

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

PRESENTED AT

THE ANNUAL MEETING

January 16, 1952

THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE - JANUARY 1952

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The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following names as candidates for each of the offices and committees listed below:

TRUSTEES FOR THREE YEARS: MR. T. M. MCCABE, MRS. G. H. SPENCER, MR. C. M. HEIMBACH

DEACONS FOR THREE YEARS: DR. A. G. ATHENS, MR. E. R. BECHTEL, MR. O. L. COLEMAN,
MR. M. E. LINQUIST, MR. A. C. OTT, MR. DOUGLAS WALKER,

<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>ASS'T TREASURER</u>	<u>CLERK</u>	<u>HISTORIAN</u>
MR. C. D. STILLMAN	MR. J. M. HARRIS	MR. C. A. ILSE	MR. JOHN VANZANDT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS:

MR. M. A. EDLEMAN, DR. D. F. WALKER

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE:

MRS. H. J. MCCLEARN, CHAIRMAN
MR. AND MRS. J. M. BAYLY MR. AND MRS. G. M. MACAULAY, JR.
MR. AND MRS. J. M. MORRISON, DR. AND MRS. V. R. PLUMB,
MRS. ARTHUR ROBERTS, MISS MAY ROBINSON, MR. AND MRS. A. O.
SKARET, MRS. M. H. TIBBETTS, MR. AND MRS. C. T. WILLIAMS.

STANDING COMMITTEE:

MRS. P. F. HEIMICK, MRS. A. T. LAIRD, MRS. F. L. MAHLER,
MRS. J. E. MONTAGUE, MRS. E. M. RAUSCHENFELS,
MRS. W. A. NEWMAN.

MUSIC COMMITTEE:

MR. R. E. PAGE, CHAIRMAN
MRS. E. F. BLU, MRS. T. W. DOAN, MRS. KENNETH DUNCAN
MRS. H. A. GARVER, DR. W. A. JOHNSON, MRS. F. W. SPICER.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:

MR. T. B. SILLIMAN, CHAIRMAN,
DR. W. R. BAGLEY, MRS. W. M. FOX, MR. AND MRS. R. G.
PALMER, MRS. J. B. RAYN.

REPRESENTATIVES TO UNION GOSPEL MISSION:

MRS. W. D. AVERY,
MR. AND MRS. W. F. BALDWIN, MR. A. L. GOODMAN

USHERS:

CHIEF USHER, MR. JOHN DALTON,
CAPTAINS, MR. H. W. GRIGGS, MR. R. B. RHODE, MR. ROBERT PENNIE

MR. GRIGG'S TEAM

MR. W. M. FOX
MR. N. A. MOBERG
MR. A. J. OLSON
MR. G. H. SPENCER, JR
MR. R. M. SMITH

MR. RHODE'S TEAM

MR. W. F. ARNDT
MR. R. P. FOX
MR. F. W. HANSEN
MR. R. S. KNOWLTON
MR. T. J. LEE
DR. R. L. SWANSTROM

MR. ROBERT PENNIE'S TEAM

MR. J. C. ANDRESEN
MR. BRUCE BUCHANAN
MR. JAMES HANSON
MR. J. M. MORRISON
MR. F. R. NEWLON
MR. R. D. YATES

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. H. W. Clark, Mr. W. C. Dunbar
Mr. H. E. Farnum, Mrs. R. W. Lundquist
Mrs. G. C. MacRae, Mr. F. E. Stout, Jr.

Mrs. E. L. Burg, Chairman.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
REPORT OF TREASURER, YEAR 1951 -

RECEIPTS:

Current Plate Collections	\$ 2,638.84
Current Pledges	29,583.27
Back Pledges	1,144.45
Church School Collections	304.09
Easter Collections	788.12
Rental	267.55
Women's Assembly	900.00
Bulletin Advertising	260.00
Social Action Letter	163.50
Miscellaneous	710.45

\$ 36,760.27

DISBURSEMENTS:

PULPIT & OFFICE

Salary, Pastor	\$ 7,500.00
Salary, Church Office	2,400.00
Office Supplies	249.88
Postage & Printing	1,067.29
Pilgrim Pilot	299.85
Pulpit Supply	490.00
Pastor's Contingent Fund	189.80

\$ 12,196.82

MUSIC:

Salary, Director	\$ 1,200.00
Choir & Care of Organ	2,174.97

\$ 3,374.97

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Salary, Director	\$ 3,500.00
Church School Budget	750.66

\$ 4,250.66

UPKEEP OF PLANT:

Salary, Janitor	\$ 2,606.40
Supplies, Janitor	171.29
Power, Light, Water, Gas	793.15
Telephones	184.97
Fuel	2,545.09
Maintenance of Parsonage	687.29
Repairs, Church	2,836.60
Repairs, Parsonage	97.65
Insurance	1,001.25
Removal of Ashes and Garbage	155.00

\$ 11,078.69

BENEVOLENCES:

Finnish Mission	\$ 1,200.00
Other Benevolences	2,714.60

\$ 3,914.60

REPORT OF TREASURER, YEAR 1951 - CONTINUED

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GENERAL:

Every Member Canvass	\$ 201.30	
Advertising	58.31	
Social Security	109.64	
Assessments	446.63	
Miscellaneous	194.61	
Conference Expenses & Dues	254.00	
Social Action Letter	163.50	
Special, Church School	583.10	
		\$ 2,011.09
		36,826.83

SUMMARY:

BALANCES, January 1, 1951		
Church School Missions	87.79	
Church	8.14	
		\$ 95.93

RECEIPTS:		\$ 95.93
		36,760.27

DISBURSEMENTS:		36,856.20
		36,826.83

BALANCES, December 31, 1951		
Church School Missions	48.40	
Church, O/D	(19.03)	
		29.37

ANALYSIS OF BENEVOLENCES:

FINNISH MISSIONS	\$ 1,200.00
Union Gospel Mission	206.00
Dr. Laubach	25.00
Church School Missions	87.79
Gideons	25.95
American Sunday School Union	50.00
State Conference, Korean Children	125.07
Thank Offering	466.27
Retired Ministers	540.40
Chicago Theological Seminary	350.00
Work of Northland College	279.37
Congregational Center, U. of M.	279.37
Conference Work, Minnesota	279.38
	\$ 3,914.60

Plastering Contract	\$ 1,950.72
Paid	1,250.72
Unpaid at December 31, 1951	\$ 700.00
BALANCE, Memorial Fund	\$ 965.47

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Stillman,
Treasurer.

CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1951

To the Officers and Members of
Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth:

During 1951 there were:

15 Deaths	24 New Members
18 Births	29 Dismissals
16 Marriages	4 Dropped from membership at own request

Dismissals were:

Mrs. Helen Watts Marconett to the First Presbyterian Church,
Virginia, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Phillips, Jr., to United Protestant Church,
Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver Hall, to First Congregational Church,
St. Johns, Michigan.

Mrs. George Dalton, First Congregational Church, Tucson, Arizona.

Mrs. Jane Jenswold Easling, to First Congregational Church,
Traverse City, Michigan.

Mr. Roy W. Highberg, to First Methodist Church, Warrington, Florida.

Mr. William Harrison, to First Presbyterian Church, Carlsbad,
New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Knepper, Don Y. Knepper, Chestnut Street
Congregational Church, Wooster, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Jacob Zolar, Central Avenue M. E. Church, Duluth, Minnesota.

Mrs. Allan McCullough, First Methodist Church, Baker, Oregon.

Miss Elizabeth Ann Zelle, to Central Presbyterian Church, Houston,
Texas.

Dr. Elizabeth Kerr and Mrs. J. A. Kerr, to Plymouth Congregational
Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Bourne, to House of Hope Presbyterian Church,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mrs. D. A. Gilbert, to First Congregational Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Durham, to First Methodist Church, Wausau, Wis.

Mrs. Lester Hunt and William Hunt to First Presbyterian Church,
Del Ray Beach, Florida.

Miss Jane Baldwin, to Christ Church, New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin, to Northminster Presbyterian Church,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mrs. Virginia Manley Johnson, to First Presbyterian Church,
Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Milton H. Jones, to Edina-Morningside Church, Minneapolis,
Minnesota.

Dropped from membership at own request were:

Mr. and Mrs. John Highberg

Mrs. John Pasternacki

Mrs. Leonard Griffith

The Nominating Committee to select a slate of candidates for 1952 consists
of the following persons:

Mrs. E. L. Burg, Chairman, Mr. H. W. Clark, Mr. W. C. Dunbar, Mr. H. E.
Farnam, Mrs. R. W. Lundquist, Mrs. G. C. MacRae, and Mr. F. E. Stout, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Robert H. Hood

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3. ACTIVITIES - Children's Day and the Thanksgiving dinner for four families through gifts of the Church School children. Christmas gifts were collected for the Holiday Program.

4. DISCIPLINE - It is the earnest desire of everyone to have the children go about the church and to their classes in a quiet and orderly manner, to respect church property and to listen attentively in their classes. It does not seem to be the nature of the children in our church to do this. We have asked the Men's Club to provide monitors to keep order in the halls while classes are passing. We are also trying to procure carpeting for the stairway to the Junior room which resounds with each footstep.

5. ATTENDANCE - Enrollment (through 7th grade) - This year 175
Last year 160
Average attendance - This year 103
Last year 99

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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The Religious Education Committee met frequently with Miss Belt and Dr. Phillips throughout the year in an effort to build a sound and active department of our church.

The Committee considered the Church School and its various problems, the curriculum, the finding of competent teachers, the activities of the Church School, discipline, attendance, and physical needs and materials, as well as Pilgrim Fellowship, Cambridge Club, and the Vacation Church School.

The following is a brief summary of the present status of these departments:

1. CURRICULUM - The aim of the curriculum is the development of Christian character, through the teaching of Christ-like attitudes and ideas and the study of Jesus, His background, life and teachings.
2. TEACHERS - The procurement of competent teachers has been extremely difficult. We now have a staff of 16 loyal teachers for whom we are very grateful.

Last October Miss Belt conducted a Teacher Training Institute to aid those who were teaching and to interest others in teaching by giving them background knowledge and teaching methods. Although Miss Belt had made extensive preparations for these meetings, there were so few in attendance that this project was dropped.

3. ACTIVITIES - Children's Day and the Christmas party were carried out in the usual manner. Thanksgiving dinner was provided for four families through gifts of the Church School children. Christmas gifts were collected for the Holiday Bureau.
4. DISCIPLINE - It is the earnest desire of everyone to have the children go about the church and to their classes in a quiet and orderly manner, to respect church property and to listen attentively in their classes. It does not seem to be the nature of the children in our church to do this. We have asked the Men's Club to provide monitors to keep order in the halls while classes are passing. We are also trying to procure carpeting for the stairway to the Junior room which resounds with each footstep.
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6. MATERIALS AND PHYSICAL NEEDS - The budget allowed the Religious Education Department has been adequate to cover all necessary usual expenses. This has been supplemented by gifts from other groups and individuals for which we have been most appreciative. Group 2A gave \$50 which was used for the purchase of an excellent set of colored slides on the history of the church. Another generous gift made possible the purchase of a new carpet for the nursery, a tape recorder (which is available to any group in the church), a filing cabinet for the Religious Education office, and records for the Nursery.

7. Pilgrim Fellowship continues to be an active organization with a potential membership of 35 and an average attendance of 24.

8. The Cambridge Club has been relatively inactive in spite of the efforts of several interested adults to make it into an active group.

9. A Vacation Church School was started last summer and was in session for two weeks. The attendance was small but enthusiastic. About 25 children attended with 5 teachers, three of whom were high school girls.

We wish to express our thanks to all those who have so generously given of their time and energy to help carry out this program, by teaching or contributing gifts. We also wish to thank Miss Belt for her cooperative attitude and to commend her for the work she is doing.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE M. JACOBSON

The Every Member Canvass dinner ended our work of the year. Mrs. W. L. Kistall was in charge of the kitchen and Mrs. E. B. McDonald of the dining room.

I wish to thank the members of the Assembly, the supervisors, committee heads, the officers, Mrs. Manley and Miss Belt, for their untiring help and cooperation during the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER M. SPENCER (Mrs. G. H.)

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY FOR 1951

The Women's Assembly has had a successful year. Nine regular meetings; and three All-Assembly projects - the Annual church dinner meeting in January under the able direction of Mrs. W. F. Baldwin and Mrs. E. M. Nelson in the kitchen, and Mrs. L.C. David and Mrs. T.F. Phillips in charge of the dining room; The Fall Tea in September with a lovely musical program arranged by Mrs. Kenneth Duncan, and the Bazaar and luncheon in November.

Instead of the weekly Lenten talks given in the past years, Dr. Phillips gave a Lenten talk on Ash Wednesday following the Assembly luncheon and arranged a beautiful Communion Service at the March meeting, with some of the wives of the Deacons serving, and lovely music by Miss Rogers and Mrs. Hobe.

The Assembly provided flowers for the Sunday morning services for nine months which were later sent to the sick in the hospital or the shut-ins. During the summer different groups arranged garden flowers. The Easter memorial flowers were beautifully arranged by Mrs. Von, Mrs. Jacobson and Mrs. Van Eyora. Mrs. Patch arranged the attractive Thanksgiving decoration.

Four dinners were prepared for the Men's Club by the different groups and served by the men. The men seemed to enjoy these and the groups glad to have a means of helping toward their group pledges.

In May we had our birthday luncheon. Many books were brought for Nopeming at this meeting, and a delightful program, "Gay Nineties Chorus" was given by the Matinee Musicales group led by Mrs. Orr Hamilton.

We had many fine programs throughout the year arranged by Mrs. Stratton and her committee. The September meeting was arranged by the Community Interests committee, and the October program was under the direction of the Friendly Service committee, at which time the women of the Morgan Park Community Church were our guests.

The Community Interests and Friendly Service committees have increased their work this year in giving financial help and in other ways. Layettes have been made by the groups and sent to the projects needing them, many boxes of clothing and household goods were packed and sent. Gifts were brought for needy children, and Christmas gifts bought and wrapped attractively for one of the nursing homes, and help given to the "Over 65 Club".

The Housekeeping committee constantly replenished our needs in both kitchen and dining room. This year new china was bought, Also new matting for the narthex and a new rug for the foyer was purchased. These were given to the church by the Women's Assembly from their reserve fund.

The Bazaar and luncheon on November 28th was again a great success - financially we made over \$1500.00, and otherwise gained much more by working throughout the year on a project that brings all the groups together. Mrs. E. G. Peterson and her able committee arranged the delicious luncheon, and Mrs. F. W. Buck and Mrs. R. N. Chaffee and their committee arranged the attractive decorations. Each group was responsible for its own booth, and had a wealth of attractive and useful articles for sale. My co-chairmen, Mrs. T. J. Kitts and Mrs. Manley, helped work out and supervise the whole project, with the invaluable help of Mrs. Lindberg and Louis Laurin.

The Every Member Canvass dinner ended our work of the year. Mrs. E. L. Kimball was in charge of the kitchen and Mrs. R. B. McDonald of the dining room.

I wish to thank the members of the Assembly, the supervisors, committee heads, the officers, Mrs. Manley and Miss Belt, for their untiring help and cooperation during the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSICA M. SPENCER (Mrs. G. H.)

THE REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN - 1951

To the Members of Pilgrim Congregational Church:

In this, the chronicle of Pilgrim Congregational Church for the year 1951, recognition should be given not only to the fact that during the year the usual pattern of church activities has been continued but also to a number of changes which the year has witnessed.

In October our Minister, Dr. John M. Phillips, tendered to the Church membership his resignation effective as of the end of the year. Dr. Phillips, who has been our Minister since November 1945, is leaving Duluth to accept a call from the First Congregational Church of Lockport, Illinois.

Under the expert direction of Miss Dorothy Belt, who came to Pilgrim Church as Director of Religious Education in the fall of 1950, the Sunday School has made and is continuing to make definite progress in increased attendance, improved educational methods, and a growing interest among the student body.

During the year the Pilgrim Men's Club, under the leadership of its able President, Mr. W. A. Newman, has continued to assume a more important niche in the structure and life of the Church. Five dinner and program meetings were held and the Men's Club has in other ways taken an interest in the affairs and work of the Church. Of outstanding note in the work of the Men's Club was its unusually successful sponsorship of the annual Every Member Canvass for raising funds for 1952 annual budget.

It is with regret that we here record for the annals of the Church the passing away of the following Church members during the year:

Dr. E. L. Armstrong
Dr. Mark H. Tibbetts
E. L. Armstrong, Jr.
Mrs. Emma Meining Boyer
William J. O'Connor
Mrs. Kate Allen Barnes
Joseph O. Seftenberg

William E. Tracy, Sr.
Alfred W. Frick
Miss Lillian Meinhardt
Newton De Forest
Dr. Waldo N. Graves
Mrs. W. S. Huber
Mrs. A. E. Walker

A chronicle such as this, embracing but the brief period of one year's life of the Church, could be limited exclusively to more or less tangible and objective matters and events. However, it would seem only proper and realistic here to record some recognition of a general resurgence of interest among the members of Pilgrim Church in the affairs and activities of the Church and of the growing spirit of determination and hopefulness that in the year which is now upon us Pilgrim Church will continue to activate and to utilize the great potential of energy and good will which exists within the Church itself and in the minds and hearts of its members.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD P. CLARKE, Historian

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS
PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FOR THE YEAR 1951

The Board of Deacons held twelve meetings during the year with an average attendance of twelve members.

Many matters of interest and importance to the church were discussed and given necessary attention.

1. Mr. James W. Walker again served as Communion Service Supervisor, with Mr. Frost and Mr. Bradley as his assistants. Four communion services were held during the year.
2. Mr. C. L. Edson was named to represent the Board of Deacons on the Religious Education Committee.
3. During February the deacons presented gifts to both Mrs. Manley and Miss Rogers in token of appreciation for their long and faithful services to Pilgrim Church.
4. Union Lenten services again were held in conjunction with five other East End churches.
5. Supply ministers for our pulpit were provided by the Board for the nine Sundays in July and August that Dr. Phillips was on vacation.
6. Dr. Elderkin was a guest at our October meeting, to the delight of those in attendance.

The Board, as well as Pilgrim Church itself, sustained a great loss in the death during October of life deacon A. W. Frick, father of our faithful Church Secretary. The memory of his life and character will be an inspiration to all who were privileged to know and work with him.

On Sunday morning, October 21, 1951, Dr. John M. Phillips, for the past six years minister of Pilgrim Church, read his resignation at the close of the service. The resignation was accepted unanimously at a business meeting of the church on Sunday, November 18, to become effective January 1, 1952, Dr. Phillips to receive three month's salary in appreciation of his services. We bespeak for Doctor and Mrs. Phillips a large measure of health, success and happiness in their new field of endeavor, the pastorate of First Congregational Church, Lockport, Illinois.

The Board of Deacons and all members of Pilgrim Church rejoice over the success of Mr. Jesse D. Bradley and his efficient staff selected from the Mens Club, in bringing to a successful conclusion the recent Every Member Canvass.

The generosity of our congregation in replenishing the Deacons' Fund is appreciated. A balance of \$102.09 remains in the fund at this time.

Grateful acknowledgement also is given for the unselfish service rendered by the deacons' wives in caring for the communion service.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Hubert U. Moore

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Senior Deacon

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