

Reports of Year 1943

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Report of the Nominating Committee

To the members of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following nominations:

Deacons- William J. Archer, Albert Baldwin, William R. Bagley, P. J. Frost, H. B. Rayn,
E. M. Rauschenfels, Arthur Roberts, J. W. Walker.

Trustees- Fred W. Buck, C. E. Carlson, H. L. Nordal. (For three years)

Treasurer - C. D. Stillman, Assistant Treasurer - W. S. Horr

Clerk - I. R. Bartter

Boys Work - C. M. Hoff

Historian - A. M. Clure

Lookout Committee - Mrs P. F. Heimick, Mrs R. L. Durham, Mrs L. E. Paddock, Mr and Mrs
C. T. Williams, Mr and Mrs W. M. Fox.

Religious Education Committee- Mrs F. H. Magney, Mrs K. R. Fawcett, J. Oliver Hall. (3 yrs)

Music - Mrs W. B. Matter, Mrs G. H. Spencer, Mrs E. F. Blu, C. L. Edson, Dr K. R. Fawcett

Standing Committee- Mrs W. S. Smith, Mrs R. S. Hanson, Mrs E. U. Moore, Mrs H. B. Rayn

Service Committee- Mrs W. C. Lounsbury, A. C. Athens, H. E. Farnam, W. M. Fox, Tony Kohl-
haas, Miss Laura MacArthur, Mrs W. B. Matter, William McClearn,
R. W. Northup, Mrs R. G. Palmer, Mrs W. D. Avery, Mrs B. S. Savin,
Mrs H. G. Manley, secretary.

Council of Churches- W. R. Bagley, W. B. Barsness, Mrs W. D. Avery, Miss Ray Leland,
T. B. Silliman, Mrs C. D. Steele.

Ushers - Chairman - R. A. Adams
John Dalton, R. R. Armstrong, R. R. Johnson, W. K. MacAskill, Lester Gessner,
Millen Bayly, K. M. Nelson, W. E. O'Connor, E. E. Bilger, W. J. Brown, A. A. Johnson,
J. E. Johnson, W. A. Johnson, R. H. Neimeyer, D. J. Thoreson, N. A. Stillman,
Arthur Tews, R. L. Syck.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs Albert Baldwin T. M. McCabe
Mrs M. H. Tibbetts R. M. Weaver
Mrs E. M. Rauschenfels I. R. Bartter
R. F. Hunt, Chairman

Report of the Church Clerk - 1943

To the members of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

Four meeting of the Church membership were held during 1943.

The first meeting was called on May 9th for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Conference which was held at Northfield, Minnesota. The second was held on October 3rd to elect members for the Service Committee, a new department in the church. The personnel of the committee is: Chairman, Mrs W.C. Lounsbury, R.W. Northrup, H.E. Farnam, Mrs R.G. Palmer, Dr A. G. Athens, Mrs W.B. Matfer, Mr W.M. Fox, Mrs B.S. Savin, Miss Laura MacArthur, William Mc Clearn, Tony Kohlhaas, and Mrs H.G. Manley, secretary. The amendment to the Church Constitution which was adopted at this meeting was as follows: "The Service Committee shall consist of a chairman, and representatives from each organization in the church and the number of its members shall be determined by the congregation of the church at any meeting of the church." "Its duties shall be to discover, supervise and recommend to the various organizations of the church all projects for service within or without the community". The third meeting took place at the Church at the close of the regular church service on Sunday, December 5. Mr F.W. Buck read the proposed budget for 1944. Some explanations were made by Rev. T.C. McQueen. Mr E.W. MacPherran moved that this tentative budget be accepted as read. Acceptance was unanimous. The last meeting of the year was held on December 19, 1943. The object of this meeting was to hear and ratify the report of the preliminary nominating committee. The personnel of the committee presented was: R.F. Hunt, chairman, Mrs Albert Baldwin, Mr I.R. Bartter, Mr T.M. McCabe, Mrs E.M. Rauschenfels, Mrs M.H. Tibbetts, and Mr R.M. Weaver. Mr H.U. Moore moved the acceptance of this report and Mr MacPherran seconded the motion.

Members of the Church, 1/1/43	793	
Members received in 1943, by Confession and Letter	121	914
Dismissed to other churches	12	
Loss by death	9	21
Net gain		893
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The following letter of transfer were issued from this church in 1943, which require the approval of the membership at this time.

Date	
1/11/43	Warren Tyacke, to Chester Park Evangelical Church, Duluth, Minnesota.
1/29/43	Mrs W.H. Bozell, to First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia
3/4/43	Mrs James Breckenridge, to any Evangelical Church.
3/16/43	Walter K. Smith, to Fifth Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, West Bend, Wisconsin.
3/18/43	Charles A. Duncan, II, to Central M.E. Church, Yonkers, New York.
4/17/43	Mrs Katharine Irwin Crandall, to Westminster Church, Buffalo, New York.
7/15/43	Mr and Mrs Gilbert M. Bates, to The First Congregational Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

There were nine deaths, nine births, sixteen marriages, and seventeen baptisms, during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

I.R. Bartter, Clerk.

Pilgrim Congregational Church
Revised Budget for 1944

Pulpit and Office

Pastor's Salary	\$ 5,100.00	
Assistant Treasurer	300.00	
Office Secretary	1,320.00	
Office Supplies	200.00	
Postage and Printing	425.00	
Pulpit Supply	100.00	
		<u>7,445.00</u>

Religious Education

Director, Salary	1,320.00	
Church School Budget	600.00	
		<u>1,920.00</u>

Music

2,100.00

Upkeep of Plant

Salary, Janitor	3,980.00	
Fuel	1,000.00	
Power, Light, Water and Gas	600.00	
Telephones	120.00	
Janitor's Supplies	100.00	
Insurance	475.00	
Repairs, Church and Parsonage	700.00	
		<u>4,975.00</u>

Benevolences

Finnish Missions	1,200.00	
Apportionment	1,800.00	
		<u>3,000.00</u>

<u>Pledge to Carleton College</u>	600.00
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<u>Contingent Fund</u>	500.00
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<u>Accounts Payable Prior Years</u>	400.00
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Total	\$20,940.00
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Report of the Historian - 1943

To the Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

The 74th Annual Meeting of Pilgrim Church is being held this evening.

The pastorate of the Reverend Thomas C. McQueen continued with great success during the year just past.

As evidence of that success, 121 new members were added to this congregation during the past year. Pilgrim Church is happy indeed to have these members with us. This addition compares very favorably with the 44 new members added in the previous year.

This year 12 persons severed their membership in our church; and we lost nine members by death, a total loss of 21 members. The net gain in membership was therefore 100 members.

Our different organizations carried on the activities in their respective fields. All report a successful year. The Family Nights continued in success in spite of increased rationing difficulties.

One of the major accomplishments of the year was the final completion of Mr McQueen's project for the retirement of the mortgage on the Church. The project, begun in 1942, was finished in 1943, and that event is otherwise observed this evening.

The Every Member Canvass was again a success, as all of us who know Donald M. Bellows had the right to assume it would be when he accepted the direction of the canvass. He was ably assisted by A.L. Goodman and E.W. Collins, together with many of the men of the congregation who made the calls.

We have again had a church year under the strain of war. We all earnestly pray that another year will find our nation in a world being in a just and honorable peace. Last year your historian reported one gold star on our Service Flag, now representing 138 men of the church serving with the Armed Forces. The first gold star placed last year is in memory of Richard Luce. The second, added this year, is sacred to the name of Major Reed R. Brunner, who was killed in action in the Atlantic area on or about February 3, 1943.

These men have met a soldier's death; they live in our memory; and in the hopes and deeds of our nation.

In addition to Major Brunner, the following members passed away in the year 1943: Mr and Mrs Frank N. Allen; Mr Alex Anderson, Mr F.E. Blodgett, Mr Edward A. Grochau, Mrs Jessie J. Hegardt, Mrs Harriet Hilton and Mr Maurice L. Martin.

May we pause a moment in silent remembrance of these, our departed brethern.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur M. Clure
Historian.

The Report of the Service Committee

On September 26, 1943, a short business meeting was held after the church service, at which time the following amendment to the church constitution was considered and adopted. " The Service Committee shall consist of a chairman, and representatives from each organization in the church and the number of its members shall be determined by the congregation of the church at any meeting of the church." " Its duties shall be to discover, supervise and recommend to the various organizations of the church all projects for service within and without the community. "

The personnel of this committee is:

Chairman - Mrs W.C.Lounsbury
Trustees - Mr R.W.Northrup
Deacons - Mr H.E.Farnam
Religious Education Committee - Miss Laura MacArthur
Women's Assembly - Mrs R.G.Palmer
Men's Club - Dr A.G.Athens
Pilgrim Century Club - Mr W.M.Fox
Pilgrim Fellowship - William McClearn
Boy Scouts - Tony Kohlhaas
Girl Scouts - Mrs W.B.Matter
Duluth Association - Mrs W.D.Avery
Christian Service Council - Mrs B.S.Savin
Secretary - Mrs H.G.Manley.

This committee is responsible to the church and presents recommendations as to the allocation of funds and the acceptance or rejection of requests that come to it from within our organization and from the outside.

Three such request have been received. First, from the State Committee for Congregational Women's work. Second, from the National Committee for the Rehabilitation of Greek children; and thirdly, one million hours of service from Pilgrim Fellowship Groups.

The Service Committee held its first meeting on October 6, at which time Mr McQueen explained the work and the projects of the Women's Organization of the State, and it was voted to give to them the Thankoffering taken in November. Mr McQueen also told us of the work of the National Committee for War Victims and Services and stated that the government had allocated the Rehabilitation of Greek children as the work for the Congregational Churches. This committee for War Victims and Services has set as its goal one dollar per member and in this church Group 6, of the Women's Assembly, under the chairmanship of Mrs R.R.Armstrong, has undertaken to contact every member with real hope of success. The other National request of one million hours of service from Pilgrim Fellowship Groups, prompted the request from this committee that the Pilgrim Fellowship Group in our church undertake the sending of a gift to our members in Service, and also the financing of the gift. This they most cheerfully agreed to do, thus placing quite a burden on their young shoulders, so I bespeak for them the loyal support of our congregation in whatever effort they may put forth to settle their obligation.

Our committee, as you see, is merely a clearing house for ideas and requests, but we hope to be able to unify and coordinate the work and services of the various departments of Pilgrim Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs W.C.Lounsbury, Chairman.

Report of the Board of Deacons- 1943

There were ten regular and one special meetings of the Board of Deacons in the year 1943. As usual there were no meetings held in July and August.

The year 1943 marked two particularly noteworthy events, both initiated by the minister, and approved and sponsored by the Board of Deacons. First was the membership drive for new members, which resulted in 87 adults uniting with the church at Easter time, in addition to the 22 boys and girls of the Confirmation Class. The second event was the establishment of "The Service Committee", consisting of a member from each of the leading organizations of the church.

"Whose duty it shall be to discover, supervise and recommend to the various organizations of the church all projects for service within and without the community."

At the October meeting of the Board of Deacons a ruling was unanimously adopted that "hereafter no special communions shall be served to separate groups within the church, except in cases of illness or emergency, but that all communions shall be served to the congregation in general." (This ruling was modified at the Board Meeting in January, 1944, to provide in effect that young people of the Confirmation Class should have their first communions with their parents and at regular communion services, and that any other communion service should be held only with the approval of the minister and the Board of Deacons.)

The Treasurer of the Deacons' Fund reports that there is a balance on hand, as of December 31, 1943, of \$ 106.72

This report would be incomplete without an expression of our appreciation of the wise leadership of our minister in the presentation and conduct of matters to be considered by the Board of Deacons. He is never dictatorial or unsympathetic in his attitude, but he ever seeks the welfare of the church, and to that end urges free and full expression of opinion of the members. It is to be assumed that the membership of Pilgrim Church is well enough acquainted with the eighteen members constituting the Board of Deacons as to know that it is quite conceivable that an occasion might arise when there would be eighteen different shades of opinion. I assure you that free and unembarrassed discussions in the Board meetings have never failed to produce an abiding feeling of goodwill, mutual trust and the desire for the fullest cooperation between the deacons and the minister. I call that leadership - such leadership, indeed, as merits the highest degree of cooperation with the minister on the part, not only of the Board of Deacons, but of every member and of every department of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert Baldwin, Senior Deacon.

Report of the Board of Trustees ,Year of
1943

I am submitting herewith on behalf of the Board of Trustees the following report as to the activities coming under the jurisdiction of the Board during the past year.

The Trustees have met periodically with good attendance, and have given consideration to those matters which have been presented by Mr McQueen and others. The maintenance of the building and parsonage will be covered by the chairman of the House Committee, Mr Charles Foster. The treasurer, Mr C.D.Stillman, will give you the financial report.

One of the primary duties of the Trustees is to superintend the expenditures of the Church money and the raising of the budget. I am very happy to report this year that the budget of \$ 20,380 adopted by the Congregation has been raised, and sufficient more so that it could be raised by \$ 560.00 , making a total budget of \$20,900. The Trustees are very gratified at this increase because it permits additional expenditures in certain directions of church activity which are very desirable. I wish to give special commendation to the chairman of the Every Member Canvass, Mr D.M. Bellows, and his able assistants, Mr Emmons Collins and Mr Laird Goodman, for their very capable and efficient handling of the Canvass, also to Mrs Manley for her large part of the preparation for the event. I believe the results achieved completely warrant the action taken by the Trustees in approving the Every Member Canvass rather than some other form of money raising which was suggested, but which was a considerable departure from the usual plan. The Canvass produced several nice increases in subscriptions and many additional subscribers. This is as it should be. Our Church has increased in membership and new members should take a definite part in the financial support.

During the year the last of the church mortgage was paid off and a satisfaction has been obtained and recorded in the Register of Deeds' office. I believe it is the plan to burn the note at this meeting.

The Women's Auxiliary, as usual, has supported the budget to the extent of \$900.00. \$ 400.00 of which went to the Benevolences.

I feel there is one weak spot in our financing which should be corrected, namely: The large amount of unpaid subscriptions. I find at the end of December unpaid pledges amounting to approximately \$ 3,500.00. We have put in the budget for 1944 an estimate of \$ 1,500 to be collected. This will mean a carry-over of \$ 2,000.00, part of which, of course, will be paid. Our treasurer advises me that our average loss is about \$ 1,200.00 per year, which seems too large an amount in ordinary times. If it were possible to materially reduce the unpaid pledges, this money could be diverted to the needs of the church as there are many things which should be done, but cannot for want of funds.

We closed the year with approximately \$ 500.00 unpaid bills. This item, too, would disappear if people paid their pledges.

The Board of Trustees wishes to extend its thanks to our very able Treasurer, Mr Stillman, and to Mrs Manley, and the other officers and employees of the church for their co-operation and good will during the year. We also feel that the church is very fortunate in having as its minister, Mr McQueen, with whom we have been able to work so cordially and co-operatively.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred W. Buck, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Report of the Minister - 1943

To the members of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

During the year 1943 the minister was absent from his pulpit on six Sundays. As he is given five week vacation there remained but one Sunday on which it was necessary to have pulpit supply. He baptised 19 persons, performed 17 marriages, and conducted 15 funeral services. He delivered 57 addresses before various groups during the year.

The outstanding event of the year, from the minister's standpoint, was the visitation evangelism campaign in March, in which 30 men of the church took part. As a result of this effort we received 121 persons into the membership of Pilgrim Church in 1943. As we lost only 21 members, we have a net gain of 100. This was a splendid achievement and I wish to express to all those who took part in it my sincere appreciation. Another campaign is being planned for this year and with this fine work behind us we ought to enter into it with great enthusiasm.

The Every Member Canvass was a great success in every way. Mr D.M. Bellows, and his assistants, Mr A.L. Goodman and Mr E.W. Collins, led the men of the church this year and all are to be congratulated for a job well done.

The Women's Assembly under the very capable leadership of Mrs R.G. Barnes has carried on a full program, in spite of wartime difficulties. We could not get along without the fine support the members of the Assembly give to the whole Church.

From the reports filed at this meeting you will learn that all organizations of the church have made many forward steps in 1943. Personally, I am more satisfied with our work than at any other time during my pastorate. There is a fine spirit of loyalty to the church and its Master and Lord, which is as it should be. My sincere thanks go to all of you for your loyalty, your work and your prayers.

I wish also to express my gratitude to Mrs Manley, Miss Rogers, Miss Leland and Mr Revels for their great help and co-operation throughout the year.

As we begin this new year together I cannot help but feel a sense of urgency as we work together toward complete harmony with the Kingdom of God. Never, in our generation has there been a better opportunity to spread the truth that shall make us free. Let us, therefore, gird up our loins and grasp this opportunity, ere it is too late that the sun may rise on our darkened world through the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

" Break triumphant day of God,
Break at last, our hearts to cheer.
Throbbing souls and holy songs
Wait to hail thy dawning here. "

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Craig McQueen,
Minister.

Report of the Women's Assembly, 1943

In reading over the Women's Assembly reports of previous years, I find that there has been some large and interesting achievement in each of those years. Aside from the \$ 300.00 paid on the mortgage, and which really belongs in 1942, we, this year have apparently been very busy just with routine duties of the Assembly. Sometimes an organization needs just that type of a year as a "breathing spell" for future efforts, but it does not make an especially interesting report.

However there are some things that will be of interest, and first among them is Mrs Steele's innovation of using the Salter Chapel for the programs following the Assembly luncheons. At each of these programs we have had a quiet moment of devotion, and then a speaker who has widened and kept alert our interest in some phase of current city, national, or world affairs. Among these have been Mr James G. Nye's address on "Looking Ahead"; Father Carol Rekas' story of his life in Russia and Poland; Miss Leland's talk on our Sunday School; Mr Joachim's reading of "The Prophet"; Mr McQueen's review of "The Intentions of Jesus"; Rev. Roy E. Burt's discussion of "Post War Planning", and a symposium on the neighborhood meetings of the League of Women Voters, by a group of League chairmen.

Our delightful Christmas luncheon was followed by a program of devotionals and Christmas music, which met in every way the high standard set by Pilgrim women for this special meeting.

The program committee, working with that of the Christian Service Council with Mrs A.W. Taylor as chairman, is also responsible for the Bible study classes given on Wednesday mornings by Miss Leland, Mrs T.L. Chapman, and Mrs O.S. Kempton, and especially for those given by Mr McQueen, consisting of a series of six studies on the Prophets. We all hope that these will continue in 1944. If in no other way, than by planning these Bible studies, the Christian Service Council has proven its value to the Assembly, but its work has not ended with these. It has increased its pledge to the Red Cross from \$ 25.00 to \$ 35.00, and has donated time and money to other projects. Some of the local one are: The LightHouse for the Blind, \$ 10.00; Goodwill Industries, \$ 5.00; Council of Churches, \$ 10.00; International Institute, \$ 10; Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Y.W.C.A. Camp Fund each \$ 5.00. They have also presented a gift of \$ 25.00 to Mr and Mrs Tuomisto, part of which was a voluntary contribution in our penny boxes at the February Assembly luncheon.

Mrs Avery has kept us in touch with the Duluth Association during the year, and she was the official hostess at the Association Meeting held in Pilgrim Church, October 4 and 5, when we all had a chance to hear of some of the very fine things that is being done in the smaller churches.

Mrs H.L. Nordal and her drapery experts of the housekeeping committee have made new draperies for the Primary room, and artwork on some hangings for the Junior room.

Mrs Buck and her membership committee has called on all our new members, and invited them to the various group meetings, and as our guests at the May luncheon.

Thanks to our treasurer, Miss Anna Meinhardt, and to our Ways and Means Committee headed by Mrs M.C. Dahl, we have come thru the year with our financial condition still intact. We cannot be too grateful to them for so capably relieving us of this side of our Assembly life. We started the year with \$ 383.17, paid \$ 300.00 on the mortgage, accepted a 1943 budget of \$ 1,960.00, received from our Groups and All-Assembly projects \$ 1793.98, and are finishing the year with \$ 320.75 in our treasury. - Don't ask me how - but figures don't lie, and Miss Meinhardt has them all under control in her little black book! We are letting this all accumulate, knowing that as soon as this dreadful war is over, there will be many uses for it, none of which can be undertaken now.

For several years the Century Club, which is Group 2 with their "Men's Auxiliary" added - has taken over for the Assembly the Christmas decorations of the church. This year they added to that by combining their own Christmas Party and our usual December Family Night Dinner into an old fashioned Christmas Party for grownups and children alike. The Assembly helped with the finances, but all the planning and work was done by the Century Club. It seems very fitting that this part of our Christmas program should be taken care of by these young parents, and we all hope that the tremendous success of this year's party will inspire them to repeat it every year, and so give their children the happy memories that all of us have of our own church "Christmas Tree" Parties.

Report of Women's Assembly (cont)

Much to our regret, we have had to dispense with many of our dinners. Regret - not over the actual preparation and serving of these meals, but because in our queer feminine philosophy, meal preparation and serving seems to typify our service to our church. However, it would be really difficult to ever subdue that desire to be of service in our Pilgrim Assembly, and already, with Mr McQueen's help, we are finding new fields for our abilities. Group IV has taken over the collection of the assessments for the Greek Children's Relief. We have a new evening group formed by business women and teachers and anyone finding it impossible to attend a daytime meeting. They are at present having a series of Bible studies under the guidance of Miss Leland, and they have an eagle eye out for any practical service they can do in the church. Mrs Paddock for Group IV has continued with the lovely arrangements of flowers at our Sunday morning services.

Pilgrim women, as always, are shouldering their full share of civic duties, but, at the same time, they are not neglecting their church. Our attendance at the regular Assembly meetings is from 50 -100. We have seven work groups, all of whom have a regular monthly meeting day besides the Assembly day, and many of whom also attend the Bible Classes. We had two large money-raising all-Assembly projects, - a luncheon for 200 in Marv for the Woman's Club, and our very lovely musical tea in late September. Mrs Rauschenfels and Mrs Wiltse had charge of the first of these affairs, and Mrs Tracy and Mrs Arndt of the tea. Both occasions were successes from every point of view, and we cleared \$ 107.74 at the luncheon, and \$ 176.95 at the tea.

I wish that the Presidency of our Assembly might be made a rotating office so that every member could become acquainted with the unbelievably large church program, and have the inspiration of seeing the co-operation and resulting influence of its work throughout our whole city. Any little inconvenience would be more than compensated for by the knowledge that, if only in a very small way, we are partners in that work.

My thanks go to the entire Assembly for the unforgettable lesson of their friendly, cheerful co-operation in Christian Service for our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Morgan Barnes,

President of the Women's Assembly.

The Report of the Department of Religious Education
1943

The Religious Education Committee has had as its primary goal, this past year, a closer contact of parents with the work of the Church School. The Committee feel that the time spent on religious training in the church is far too short, and that it is only a part of the whole which includes the training in both church and home. We feel that the parents should be more familiar with the Church School work in order to better understand in what way it supplements the religious training of the home.

It may be interesting for you to know to what extent parents have visited the departments of the Church School. These figures may not be absolutely accurate but are approximately close:

Nursery - 18 pupils	6 parents visited.
Beginners - 25 pupils	6 " "
Primary - 37 pupils	35 families represented among visitors
Junior - 46 pupils	30 parents visited.
Junior High- 57 pupils	16 parents visited.

The average enrollment is 211 and the average attendance is 159. The percentage of attendance is much higher during the winter months than it is in early fall and late spring when the parents' attendance at church is more irregular.

Again we are pleased with the attendance in our Senior High School department and the growth in both the Nursery and Beginner's departments.

This year, instead of providing food for poor people at Thanksgiving time, as has been done previously, our church school children made an offering of \$ 50.62 for relief of Greek children.

Pilgrim Fellowship has had a very good attendance at its meetings this year, the average being about thirty. Last February the group sponsored a Youth Conclave to which were invited young people from 12 different churches. The Religious Education Committee served supper to 320. A worship service in the Sanctuary was followed by a social hour in the Recreation room. Since this meeting other churches have followed our example and have had Youth meetings, inviting members of other churches.

We want the church membership to know how much we appreciate the faithfulness of our teaching staff, which consists of 8 supervisors and 29 teachers. Their devotion has made possible a much higher standard of work in the School. We cannot say too much in their praise.

Appreciation must also be given our Director, Miss Leland, for her leadership and untiring devotion to details and the coordination of the work as a whole. Her vision includes not only the church school but all growth of religious experience among our children and young people.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs F.H.) Ruth Taylor Magney
Chairman of the Religious Education Committee.

Report of Pilgrim Men's Club - 1943

To the members of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

The Men's Club started their year with a meeting on October 12, 1943. Dr J.O. Christianson was the speaker. On November 9, 1943, our speaker was Dr David Bryn-Jones. On January 11, 1944, we had a joint meeting with the First Methodist Men's Club, and listened to Dr Silas Evans of Northfield. This meeting was held at the First Methodist Church. We have three more meetings before the close of our year. They are on February 8, March 14, and April 11.

The paid membership in the Club is 80, which is good, but not good enough. Every men belonging to the church should be sustaining member of this Club. In that way we have the funds to bring excellent speakers from out of town. During these war times every man in the church should do all he possibly can to support the activities of his church. Let's make next year a better year for our Club.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Laird Goodman, President.
Ivan R. Bartter, Secretary.

Report of the Building and Grounds
Committee

Officers and Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Duluth, Minnesota.

The Building and Grounds Committee beg to submit the following report:

During the past year the necessary expenditures were made to maintain the buildings and equipment in usable condition.

The woodwork on the exterior of the Church was painted.

Storm windows have been placed on some of the windows in the Sunday School class rooms, and others are ordered.

Only minor repairs were required to the heating system.

The cleaning and painting of the walls of the several class rooms, stair halls and recreation room in the basement, together with the varnishing of the floors was done mostly by the Custodian.

Thanks to the co-operation of the Church Office and the Custodian the building and equipment is well maintained.

At the Manse the walls of various rooms were redecorated and the floors varnished. Some minor repairs and renewals were required for the stoker.

Estimates of cost were obtained for finishing one additional room in the basement for Sunday School use. The cost of this improvement was above the amount which would be approved by the War Production Board, hence this project must wait until restrictions are removed.

During the coming year it is recommended that the exterior of the Manse be painted and that the lawn at the rear be levelled and seeded.

Respectfully submitted,
Building and Ground Committee
By Charles Foster, Chairman.

Report of Boys Work for 1943

To the Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

Cub Pack No. 208 had a total of 35 cubs registered during 1943. Boys between the ages of 9 and 12 years living in the vicinity of the church are kept track of thru church school and public school enrollments and are contacted for membership in our pack.

Paper and scrap drives were actively participated in by the boys, and the cub treasury is in excellent condition as a result. If any members of the church have any of this material to dispose of, please call Ted Raymond, Lakeside 534.

The city-wide Cub round-up was participated in by our pack and individual dens ranked high in stunt competition.

A picnic for all cubs, parents and families was held at Mr Mahoney's home on the North Shore in September. It was very well attended and an excellent time enjoyed by all.

The officers were as follows:

Cubmaster - E.L.Burg- January thru June

T.M.Raymond - July thru December

Pack Committee - F.J.Voss, chairman, M.C.Dahl, R.Lowry, J.E.Montague,
A.D.Olson, Hubert Heinzen, E.C.L'Heureux, E.W.Collins,
Herbert Sandstedt, J.E.Hoff

Scout Troop No.8 Boy Scouts of America had 50 registered scouts during 1943. Twelve new scouts were added to the troop between September and the first of the year.

The troop collected 24,889 lbs. of paper which is thought to be a record among troops in the city.

Tony Kohlhaas and Jud James became Eagle Scouts during the year.

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Mrs E.C. Congdon
Mrs G.E. Spencer
Mrs W.B. Matter, Chairman

Report of the Treasurer for 1943

Receipts

Current Plate Collections	1367.64	
Current Pledges, 1943	15082.04	
Back Pledges	1335.42	
Church School Collections	549.79	
Women's Assembly	900.00	
Easter Collection	457.95	
Rentals	135.00	
Miscellaneous	12.50	
Payments on Mortgage	3193.42	
Special Collections	321.55	
Century Club Loan Repaid	32.31	
Total Receipts		23387.32

Disbursements

<u>Pulpit and Office</u>		
Salary, Pastor	4600.00	
Salary, Church office	1200.00	
Salary, Assistant Treasurer	255.00	
Office Supplies	211.07	
Postage and Printing	475.75	
Pulpit Supply	80.00	
		6821.82
<u>Religious Education</u>		
Salary, Director	1200.00	
Church School Budget	566.02	
		1766.02
<u>Music</u>		1990.60

Upkeep of Plant

Salary, Janitor	1803.00	
Supplies, Janitor	82.43	
Telephones	133.06	
Power, Light, Water, Gas.	599.39	
Fuel	1006.06	
Repairs, Church	564.42	
Repairs, Parsonage	323.87	
Insurance	520.69	
Interest on Mortgage	152.97	
		5185.89

Benevolences

Finnish Missions	1200.00	
Other Benevolences	1696.59	
		2896.59

General

Every Member Canvass	65.16	
Conference Expense	118.95	
Garage Rental	70.00	
Advertising	31.56	
Speakers, Church Dinners	65.55	
Service Flag	15.35	
Traveling Expense, Minister	71.00	
Removal of Ashes	36.00	
Miscellaneous	218.63	
		692.20
		894.00

Payment on Mortgage

<u>Invoices of 1942</u>		421.51
Total Disbursements		28714.63

Summary

<u>Balances, Jan. 1, 1943</u>		
Mortgage Funds	5364.50	
Missions Fund, Church School	62.30	
Church	30.73	
		5457.53
<u>Receipts</u>		23387.32
Total		28844.85
<u>Disbursements</u>		28714.63
		130.22
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C.D. Stillman, Treasurer

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I. R. Bartter

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Pilgrim Honor Roll



Adams, John T.	Hunt, Cadwell
Alworth, Henry	Ingersoll, John
Alworth, Royal	Jenswold, John D., Jr.
Alworth, William	Johnson, Robert B.
Archer, Richard J.	Johnson, Robert W., Jr.
Archer, William J., Jr.	King, Fred W.
Armstrong, Leslie	Kitts, John
Armstrong, Richard	Luce, Richard W. (Lost in Action)
Armstrong, Thomas	Lounsbury, Frank B.
Armstrong, William	Lounsbury, Fred
Arndt, William F., Jr.	MacGregor, Donald L.
Arper, William B., Jr.	MacRae, Gordon C.
Athens, Jack	Magner, William
Avery, Robert W.	(Honorably discharged)
Bagley, Charles M.	Magney, Roy
Bagley, William R., Jr.	Matter, Elmer M.
Bagley, Wilbur F.	Matteson, James S.
Barnes, John M.	Meldahl, Martin M., Jr.
Barnes, Russell G., Jr.	Meldahl, Wallace H.
Barnes, William A.	Meyer, David
Batte, Henry C.	Meyer, John
Blu, Harrison	Maxfield, Roger
Botsford, Robert	Mitchell, Wildey H.
Bourne, Gordon	Nelson, Robert L.
Boyer, Sam H., Jr.	Nordal, Nevin
Bradley, Richard B.	Northup, Betsy
Bradley, Robert W.	Otis, Paul F., Jr.
Brunner, Reed R. (Lost in Action)	Ott, Alfred C.
Buck, David G.	Page, David
Buck, Frank C.	Patch, Orien B.
Chisholm, Donald M.	Pearce, Clyde M., Jr.
Chisholm, A. Dugal, Jr.	Pearce, John
Chisholm, Jack	Peterson, John W.
Chisholm, Robert	Rauschenfels, Walter
Compton, Robert F.	Rhode, Richard S.
Congdon, Stephen H.	Rice, Franklin S., Sr.
Cowen, Reginald L.	Rice, Franklin S., Jr.
Crawford, James P.	Rice, Richard D.
Crawford, William W., Jr.	Rice, James K.
Currier, Donald J.	Roedter, William V.
Decker, Robert	Savage, Alfred F.
Decker, Theodore	Savage, Nicholas
Dudley, James C.	Savolainen, Peter
Duncan, Dorothy	Seashore, Rosel T.
Duncan, Kenneth R.	Shafer, Richard
Eklund, Woodard O.	Shefchik, David
Eklund, Owen M.	Shefchik, Thomas
Farnam, Douglas S.	Spencer, George H., Jr.
Finch, George C.	Spencer, John
Finlayson, George W. A.	Spencer, Thomas M.
Frost, Charles	Spicer, Frank W., Jr.
Gilbert, Fred	Spicer, Richard G.
Gilbert, John B.	Stout, Fred
Gold, Calvin	Stout, William
Good, G. Herbert	Taylor, Alonzo W., Jr.
Gow, Alex J.	Thompson, Keith
Gow, Clyde V.	Tibbetts, Alan
Gow, George D.	Tibbetts, Mark H.
Graves, Waldo N.	Trenerry, Walter N.
Gross, Alfred G.	Walker, Donald F.
Haig, Charles S.	Walker, J. Windrum
Hartley, Fred	Wallace, William
Harrison, William	Watts, George W.
Heimbach, Richard B.	Watts, Robert
Hendrickson, Dale	Weaver, Lyman C.
Holgate, James	Wheeler, Daniel W.
Holgate, William K.	Williams, Winfield T.
Hughes, Merritt J.	Wiltse, Patricia
Humphreys, George L., Jr.	Woodbridge, Henry
	Woodbridge, Roger M.

A Christmas letter has been received by the minister from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds, and they send Christmas greetings to all their friends in Pilgrim Church. They now reside at 409 South Electric Avenue, Alhambra, California.

Pilgrim Church welcomes the following young people who are home from school or college for the holiday season:

Jane Archer
Ann Athens
Dorothy Avery
Marjorie Baughan
Marshall Blu
Wilson Bradley
Mary Congdon
Thomas Congdon
Robert Doan
Margaret Finlayson
John Garver
Malcolm Gillespie
Calvin Gold
Cordelia Goodman
Geraldine Hanson
Alison Harrold
William Hedenberg
John D. Jenswold, Jr.
Marion Jenswold

Winifred Johnston
Mary Kay Kohlbray
Marjorie Kohlhaas
Betty Macdonald
Jane Martin
Marion Nordal
Gordon Nye
Phyllis Russell
Rita Savolainen
Jessica Spencer
Ann Starkey
Sara Steele
Tim Stoker
Patricia Swanby
Edith Taylor
Sally Tibbetts
Shirley Ulvang
Elizabeth Wilson
Robert Yates



1944 Annual Meeting

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the members of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

The nominating committee respectfully submits the following nominations:

- Deacons - Albert Baldwin, Dr. W. R. Bagley, H. B. Rayn, J. W. Walker, P. J. Frost, Judge Wm. J. Archer, Arthur Roberts, E. M. Rauschenfels.
- Trustees - Fred W. Buck, C. E. Carlson, H. L. Nordal.
- Treasurer - C. D. Stillman, Assistant Treas. - W. S. Horr.
- Clerk - I. R. Bartter
- Boys Work - C. M. Hoff
- Historian - Arthur M. Clure
- Lookout Committee - Mrs. P. F. Helmick, Mrs. R. L. Durham, Mrs. L. E. Paddock, Mr. & Mrs. C. T. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Fox.
- Religious Education - Mrs. F. H. Magney, Mrs. K. R. Fawcett, J. Oliver Hall.
- Music - Mrs. W. B. Matter, Mrs. H. R. Spencer, Lindley Edson, Dr. K. R. Fawcett, Mrs. Elmer Blu.
- Standing Committee - Mrs. W. S. Smith, Mrs. H. B. Rayn, Mrs. Ralph Hanson, Mrs. H. U. Moore.
- Council of Churches - Dr. W. R. Bagley, Miss Ray Leland, Mrs. C. D. Steele, Norman Barsness, T. B. Silliman, Mrs. W. D. Avery.
- Ushers Chairman - Ray Adams.
John Dalton, R. R. Johnson, W. K. MacAskill, Lester Gessner, Ralph Armstrong, Millen Bayly, Knute Nelson, Willis O'Connor, H. Bilger, Wellington Brown, Amos Johnson, J. E. Johnson, Dr. Webster Johnson, R. H. Neimeyer, Donald J. Thoreson, N. A. Stillman, Arthur Tews, R. L. Syck
- Church Service - R. W. Northup, H. E. Farnum, Mrs. R. G. Palmer, Dr. A. G. Athens, W. M. Fox, William McClearn, Tony Kohlhaas, Mrs. W. B. Matter, Mrs. B. S. Savin, Miss Laura MacArthur.
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Respectfully submitted,

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Mrs. M. H. Tibbetts,
Mrs. E. M. Rauschenfels,
T. M. McCabe,
Roger M. Weaver,
I. R. Bartter
Rollo F. Hunt, Chairman.

Jan. 14, 1944.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Report of the Historian

To the Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

The 74th Annual Meeting of Pilgrim Church is being held this evening.

The pastorate of the Reverend Thomas C. McQueen continued with great success during the year just past.

As evidence of that success, 121 new members were added to this congregation during the past year. Pilgrim Church is happy indeed to have these members with us. This addition compares very favorably with the 44 new members added in the previous year.

This year 12 persons severed their membership in our church; and we lost nine members by reason of death, a total loss of 21 members. The net gain in membership was therefore 100 members.

Our different organizations carried on the activities in their respective fields. All report a successful year. The Family Night continued in success in spite of ^{increased} ~~incurred~~ rationing difficulties.

One of the major accomplishments of the year was the final completion of Mr. McQueen's project for the retirement of the mortgage on the Church. The project, begun in 1942, was finished in 1943, and that event is otherwise observed this evening.

The Every Member Canvass was again a success, as all of us who know Donald M. Bellows had the right to assume it would be when he accepted the direction of the canvass. He was ably assisted by A. L. Goodman and E. A. Collins, together with many of the men of the congregation who made the calls.

We have again had a church year under the strain of ~~war year~~. We all earnestly pray that another year will find our nation in a world being in a just and honorable peace. Last year your historian reported one gold star in our service flag, now representing 138 men of the church serving with the Armed Forces. The first gold star placed last year is in memory of Richard Luce. The second

added this year is sacred to the name of Major Reed R. Brunner, who was killed in action in the Atlantic area on or about February 3, 1943.

These men have met a soldiers death; they live in our memory; and in the hopes and deeds of our nation.

In addition to Major Brunner, the following members passed away in the year 1943: Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Allen; Mr. Alex Anderson; Mr. F. E. Blodgett, Mr. Edward A. Grochau; Mrs. Jessie J. Hegardt; Mrs. Harriet Hilton and Mr. Maurice L. Martin.

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REPORT OF BOYS WORK FOR 1943

Cub Pack No. 208 had a total of 35 cubs registered during 1943.

Boys between the ages of 9 and 12 years living in the vicinity of the church are kept track of through church school and public school enrollments and are contacted for membership in our pack.

Paper and scrap drives were actively participated in by the boys, and the cub treasury is in excellent condition as a result. If any members of the church have any of this material to dispose of, please call Ted Raymond at Lakeside 534.

The city wide Cub roundup was participated in by our pack and individual dens ranked high in stunt competition.

A picnic for all cubs, parents, and families was held at Mr. Mahoney's home on the North Shore in September. It was very well attended and an excellent time enjoyed by all.

The officers were as follows:

Cubmaster - E. L. Burg---January through June
Ted Raymond--July through December
Pack Committee - F. J. Voss--Chairman
M. C. Dahl, R. Lowry, J. E. Montague, A. D. Olson,
Hubert Heinzen, E. C. L'Heureux, E. W. Collins, Herbert Sandstedt, J. E. Hoff.

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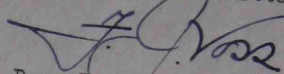
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Respectfully submitted,



Boys Work Chairman.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

~~TENTATIVE~~ BUDGET for CALENDAR YEAR 1944

Pulpit and Office

Pastor's Salary.....	\$5,100.00	
Assistant Treasurer.....	200.00 300.00	
Office Secretary.....	1,200.00 1320.00	
Office Supplies.....	200.00	
Postage and Printing.....	425.00	
Pulpit Supply.....	100.00	
		\$7,285.00 7445.00

Religious Education

Director, Salary.....	1,200.00 1320.00	
Church School Budget.....	600.00	
		1,800.00 1920.00

Music.....		2,000.00 2100.00
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Upkeep of Plant

Salary, Janitor.....	\$1,800.00 1980.00	
Fuel.....	1,000.00	
Power, Light, Water and Gas.....	600.00	
Telephones.....	120.00	
Janitor's Supplies.....	100.00	
Insurance.....	475.00	
Repairs, Church, Parsonage.....	700.00	
		4475.00
		4,795.00

Benevolences

Finnish Missions.....	\$1,200.00	
Apportionment.....	1,800.00	
		3,000.00

Pledge Carleton College.....		600.00
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Contingent Fund.....		500.00
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Accounts Payable Prior Years.....		400.00
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Total.....	\$20,380.00	20740.00
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Pilgrim Congregational Church
Treasury Report
1943

Receipts

Current Plate Collections
Current 1943 Pledges
Back Pledges
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Women's Assembly
Easter Collection
Rentals
Miscellaneous
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1367.64
1508.00
1338.44
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215.00
211.07
575.71
80.00

6871.80

Religious Education

Salary Director
Church School Budget

1700.00
566.00

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Music

Support of Pastor

Salary Janitor
Supplies Janitor
Telephone
Power Light Water Gas
Fuel
Repair church
Repair Parsonage
Insurance
Interest on Mortgage

1803.20
80.00
133.06
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Disbursements

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Other Disbursements

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1696.59

General

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Evangelical Center
Conference Expense
Garage Rental
Advertising
Shakers Church Dinner
Service Flag
Traveling Expense Minister
Removal of ashes
Miscellaneous

65.16
118.95
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Church

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6 Births

14 marriages

17 Baptisms

Meetings of the Congregation called during 1943 were for the purpose of:

1. Electing delegates to the State Conference *12th May - 9th*
2. Elect members of the Service Committee. The personnel of the Committee *Oct. 3*
is: Chairman, Mrs W.C.Lounsbury, R.W.Northup, H.E.Fernam, Mrs R.G.Palmer,
Dr A.G.Athens, Mr W.M.Fox, Mrs W.B.Matter, Mrs B.S.Savin, Miss Laura
MacArthur, William McClearn, Tony Kohlhaas, and Mrs H.G.Manley, secretary.
3. To read and vote on the 1944 Budget *19th*
4. To hear and ratify the report of the Preliminary Nominating Committee.
The personnel of the committee being: R.F.Hunt, chairman, Mrs Albert Baldwin,
Mr I.R.Bartter, Mr T.M.McCabe, Mrs E.M.Rauschenfels, Mrs M.H.Tibbetts, Mr
R.M.Weaver.

Members of the church 1/1/43	793	
Members received in 1943, by Confession and Letter	<u>121</u>	914
Dismissed to other churches	12	
Loss by death	<u>9</u>	<u>21</u>
Net Gain		<u>893</u> 100
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During the year 1943 the minister was absent from his pulpit on six Sundays. As he is given five ~~Sundays~~ weeks vacation there remained but one Sunday on which it was necessary to have pulpit supply. He has baptized persons, performed 17 marriage ceremonies and conducted 15 funeral services. He delivered 57 addresses before various groups during the year.

The outstanding event of the year from the minister's point of view, was the visitation evangelism campaign in March, in which 30 men of the Church took part. As a result of this effort we received 121 persons into as members of Pilgrim Church in 1943. As we lost only 20 we have a net gain in membership of 101. This was a splendid achievement and I wish to express to

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all those who took part in it my sincere appreciation. Another campaign is being planned for this year and with this fine ~~mark~~ work behind us we ought to enter into it with great enthusiasm.

The Every Member Canvass, ~~has turned out to be~~ was a great success in every way. Mr. D. M. Bellows and his assistants, Mr. Laird Goodman and Mr. Eunous Collins led the men of the church this year and all are to be congratulated for a job well done.

The Women's Assembly under the very capable leadership of Mrs. R. S. Barnes has carried on a full program, in spite of wartime difficulties. We could not get along without the fine support the members of the Assembly give to the whole church.

From the reports filed at this meeting you will learn that all organizations of the church have made many forward steps in 1943. Personally, I am more satisfied with our work than at any other time during my pastorate. There is a fine spirit

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of loyalty to the church and its Master and Lord, which is as it should be. My sincere thanks goes out to all of you for your loyalty, your work and your prayers.

I wish also to express my gratitude to Mrs. Mauley, Miss Island, Miss Rogers and Mr. Revals for their great help and co-operation throughout the year.

As we begin this new year together I cannot help but feel a sense of urgency as we work together toward complete harmony with the Kingdom of God. Never, in our generation has there been a better opportunity to spread the truth that shall make us free. Let us therefore, gird up our loins and grasp this opportunity, ere it is too late that the sun may rise on our darkened world through the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

"Break, triumphant day of God,
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Throbbing souls & holy songs
Wait to hail thy dawning here."

Report of The Women's Assembly.

In reading over the Women's Assembly reports of previous years, I find that there has been some large and interesting achievement in each of those years. Aside from the \$3.00 paid on the mortgage, and which really belongs in Mrs. Bug's 1942 year, we, this year have apparently been very busy just with routine duties of the Assembly. Sometimes an organization needs just that type of a year as a "breathing spell" for future efforts, but it does not make an especially interesting Annual Report.

However there are some things that will be of interest to you, and first among these is Mrs. Studis' innovation of using Salties Chapel for the programs which she and her committee planned for us. At each of these we have had a quiet moment of devotion, followed by a speaker, who has widened and kept alert our interest in some particular phase of current city, national, or world affairs. Among these have been Mr. James Nyis address on "Looking Ahead"; Father Rekas' story of his life in Russia & Poland; Miss Leland's talk on our Sunday School; Mr. Joachim's reading of "The Prophet"; Mr. McQueen's review of "The Intentions of Jesus"; Dr. Burt's discussion on Post War Planning, and a symposium on the neighborhood meetings of the League of Women Voters by a group of League Chairmen. Our delightful Christmas luncheon was followed by a program of devotionals and Christmas music, and met in every way the high standard that has been set by Pilgrim women for this special meeting. The program committee, working with

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that of the Christian Service under Mrs. G.W. Taylor, is also responsible for the Bible study classes given on Wed. mornings by Miss Leland, Mrs. J.L. Chapman, & Mrs. Q.S. Kempton, & especially for those given by Mr. McQueen consisting of a series of 6 studies on the Prophets. We all hope that these will continue in 1944.

It is no other way than by planning these Bible studies, the Christian Service has proven its value to the Assembly, but its work has not ended with these. It has increased its pledge to the Red Cross from \$25 to \$35, and has donated time and money to other projects. Some of the local ones are: Light House \$10, - International Institute \$10; Council of Churches \$10; Good will \$5.00; Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, & Y.W.C.A. each \$5.00. They also presented Mr. & Mrs. Tuomisto with a gift of \$25, part of which was also a voluntary contribution in our penny boxes at the Feb. Assembly Luncheon.

Mrs. Arvey has kept us in touch with the Association during this year and was our official hostess at the Association meeting held in Pilgrim Church Oct. 4 & 5th, where we all had a chance to hear of some of the very fine things that these smaller churches are doing.

Mrs. Nordahl & her chaperone experts of the housekeeping committee have made new chaperones for the Primary room, & are at work on some hangings for the Junior room.

Mrs. Buck & her membership committee have called on all of our new members, & invited them to the various group meetings, & as our guests at the May luncheon.

Thanks to our Treasurer, Miss Anna Menhardt, & to our Ways & Means Committee headed by Mrs. M.C. Dahl, we have come thru the year with our financial condition still intact. We can not be too grateful to them for so capably relieving us of this — (cont. on 3)

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side of our Assembly life. We started the year with \$383.¹⁷, paid \$300 on the mortgage, accepted a 1943 budget of \$960, received from our groups and all assembly projects \$795.⁹⁵ and are finishing the year with \$320.⁷⁵ still in our treasury. - Don't ask me how, - but figures don't lie, and Miss Weinhardt has them all under control in her little black book! We are letting this all accumulate, knowing that as soon as this dreadful war is over, there will be many uses for it, none of which can be undertaken right now.

For several years, the Century Club, which is Group II with their men's auxiliary added - has taken over for the Assembly, the Christmas decorations of the church. This year they added to that by combining their own Christmas Party and our usual Dec. Family Vite dinner into an old fashioned Christmas party for all - young. The Assembly helped with the finances but all of the planning & work was done by the Century Club. It seems very fitting that this part of our Christmas program should be taken care of by these young people, and we all hope that the tremendous success of this year's party will inspire them to repeat it every year, and so give to their children the happy memories that all of us have of our own church Christmas Eve Parties.

Much to our regret, we have had to dispense with many of our dinners. - Regret - not over the actual preparation & serving of these meals, but because, in our queer feminine philosophy, meal preparation & serving

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seems to typify our service to our church. However, it would be really difficult to ever subdue that desire to be of service in our Pilgrim Assembly, and already, with the Mrs. Duquesne help, we are finding new fields for our abilities. Group IV has taken over the collection of the assessments for the Quaker Children's Relief. We have a new evening group formed by business women + teachers, + anyone finding it impossible to attend a day time meeting. They are at present having a series of Bible Study under Miss Heland's guidance and have an eagle eye out for any practical service to be done in the church. Mrs. Padden for Group IV has continued with the lovely arrangements of flowers at our Sunday Morning Services.

Pilgrim Women, as always, are shouldering their full share of civic duties, but, at the same time, they are not neglecting their church. Our attendance at the regular Assembly meetings is from 50-100. We have 7 work groups, all of whom have a regular monthly meeting day besides the Assembly day, and many of whom also attend the Bible Classes. We have had two large money-raising all-assembly projects. A luncheon for our 200 in March for the Women's Club, and our very lovely musical tea in late Sept. Mrs. Rauchenfels + Mrs. Wilts had charge of the 1st + Mrs. Tracy + Mrs. Amolt of the tea. Both of these ^{affairs} you may know, were successes from every point of view, and we cleared \$107.74 at the luncheon, and \$176.95 at the tea.

I wish that the Presidency of our Assembly might be made a rotating office so that every member could become

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Duluth, Minnesota
January 12, 1944

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Pilgrim Congregational Church for the year
1943

I am submitting herewith on behalf of the Board of Trustees the following report as to the activities coming under its jurisdiction during the past year.

The Trustees have met periodically with good attendance, and have given consideration to those matters which have been presented by Mr. McQueen and others. The maintenance of the building and parsonage will be covered by the Chairman of the House Committee, Mr. Charles Foster. The Treasurer, Mr. C. D. Stillman, will give you the financial report.

One of the primary duties of the Trustees is to superintend the expenditures of the church money and the raising of the budget. I am very happy to report this year that the budget of \$20,380 adopted by the Congregation has been raised, and sufficient more so that it could be increased by \$560, making a total budget of \$20,900. The Trustees are very gratified at this increase because it permits additional expenditures in certain directions of church activity which are very desirable. I wish to give special commendation to the Chairman of the Every Member Canvass, Mr. Don Bellows, and his able assistants, Mr. Emmons Collins and Mr. Laird Goodman, for their very capable and efficient handling of the canvass, also to Mrs. Manley for her large part of the preparation for the event. I believe the results achieved completely warrant the action taken by the Trustees in approving the Every Member Canvass rather than some other form of money raising which was suggested, but which was a considerable departure from the usual plan. The Canvass produced several nice increases in subscriptions and many additional subscribers. This is as it should be. Our church has increased in membership and new members should take a definite part in the financial support.

During the year the last of the church mortgage was paid off and a satisfaction has been obtained and recorded in the Register of Deeds' office. I believe it is the plan to burn the note at this meeting.

The Woman's Auxiliary, as usual, has supported the budget to the extent of \$900. \$400 of which went to the Benevolences.

I feel there is one weak spot in our financing which should be corrected, namely: The large amount of unpaid subscriptions. I find at the end of December unpaid pledges amounting to approximately \$3,500. We have put in the budget for 1944 an estimate of \$1,500 to be collected. This will mean a carry-over of \$2,000, part of which, of course, will be paid. Our Treasurer advises me that our average loss is about \$1,200 per year, which seems too large an amount in ordinary times. If it were possible to materially reduce the unpaid pledges, this money could be diverted to the needs of the church as there are many things which should be done, but cannot for want of funds.

We closed the year with approximately \$500 in unpaid bills. This item, too, would disappear if people paid their pledges.

The Board of Trustees wishes to extend its thanks to our very able Treasurer, Mr. Stillman, and to Mrs. Manley, and the other officers and employees of the church for their cooperation and good will during the year. We also feel that the church is very fortunate in having as its minister Mr. McQueen with whom we have been able to work so cordially and cooperatively.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred W. Buck
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Pilgrim Congregational Church
Yearly Meeting - January 20, 1943

The yearly meeting of Pilgrim Church was opened by Rev. T. C. McQueen who called for the reading of the minutes of meetings held during 1942.

Mr. E. W. MacPherran moved that the minutes be accepted. Mr. Arthur Roberts seconded this motion and they were accepted as read.

Mr. T. C. McQueen then spoke briefly on the retirement of the church debt.

Mrs. E. Lloyd Burg of the Women's Assembly presented C. E. Carlson with a check in the amount of \$300.00 to finish the balance of the church mortgage. Mr. C. E. Carlson gave a very interesting talk covering the retirement of this debt.

Mr. MacPherran, chairman of the Board of Trustees, explained the proposed budget for 1943 and moved that this budget be adopted and approved. Dr. Magney seconded this motion and the budget was wholly accepted.

Report of the Nominating Committee - Arthur Roberts, Chairman

Upon completion of this report Mr. Roberts moved that this report be accepted. Charles Foster seconded this motion. The report was accepted.

Mr. McQueen asked the clerk to declare a ballot that all names of nominees be accepted.

Mr. McQueen then discussed the report of the Deacons and asked that this report be approved. Mr. E. W. MacPherran moved that complete tabulation be accepted and H. U. Moore seconded this motion.

H. U. Moore moved a vote of thanks for the complete cooperation of the women of Pilgrim Church. Mr. Lounsberry seconded this motion.

Mr. Roberts moved that a vote of thanks be given to Rev. and Mrs. McQueen for the excellent work they were doing. Mr. Macpherran seconded this motion. Mr. McQueen then talked of the complete cooperation he had enjoyed in connection with all of the Church officers.

Mr. W. C. Lounsberry moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. McQueen then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. E. Collins, the new State Superintendent of the State Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Barter

The Religious Education Committee has had as its primary goal this past year a closer contact of parents with the work of the Church School. We feel that the time spent on religious training in the church is far too short and that it is only a part of the whole which includes the training in the home and church and home. We feel that the parents should be ^{more} familiar with the church school work in order ^{better} to understand in what way it supplements the religious training of the home.

It may be interesting for you to know to what extent parents have visited the work in the Church School. These figures may not be absolutely accurate but are approximately close.

Nursery	18 pupils	6 parents visited
Beginners	35 "	6 "
Primary	37 "	35 families represented
Junior	46 "	30 parents visited -
Junior High	57 "	16 "

The average enrollment is 211 and the average attendance is 159. The percentage of attendance is always higher during the winter months than it is in early fall and late spring when the parents' attendance ^{at church} is more irregular.

Again we are pleased with the attendance in our Senior High School Department and the growth in both the Nursery & Beginners Department.

This year instead of providing food for poor people, ^{at their beginning times} as has been done previously, our church school children made an offering of \$50.62 for relief of Greek children.

Pilgrim Fellowship had a very good attendance at its meetings this year, the average being about thirty. ^{Spartan Fellowship} This group sponsored a Youth Conclave to

which were invited young people from twelve different churches. The Religious Education Committee served supper to 320. A worship service in the Sanctuary was followed by a social hour in the Recreation Room.

We want the whole church membership to know how much we appreciate the faithfulness of our teaching staff which consists of eight supervisors and twenty-nine teachers. ~~They have been very devoted to their~~ ^{Since this meeting other churches have followed our} Their devotion has made possible a much higher standard of work in the school. We cannot say too much in their praise.

Appreciation must also be given our Religious Education Director, Miss Leland for her leadership and untiring devotion to details and coordination of the work as a whole. Her vision includes not only for the church school but for all growth of religious experience among our children and young people.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs F. H.) Ruth Taylor Hoagney
Chairman of the Religious Ed. Com

example and have had youth meetings inviting members of other churches.

The Church Service Committee

On September twenty-sixth, nineteen forty-three a short business meeting was held after the church service, at which time the following ammendment to the church constitution was considered and adopted:

"The Service Committee shall consist of a chairman, and representatives from each organization in the church and the number of its members shall be determined by the congregation at any meeting of the church.

"Its duties shall be to discover, supervise and recommend to the various organizations of the church all projects for service within and without the community."

The personnel of this committee is,

1. Trustees - Mr. R. W. Northrup
 2. Deacons - Mr. H. E. Farnum
 3. Religious Education - Miss Laura McArthur
 4. Women's Assembly - Mrs. R. G. Palmer
 5. Men's Club - H. A. G. Athens
 6. Pilgrim Century Club - Mr. W. M. Fox
 7. Pilgrim Fellowship - Wm. McClearn
 8. Boy Scouts - Tony Kahlhaas
 9. Girl Scouts - Mrs. W. B. Matter
 10. Christian Service Council - Mrs. B. B. Savin.
Secretary, Mrs. H. G. Manley, Chairman, Mrs. W. C. Lounsbury
- * ~~over~~ This committee is responsible to the church and presents recommendations as to the allocation of funds and the acceptance or rejection of requests that come to it from

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within our organization and well from the ¹² outside.

Three such requests have been received, First, from the state ~~also~~ ^{for} the Women's Work. Second, from the National Committee for the Rehabilitation of Greek children and thirdly, one million hours of service from Pilgrim Fellowship groups.

This Service Committee held its first meeting on October sixth at which time Mr. McQueen explained the work and projects of the Women's Organization of the State and it was voted to give to them the Thank Offering taken in November. Mr. McQueen also ~~exp~~ told us of the work of the National Committee for War Victims and Services and stated that the government had allocated the rehabilitation of Greek children as the work for the Congregational Churches. This committee for War Victims and Services has set as its goal one dollar per member and in this church group six of the Women's assembly, under the leadership of Mrs. R. A. Armstrong has undertaken to contact every member with real hope of success.

The other national request of one million hours of service from Pilgrim Fellowship groups, prompted the request from this committee that the Pilgrim Fellowship

group in our church undertake the sending⁽³⁾
of a gift to our members in service and
also the financing of that gift. This they
most cheerfully agreed to do, thus placing
quite a burden on their young shoulders,
so I bespeak for them the loyal support
of our congregation in whatever effort
they may put forth to settle their
obligation.

Our committee as you see is merely
a clearing house for ideas and requests
but we hope to be able to unify and
coordinate the work and services of the
various departments of Pilgrim Church.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. W. C. Lounsbury
Chairman.

Jan. 10, 1944

Officers and Members of
Pilgrim Congregational Church,
Duluth, Minnesota

The Buildings and Grounds Committee beg to submit the following report:

During the past year the necessary expenditures were made to maintain the buildings and equipment in usable condition.

The woodwork on the exterior of the Church was painted.

Storm windows have been placed on some windows in the Sunday School class rooms, and others are ordered.

Only minor repairs were required to the heating system.

The cleaning and painting of the walls of the several class rooms, stair halls and Recreational Room in the basement, together with the varnishing of the floors was done mostly by the Custodian.

Thanks to the co-operation of the Church Office and the Custodian the building and equipment is well maintained.

At the Manse the walls of various rooms were redecorated and the floors varnished. Some minor repairs and renewals were required for the stoker.

Estimates of cost were obtained for finishing one additional room in the basement for Sunday School use. The cost of this improvement was above the amount which would be approved by the War Production Board, hence this project must wait until restrictions are removed.

During the coming year it is recommended that the exterior of the Manse be painted and that the lawn at the rear be levelled and seeded.

Respectfully submitted,

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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January 12, 1944

To the members of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

The Men's Club started their year with a meeting on October 12, 1943. J.O. Christenson was our speaker. On November 9, 1943 our speaker was David Bryn-Jones. On January 11, 1944 we had a joint meeting with the Methodist Men's Club and listened to Dr Silas Evans of Northfield. This meeting was held at the Methodist Church. We have three more meetings before the close of the year and they are on February 8th, March 14th and April 11th.

The paid membership in the club is 80 which is good but not good enough. Every ~~man~~ man belonging to the church should be a sustaining member of this club. In that way we have the funds to bring these excellent speakers from out of town. During these war times every man in the church should do all he possibly can to support the activities of his church. Let's make next year a better one for our club.

Pilgrim Men's Club

A Laird Goodman -President
Ivan R Bartter -Secretary

