33.85
Oct. 7.	Monthly luncheon	16.50
	Mr. Dunning (Dunlee.)	5.00
Nov 4.	Monthly luncheon	16.00
	Mr. Walker (Horn Brook)	5.00
Dec. 2.	Monthly luncheon	11.00
Dec.	Kmas Sales. <sup>January 1929</sup> 17.35	55.75
1930		
Jan. 1.	Int. on savings	4.68
Jan. 13.	Donations to Balg	45.00
	Total Receipts	688.09
	Disbursements	589.50
	Bal. on hand Jan. 30	98.59

1929 - Disbursements		
Jan 8.	Shapleton (Mr. Hays)	8.00
11.	Multiple Kmas. Sales	2.02
18.	Part of pledge to Assemb.	1.00
March.	Assemb. lunch expenses	2.50
May.	May Tea - Assembly	1.00
June.	Exp. for materials	6.88
	SC. Bergman (camp expenses for Boy Scout)	10.10
Oct.	E. F. Blum - books	5.00
Jan 3.	Bal. of Assembly pledge	40.00
	Total Disbursements	589.50



Attach These  
to SS Reports in file  
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PILGRIM CHURCH SCHOOL

TREASURERS REPORT

1929

Balance on hand January 1, 1929

\$ 61.96

Receipts:

E. A. Vivian, Treasurer

\$1,236.51

Collections

681.39

Palm Sunday Pageant

21.26

1,939.16

\$2,001.12

Disbursements:

Class Room Supplies

\$ 374.55

Pilgrim News

143.25

Conventions

90.96

Special Supplies

122.70

Books for Library

29.88

Bibles for Primary Graduates

88.35

Church Time Kindergarten

24.50

Postage & Stationery

106.88

Athletics

22.53

Parties

48.88

Flowers

18.50

Incidentals

18.60

Song Books

30.00

Repairs and permanent improvements

161.70

Collections remitted to E. A. Vivian

374.26

Disbursements a/c Missionary Department

215.68

1,871.22

Balance on hand December 31, 1929

\$ 129.90

Consisting of:

Missionary Fund

\$ 91.45

Palm Sunday Pageant

21.26

General Fund

17.19

129.90

Respectfully Submitted

C. O. Sullivan

Treasurer



CHURCH SCHOOL  
 PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
 ENROLLMENT AND AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

		1929										1928	1927
ENROLLED		JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	AV	AV	AV
BEGINNERS	62	17	23	25	28	31	28	39	36	27	26	25	31
PRIMARY	105	42	53	63	58	74	56	77	78	54	62	61	55
JUNIOR	88	49	56	62	61	59	60	66	70	64	61	61	64
INTERMEDIATE	76	47	55	44	51	48	51	58	60	59	52	51)	68
SENIOR	53	31	31	30	27	24	27	31	31	32	29	30)	
ADULT	-	-	14	10	-	-	-	3	2	2	3	7	-
TEACHERS	26	25	26	27	25	26	23	20	21	23	24	25	26
OFFICERS	9	6	6	5	6	5	5	7	8	8	6	6	9
TOTALS	419	217	264	266	256	268	250	301	306	269	263	266	253
LESS ADULTS	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	3	7	-
TOTALS (Not inc. adults)	419	217	250	256	256	268	250	298	304	267	260	259	253

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

By

*B. Stuber*

SECRETARY

*Jan 15-1930.*



M. M. GASSER CO.  
DULUTH, MINN.

DULUTH, Jan. 15, 1930

To the Members of Pilgrim Church:

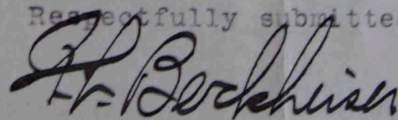
During the past year the members of your Committee on Religious Education have held regular monthly meetings in addition to the Special meetings called when the occasion demanded it.

It is my pleasure to report that the members of the Committee all worked faithfully and willingly. They were called on to carry on the work among our young people when we lost Mr. Noyce. There was nothing to do but carry on. We could not give up.

We want to take credit also for having been successful in securing Mr. and Mrs. Dunham for our young peoples work. Mr. Dunham bears the title and only he is on the pay roll but Mrs. Dunham has already demonstrated her willingness and ability to help us. She fits into every place where there is a call for help and those calls come often.

The Committee appreciates the manner <sup>that</sup> the entire church supports this work and can ask only <sup>that</sup> there be a willingness to help with the teaching when our Director passes along the invitation.

Respectfully submitted.



F. L. Berkheiser

Chairman Committee on Religious Education.



PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS  
FROM JANUARY 1st, 1929 TO DECEMBER 31st, 1929.

RECEIPTS

Balance Brought forward from 1928	\$ 330.95
Subscriptions	27,212.49
Womans Assembly	2,500.00
Womans Missionary Society	149.37
Loose Collections	822.46
Loose Collections (Ray Phillips)	30.72
Sunday School Collections	374.26
Childrens Day Collection	56.66
Sunday School (Missionary Offering)	45.00
Benevolences rmitted direct	65.00
Rentals	20.00
Irwin Memorial Fund	487.00
Donation of Mr. M. M. Robb on purchase of lot adjacent to the church	25.00
Donation of Mr. Oscar Mitchell for landscaping	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$32,168.91</b>

DISBURSEMENTS

<b>Pulpit &amp; Office</b>		
Pastors Salary	\$ 6,000.00	
Office Secretary's Salary	1,184.83	
Office Supplies	364.27	
Printing & Stationery	798.07	
Advertising	116.68	
Pulpit Supply	139.02	
Delegates	56.05	\$ 8,658.92
<b>Religious Education</b>		
Mrs. C. S. Noyes	750.00	
Alvin Anderson	7.35	
Mrs. H. S. Manley	67.50	
C. S. Dunham traveling expenses from Boston	243.67	
C. S. Dunham salary	1,125.00	
Dr. Elderkin Expense trip to Boston	54.90	
Sunday School operating expense	1,225.31	3,473.73
<b>Music</b>		
Organist & Choir	2,867.50	
Music	56.18	
Care of Organ	140.00	3,063.68
<b>Parsonage</b>		
Payment on Mortgage	1,000.00	
Interest on Mortgage	130.33	1,130.33
<b>Irwin Memorial Fund</b>		487.00
<b>Upkeep of Plant</b>		
Janitors Salary	2,103.00	
" Supplies	54.92	
Coal	1,487.32	
Ashes & Garbage	38.50	
Water, Gas, Light & Power	602.45	
Telephones	137.61	
Church Repairs	726.04	
Manse Repairs	56.90	
Insurance	693.87	
Sprinkling Tax	9.23	
Landscaping	326.90	6,236.74
<b>Benevolences</b>		
J. M. McBride, Treas. (Apportionment)	7,602.00	
A. Muhonen	600.00	
J. E. Tuomisto	300.00	8,502.00
<b>Contingent Fund</b>		
C. Bruhn Registrar (Council, Conference & Association Dues Aitkin Convention)	123.76	
Duluth Council of Churches (State Sunday School Convention)	95.00	
	32.23	
Incidentals	286.58	537.57
Every Member Canvas		78.94
<b>Cash in Bank</b>		<b>\$32,168.91</b>

*all bills are paid  
Respectfully submitted  
E. A. Tivian Treas*



Your committee of representatives to the Duluth Council of Churches begs to submit the following report:

THE DULUTH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES is an organization sponsored by the churches of this city to cultivate friendship and understanding. It acts as a clearing house for information for the various churches, and assists in establishing and maintaining advance plans for religious education. There are so many activities in which the Council is engaged that in this brief report only a few of the outstanding ones will be mentioned.

The Council promotes and conducts a training school for church and Sunday school workers, which work is now in its fifteenth year. It arranges and conducts the annual Lyceum Theater noon meetings, plans for the Daily Vacation Bible Schools held throughout the city each summer, and sponsors weekly meetings at Nopeming Sanatorium and at the County Jail, as well as evening outdoor meetings in our parks during the summer months. A hospital service is maintained by the Council, their office receiving daily lists from the hospitals of the city showing the new patients admitted. These names are then relayed to the pastors of the various churches, so that all hospital patients are visited. The office of the Council is also the depository of the American Bible Society, where bibles of the various editions are kept on hand, the prices ranging from a few cents up to several dollars. Any person or church desiring bibles should visit the office, as there is a wide selection to be found there.

The Council proper meets once a month at a noon luncheon, at which time speakers of prominence talk on subjects which are of mutual interest to the various churches. Committees are appointed from members of the Council, and these have charge of the various branches of the work in which the Council participates. These committees meet at stated intervals, or



when called together by the chairman.

It appears that the work of the Council is well worth while, as it brings those of the different denominations together in one common cause.

At this time the Council is also sponsoring an inter-change of pulpits amongst the various churches for one Sunday during the year.

This committee wishes to express to you their appreciation of the opportunity of serving as your representatives to the Duluth Council of Churches, as we each feel that it has given us an opportunity to observe and note the different viewpoints which the several churches have of church problems.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman.

Wm. W. Eldahl