

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR YEAR 1934

GIVEN JANUARY 16, 1935

WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CHURCH CLERK

CHURCH TREASURER

HISTORIAN

SOCIAL RELATION COMMITTEE

FIRESIDE FORUM

PILGRIM CHURCH SCHOOL
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
DULUTH, MINNESOTA
REPORT OF TREASURER FOR THE YEAR 1934

Cash on hand January 1, 1934 -

General Fund	\$ 37.52	
Missionary Fund	105.07	
Pageant Fund	<u>8.01</u>	\$150.60

Receipts:

Church Treasurer	\$500.00	
Current Collections	274.83	
Missionary Collections	137.83	
Cent-a-meal Boxes	24.00	
Sales of "The Boy Jesus and His Companions"	<u>11.00</u>	<u>947.66</u>
		\$1,098.26

Disbursements:

Class Room Supplies	\$231.13	
Conventions - Summer Camp	37.66	
Special Supplies	57.39	
Books for Library	3.33	
Bibles for graduates	99.41	
Church-time Kindergarten	30.10	
Postage and Stationery	2.75	
Athletics	6.50	
Parties	1.50	
Flowers	6.55	
Purchase of "The Boy Jesus and His Companions "	12.00	
Pins and Badges	9.16	
Memberships and Dues	5.00	
Incidentals	5.38	
Current Collections Remitted to Church Treasurer	274.83	
Missions	52.50	
Cent-a-meal Box Collections Remitted	<u>24.00</u>	<u>859.19</u>

\$239.07

Cash on hand December 31, 1934

Consisting of -

General Fund	\$ 40.66	
Missionary Fund	190.40	
Pageant Fund	<u>8.01</u>	<u>\$239.07</u>

Respectfully submitted,

W.D. Lively

Treasurer.

16 Jan'y 1935

BREWER MATTOCKS

members of
Bethel, Pilgrim Cong Church
Duluth

Your clerk herewith presents his, about 30th, annual report.
Some people collect grandfathers - That's Genealogy -
Some people collect postage stamps - That's Philately -
I do both. But I have both these classes of collectors

but 4 ways.

I also collect church membership registration cards,
and with the egglety tangle kind I'm forced to collect,
why that's just plain DUMB!

If they only were postage stamps - with all the abso-
lute issues among them, they'd be valuable!

As they are, if I tried to sell them to some Direct
Mail Sales advertiser as a mailing list, he'd give me
a merry razz.

"He buy that junk? Don't make me laugh!
You've got scores & more names in that bunch of
cards there you have not heard of in 20 years and
you don't even know if they're still living."

For the waste paper man, he might do something
with them & give you 60¢ for 100¢.

Well at that, it would be a good sale for lots
of that collection of mine.

I call it my collection, because, as Clerk - a job
of which I am thoroughly tired, after 30 continuous years of
it and which I have tried to lose for some years back;
but without getting down-right ugly & hollering the refrain
of one of the ~~often~~ sung radio anthems of today,
"No! no! a thousand times no", in reply to the query,

when your yearly Nominating Committee phones & says -
"Matthews we're naming you as clerk again for next year,
that's all right with isn't it?" losing this clerk's job seems
absolutely hopeless -

It must be awful easy, as well as simple I'm beginning
to think -

Well, as Clerk, as I started to say some ways back -
I have to keep & nurse those cards for you and not lose any
of them, make new ones for new members, new headings
and notations for those who marry - shift them ^{to different file} when
they join elsewhere - juggle them in my report to the
State Association so as not to show too strong an assessment
for number of members reported - but for the love of Mike
what you want to keep all that ^{tally of} dead & down & unknown
timber for gets me.

You seem to want to however, so it's all right with me -
what you say goes - I'm only the clerk, but to me
it seems silly -

Well, anyway -

During the year 1934 we took in new members

On confession of faith ~~and~~ reaffirmation	49
By letter from other churches	27
	76
We issued letters of Dismissal to ³	9
other churches to ¹	14
By Death - we lost	53

leaving a net gain for the year of

My collection therefore is increased by 76 and you have 53
more members than you started the year with.

But if you know how many members you can with
any degree of truthfulness say you have in pilgrim, you
know a lot more than 50. I.

Respectfully submitted

Staver Matthews
Clerk

979
53
1032

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

January 16, 1935.

This is our sixty-fourth annual meeting, and it is gratifying to note that satisfactory progress has been made and that we close our year with no outstanding obligations.

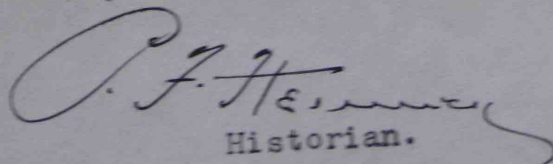
Since 1871, when this church was organized, it has successfully passed through three major business depressions and is now on a firmly established basis and gaining in strength as the years go on. We still have with us two of the sixteen charter members, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson.

As in past years, we have continued our support of the Finnish Congregational Churches at Hibbing and Cloquet. At the dedication of the First Finnish Congregational Church at Cloquet, this church was represented by a large delegation of our members, including our pastor. We also sent delegates to the State Congregational Conference held in May at the Lynhurst Congregational Church in Minneapolis.

During the past year we have lost by death a number of our members whose association with this church extended over a period of many years, among whom were Mrs. T. J. Davis, Mrs. C. J. Zachow, Miss. Effie White and Mr. W. W. McMillan. They will all be long remembered for their fine loyal support.

Mr. McMillan united with Pilgrim Church in 1887 and from that time took an active part in the affairs of the church. He served as deacon from 1892 to the time of his death, covering a period of forty-two years.

There has been a substantial increase in our membership and the fine spirit of loyalty and co-operation on the part of the members of the various organizations, has aided greatly in maintaining the position in our community which we now enjoy.


Historian.

Mr Vogler and members of Pilgrim Church;

The Annual report in a very brief form is as follows:

The Young People's activities occupy a large place in the program of our Church and include such groups as the following: The Sunday School, for all young people from 2½ years thru the Senior High School age; the Fireside Forum, a thriving organization of High School or older folks; the Scout Troops, of which there are five meeting here regularly; the Inter-College Club, a live active group from Junior College and the State Teacher's College; the Pilgrim Players, another group which draws largely from college Young People, who are interested in the drama and dramatic production; and the recreational groups who use our gymnasium and equipment.

For a good many years ~~the~~ these reports have had a more or less detailed resumé of the activities of each department, but this year I shall make just a general statement of each department hoping that you will feel free to come to the office at any time to ask for more information.

The S. S is divided into six sections- The Cradle Roll in which all the littlest folks are registered by Mrs Duncan Macdonald. Mrs Macdonald keeps these children in mind and when they are old enough they are graduated to the Beginner's Department.

The Beginner's Department welcomes all children of pre-school and kindergarten age. This is the first place the child becomes a member of a group who talk and sing and think about God and his world.

When the little person is ready for the first grade in school he is also ready for the Primary Department in Sunday School and for the next three years he spends his time in this Dept. expanding his knowledge of God and God's world, learning about Jesus and is introduced, by way of memory selection, to the Bible. During the three primary years his ability to read has made rapid strides and at the close of the third year the Church presents him with a very beautiful Bible, which he will use more and more as he goes on.

In each of the Depts the child spends three years. In the Junior Department the knowledge of the Bible is materially increased and the affect of Christ's teaching on the lives of great people is stressed. Here he also learns to be responsible for the preparation and presentation of the lesson. On occasion, when a teacher has been detained unexpectedly, the class will conduct its own lesson period with suprising competency.

During the Intermediate years our greatest problem presents itself, for it is then that the young person has to make so many adjustments, in school, at home and in his outside world, and it is during this time we are most apt to lose our pupils. It is heartening to note that thru the past year the attendance has been exceptionally good and all credit is to be given to fine leadership.

A larger group of young people has been enrolled in our Senior Department than we have had in many years, and under the leadership of Mr H W Clark have had interesting discussions of World as well as individual problems in the light of Christian teaching.

For the past two years, instead of having missionary talks once a month, a whole quarter has been set aside for the study of mission field in which our Churches ~~were~~ ^{are} doing fine work. Last spring the subject of the course was "India". No one could participate in eight weeks of map making, block printing, reading, the making of village and home models without absorbing a good deal in the way of tolerance and admiration for another nation.

Nor are our thoughts all for the other countries, for the huge baskets of groceries at Thanksgiving time and the more than 200 gifts that went to our near-at-home neighbors attested the interest of our Young people. I might add also that as a result of this missionary education the

Cent-A- Meal Boxes which were called in some weeks ago yielded \$ 24 from the S S pupils. They are being distributed again and will no doubt show equally fine results again.

The Sunday School teachers and the members of the Religious Education Committee have had supper together on several occasions and have gained inspiration and enthusiasm from Mr Vogler's fine talks on Sunday School work.

In closing I should like to pay a most sincere tribute to all the teachers, officers, pianists and helpers who come Sunday after Sunday to carry on the activities of all our Young People.

No more loyal and cooperative group could be found any where.

The personnel of the Sunday School is

Cradle Roll- Mrs Duncan Macdonald

Beginner's - Mrs Seymour Smith, Supt
Mrs P G Bourne
Mrs R L Durham

Miss Ruth Martin
Miss Peggy Sleepack

Primary- Miss Elizabeth Thompson
Mrs W D Avery
Mrs A G Athens
Miss Rachell Eklund
Miss Lois Eklund

Miss Nancy Finch
Miss Ruth Hartley

Junior - Mrs E L Armstrong
Miss Helen Cant
Mrs Margaret Gilbert
Mrs B F Davis
Mrs O E Harris
" A C Armstrong

Mr Martin Meldahl
" C L Gold
" J F Thompson
Mrs Sheptenko

Intermediate- Robert Thompson
Mrs M G Gillespie
" D Macdonald
" D A Munro

Mr W G Hegardt
Miss Virginia Funck

Senior -Mr Harry Clark

Church time Kindergarten - Nancy Finch

The Committee on Social Petitions is still in its infancy. As far as concrete achievement goes there is not a great deal to report but we believe that there is a yet greater need for such a com. - than there was at this time last year. As most of you know the General Council of Congregational & Christian Churches took a very forward step at Oberlin last Sept. in setting up the Council for Social Action. The reason for the formation of this Council was the belief - - - - -

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by ~~inspiring setting up~~ ^{creating} the Council for Social Action.
~~the reason for the formation of this Council was the~~
~~belief that the Church should do its share~~
in the creation of a just social
order - while ~~the Council~~ ^{it} does not intend to
ally itself with any political or
economic group it does believe that
the Church should take a real
interest in such things as:

1. International Relations and the Struggle for Peace
2. Rural life and the ethical implications of the rural-urban conflict -
3. Industrial Relations & the struggle between those who own and those who handle the tools of production.
4. Racial relations & the confusions and conflicts caused by the presence in America of men of many races and alien cultures -

It proposes to win its interest in these matters by three methods:

1. Research
2. Education
3. Action

Our local committee of Social Relations intends to keep in touch with the central committee of this Council and to present to you from time to time any forward-looking policies it may

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suggested
The Committee met two or three times
last year and discussed certain spe-
cific problems in their relation to
the church. Re ~~it~~ was the teaching
of the wise use of liquor. (This was
shortly after the prohibitive amend-
ment had been revoked). It was de-
cided that the home rather than
the Sunday School was the logical
place for such teaching. It was also
agreed that a protest against the
Winn bill (which as you will remem-
ber was a bill eventually passed
by Congress providing for a "trigger
~~and better~~" law) should be presented
to the members of the church so that
those in favor of such a protest might
sign it.

The Com. ran a book table over a period of several months and tried to make it general enough to suit all tastes - The books ^{included} ~~included~~ covered religious, economic, political, and sociological ^{subjects} ~~problems~~ - If there is any demand for it we should like to repeat the project again this year. The second half of the year we processed the Class in International Relations - To this there was not enough response to warrant continuing it beyond three weeks. Mrs. Savin had previously had a successful group of twelve or more and we don't know why so few should have signed up for the second course - If any of you would like such a class this year and would guarantee to support it we should be grateful for an expression of opinion. Respectfully submitted
Marilyn B. Williams.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

STATEMENT OF

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1934

Receipts

Balance brought Ford. from 1933	\$	210.26
Loose collections		925.62
Easter offering		140.89
Childrens Day offering		39.85
Special Christmas offering		68.59
Thanksgiving offering		61.33
Current Pledges		14,220.48
Back Pledges		2,691.22
Sunday School collections		332.09
Pledges written off - Recd. later		11.25
Miscellaneous		46.25
Women's Assembly		515.47
		<u>\$19,263.30</u>

Disbursements

Pulpit & Office			
Pastor's salary	\$5,000.00		
Office salary	200.00		
Office supplies	137.90		
Printing & Stationery	470.75		
Advertising	96.34		
Pulpit supply	100.00		
Office assistant	213.00		
		<u>\$6,217.99</u>	
Religious Education			
Directors salary	\$1,200.00		
Sunday School	500.00		
		<u>1,700.00</u>	
Music			
Choir, Organist, & Sheet music	\$2,104.99		
Organ care & repair	90.00		
		<u>2,194.99</u>	
Upkeep of Plant			
Janitor's salary	\$1,800.00		
Janitor's supplies	118.51		
Telephone	94.47		
Water, Gas, Light, & Power	432.40		
Coal	1,424.11		
Ashes & garbage	64.25		
Church repairs	518.32		
Parsonage repair	10.30		
Insurance	585.13		
Sprinkling tax	5.45		
		<u>5,052.94</u>	
Forward	\$19,263.30		<u>\$15,165.92</u>

Receipts & Disbursements

Brought forward	\$19,263.30	\$15,165.92
Benevolences		
Finnish Missions	\$ 900.00	
Apportionment	<u>2,700.98</u>	3,600.98
Contingent fund		
One-half Mr. Vogler's Annuity	125.00	
Adding Machine	105.00	
Every Member Canvass	58.34	
Pilgrim Players	112.12	
Miscellaneous	<u>62.64</u>	463.10
Cash on hand & in the Bank		<u>33.30</u>
	<u>\$19,263.30</u>	<u>\$19,263.30</u>

THE GREAT TASK OF THE CHURCH

The Cultivation of the Spirit of
Christ in every area of human life.

"The Glory of the Twentieth Century is that all the world
has been made a neighborhood; the Tragedy of the
Twentieth Century is that all the world has been made a
neighborhood before the peoples have learned to be
neighborly."
—J. A. MacDonald

THE CODE

for

CONGREGATIONAL AND CHRISTIAN WOMEN

EVERY WOMAN in every church

In one united women's organization

EVERY WOMAN in every church

Intelligently at work

Developing a sense of steward-
ship of her spiritual, personal and
material resources.

Doing her share in the correlation
of all departments of the church
toward the accomplishment of the
Great Task.

"We stand at a moment when the course of history depends upon the calm reasonableness resulting from religious public opinion."

The development of religious public opinion is achieved through spiritual power.

I. RESOURCES

1. SPIRITUAL

Our relationship with God through prayer and the teachings of Jesus.

"The heart must be fixed on God and the intellect must be constantly alert."

—Dr. C. E. Jefferson

2. MATERIAL

Time, Talents and Money from both individuals and groups.

II. TECHNIQUE

1. SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT BY

- (a) Individual devotional reading
- (b) Meditation and Study Groups
- (c) Well-planned Worship Services

2. COOPERATION IN LEADERSHIP

We must meet the challenge of leadership. Jesus gave the Beatitudes as rules for leadership. We should encourage placing younger women in some of the responsible positions. Cooperative listening is leadership on the part of all women.

Training by means of State Institutes; Study Groups; Summer Conferences; Attendance at Association, Conference and National Meetings.

"We can draw in many other women if we can show them that a little task in a local church is part of a big thing."

"No one is fitted for leadership in this generation who is not a world citizen."

3. PLAN OF WORK — EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL

Small Study Groups
Committee preparation
Instructions especially to Nominating Committees.
Church Committees should have women members.
Visitation by State officers.
Box and Handwork

III. AVAILABLE SUGGESTIONS AND HELPS

1. LITERATURE

Advance (formerly The Congregationalist)
The Missionary Herald at Home and Abroad
Guest Book
Project News Letter
Envelope Series
Leaflets
Church and Society
Social Relations News Letter
Study Books

2. LOCAL LIBRARIES

3. CURRENT EVENTS

4. STEREOPTICON LECTURES

5. SPEAKERS' BUREAUS

6. CENT-A-MEAL BOXES

7. COIN AND THANKOFFERING BOXES

"It is like leaven, which a women took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

Committee of Women State Presidents
MRS. R. S. JEWETT, New York,
Chairman

Code Committee
1934

MRS. W. O. FINCH, Indiana
MRS. R. L. BOWEN, Southern California
MRS. C. M. GROVER, Massachusetts

Commission on Missions
287 Fourth Avenue, New York City
14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.
19 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

MRS. D. E. BROWN, Acting Associate Secretary

Jan. 16, 1935

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following is an all Assembly and World Fellowship department report for the year 1934. The reports with figures, numbers of luncheons and dinners served, money earned and so forth, are on file in the church office for any one interested.

Needless to say the women have been busy and interested with Church and Assembly program projects, social, educational and helpful. Few outside money raising projects were undertaken, the pledge system being used as much as possible. Those we had were of social fellowship value as well as money raising; the Bridge luncheon here, the garden luncheons at Mrs. Duncans, Mrs. Ben Davis' and Mrs. Johnson's, and a musical tea at Mrs. Oscar Mitchells; and the monthly luncheons of the Pilgrim Auxillary.

Much appreciation is due the Flower Committee, an every Sunday job, the Lookout and Welfare committees, an all year round service, the Housekeeping Committee with its thought for supplies and improvements, the dinner and luncheon committees ~~and~~ with their thought time and energy; the Publicity, Membership and other ^{also to the} ~~also to the~~ Supervisors for their responsibility and splendid co-operation. All the time, thought, energy and heart interest could not be crowded into any report. All participants, myself included, I know have felt well repaid.

One important change has been made in the Assembly, the Pilgrim Auxillary has been divided into two groups to be known as Groups 5 and 6. The supervisors for the year are Mrs. C.E. Carlson, Mrs. Chas. Foster, Mrs. C.E. Adams, Mrs. Geo. H. Spencer, Mrs. E. F. Sneider and Mrs. F. J. Voss.

The programs for the World Fellowship Dept. and the Assembly have been interesting and valuable from a fellowship and social relation standpoint. This is a brief list, a talk about Pearl Buch, one by Miss Seabury, by Miss Stafford about the book, Woman Today & Tomorrow, a review of one of Albert Schweitzer's books, The American Board set-up, a talk on India, Illustrated, by Dr. Hilding. Talks on Rethinking Missions by Mr. Armstrong, Dr. Petty and Dr. Emerson. Thank-offering talks by our Cloquet and Hibbing ministers, participation in the Day of Prayer, Sunday School work by Mrs. Manley, Miss Abrazinne on the International Institute work of the Y.W.C.A., on Birds by Mrs. Richmut on Inspiration of books, Mrs. Steele, Welfare Agencies, Mrs. Geo. Tweed, Special Classes in schools, Miss Feetham, Work ~~for~~ for the Blind, Mrs. Northup, Mrs. Laird Community Fund interests, Child Welfare, Miss ~~St~~ Stoudt, Opportunity for Physically Handicapped Miss Levine and so on.

We paid our pledge of 500 cash and 500 in replacements and reparits towards the Church budget. and close with a balance of \$362.19.

^{Miss Manley} As an assembly of grateful women we thank our Church secretary for her ready help, good judgement and friendliness. Let me read the Code for Cong. & Christian women--

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle J. Savin
Pres.

