

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

PRESENTED AT

T H E A N N U A L M E E T I N G

JANUARY 21, 1959

OUR COVENANT

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord made known or to be made known to us. We therefore join and covenant with each other to worship, work and serve together as loyal disciples of Jesus, to live among our fellow men a life of righteousness and brotherly love, and to do all within our power to promote the reign of God's will in all human relations.

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REPORT OF THE CLERK

1.

On January 1, 1958 the membership of Pilgrim Church was: 1,002

New members during 1958:

On Confession of Faith	18	
By Letter of Transfer	13	
Reaffirmation of Faith	<u>3</u>	34

Members lost during 1958:

Removed by death	13	
Letters of Transfer granted	<u>17</u>	<u>30</u>

Net gain in membership during 1958

4

Total Membership as of January 1, 1959

1,006

Of this total 830 are resident in Duluth and 176 are non-resident.

During the year 28 births were recorded and 20 children and 2 young people were baptized.

Members lost by death were:

Mrs. Paul F. Otis
Mrs. Alma C. Vogt
Mr. Hugo E. Modean
Mrs. W. L. Droege
Mrs. John F. Thompson
Miss Mabel Adams
Rev. Charles W. Ramshaw

Mr. Roger M. Woodbridge
Mr. Edward A. Vogt
Mrs. E. A. Grochau
Mrs. O. L. Coleman
Charles Alan Herbert
Mrs. W. L. Bloedel

Letters of Transfer were issued to the following persons:

Mark H. Tibbetts to First Methodist, Petoskey, Michigan
Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Johnston to First Congregational, Robbinsdale, Minnesota
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Healy to Trinity Methodist, Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest D. Nelson to the Federated Church, Morris, Minnesota
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Tayler to Palos Park Presbyterian Community, Palos Park, Ill
Mrs. Harold L. Brandeberry to First Central Congregational, Omaha, Nebraska
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd V. Brovald to The Mayfield Methodist, Cleveland, Ohio
Mrs. George S. Lamb to Plymouth Congregational, Seattle, Washington
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon V. Mead to First Presbyterian, Winter Haven, Florida
Mrs. Lee R. Farmer to First Congregational, La Grange, Illinois
Rev. Lucian J. Marsh to First Congregational, Medford, Minnesota

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Appelquest, Clerk

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED DURING 1958

2.

February 2

Mrs. Dee F. Anderson
902 South Lake Avenue

Mrs. Richard L. Davidson
Route 4, Box 278

Mrs. Jack H. Duncan
1625 East Fourth Street

Mrs. J. G. Mickelsen
222 South 21st Avenue East

April 3

Mr. and Mrs. Quinton T. Martin
2521 East Sixth Street

Mary-Carol Martin
2521 East Sixth Street

Confirmation Class

Jean Arndt
Frederick H. Bagley
Warner Griggs
Ann Jacobson
Thomas R. Johnson
Robert B. Mickelsen
Robert N. Moberg
Lynn Moehring

Keith Patch
Donald Priest
Richard Rhode
Donald Smith
Scott Stephenson
John Swanstrom
Donald Walker
Page Whyte

May 25

Mr. Stephen W. Collins
2102 Dunedin Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Orvin M. Hieb
19 Morley Parkway

November 30

Miss Carolyn Allen
318 No. 21st Avenue East

Miss Lyda Belthuis
211 St. Paul Avenue

Mrs. A. H. Miller
1916 Kent Road

Mr. Willard T. Peterson
8907 Congdon Boulevard

Mr. and Mrs. William Stubenvoll
3028 East First Street

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Welch
221 Arrowhead Road

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

1958 was an eventful year for Pilgrim Congregational Church. The remodeling and improvements suggested by the Planning Committee were carried out. The sum of \$145,000 was raised by pledge and subscription to take care of this work. This includes paying off the church mortgage.

The historical records of Pilgrim Congregational Church are carefully filed in one central location. There is a file of annual reports of the church and a complete file of bound church bulletins. There are records of previous anniversaries, pictures and newspaper clippings of church events in books and folders in the central historical file maintained in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Laird Goodman, Historian

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

3.

The Board of Deacons for the year 1958 consisted of Messrs. J. C. Andresen, C. M. Bagley, E. L. Burg, H. Carpenter, H. P. Clarke, A. H. Forsan, J. Fuller, F. W. Hansen, R. L. Heller, F. C. Jacobson, R. W. Johnson, E. N. Livingston, J. M. Morrison, R. E. Nutting, E. Irvine Parson, V. R. Plumb, and D. F. Walker. We note here, with deep regret, the loss of one of our number, Mr. R. M. Woodbridge, whose death occurred on August 6, 1958.

The Board of Deacons has held nine regular meetings during the past year and has participated in the two meetings of the Church Council.

The biennial meeting of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches was held in Boston in June, 1958. Dr. W. L. Halfaker and the Chairman of your Board of Deacons attended this meeting as delegates of the Duluth Association. We are pleased to note that Dr. Halfaker has received the distinction of being elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions and also a member of the Building Committee of that Board.

Guest ministers in the Pilgrim Church pulpit during the past year have included Rev. Carl A. Hansen, who was recently installed as Minister and Executive Secretary of the Congregational Conference of Minnesota; Rev. David Maitland, Chaplain at Carleton College; James Halfaker, son of our Dr. Halfaker and a student at Yale Divinity School; Dr. Ray E. Phillips, who was ordained in Pilgrim Church in 1917 and who is the new Moderator of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches for the three year period ending in 1961; Dr. Arvel M. Steece, of Northland College; Dr. Leslie A. Bechtel, of Herbster, Wisconsin; and Rev. Jack Borckardt, Director of the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus, Christian Fellowship.

We are pleased to recognize and to have with us the newly organized Junior and Chapel Choirs, under the able direction of Miss Carolyn Allen.

While other reports at this Annual Meeting will review the various aspects of the church building program which was completed late this past year, it is perhaps appropriate in this report to make particular mention of our new Youth Chapel, which **will most certainly assume a significant and meaningful role** in the religious life of our Sunday School and Youth Group.

Pilgrim Church now stands before us as a structure of renewed strength and beauty, affording within its brick and mortar the finest of means and opportunities to pursue all of those activities for which a church is built. With this in mind, may we now strive to "worship, work and serve together" in the true spirit of our Covenant - to the end that the spirit and quality of the fellowship within its walls may be a reflection of the strength and beauty of the sanctuary itself.

H. P. Clarke, Chairman

Board of Deacons

REPORT OF THE PARISH VISITOR

The Parish Visitor worked 67 hours during six months of this past year, traveling 174 miles and making a total of 80 calls.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Tibbetts, Parish Visitor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

4.

Members of the Board of Trustees for the year 1958 were S. F. Atkins, Fred W. Buck, Mrs. E. C. Congdon, H. E. Farnam, Robert H. Hood, Verne D. Johnson, Norman A. Moberg, James Montague and Fred J. Voss.

Mr. Farnam was elected chairman and Mr. Moberg, secretary. The following standing committees were appointed: Custodian of Records, Robert H. Hood; Building and Grounds, Verne Johnson and Fred Voss; Insurance, Fred Buck and James Montague; Benevolences, Mrs. Congdon and Sam Atkins; Executive Committee, H. E. Farnam, Fred Buck and Norman Moberg.

The finances of the church are in good shape. At the close of the year all bills and obligations due had been paid and there was a balance of \$200.33 in the General Fund as indicated in the report of the treasurer. Repair and maintenance expenditures were unusually high due to certain expenditures made necessary by our remodeling program. It was necessary to install new water and gas services for the church since the old pipes were in very poor condition. The cement slab at the rear of the church had to be replaced and certain repairs to roof copings were necessary.

A major repair item which had not been anticipated was the work required on the roof over the sanctuary. It was discovered that this roof was in such condition as to require immediate attention to prevent extensive damage. All of the slate was removed and the roof relaid as new. About one third of the slate could be reused. The balance is new slate. Copper flashings were included with this work and the roof over the north aisle was covered with standing-seam copper roofing since there is little pitch on this roof. New copper gutters and down spouts were included with this. The cost of this roof work was \$11,381, which was \$566 less than the contract price. A payment of \$8,000 was made on this account from the Depreciation Fund. The item of \$4,000 included in the 1959 budget for the Depreciation Fund will cover payment of the balance of \$3,381 which is due by June 1st.

Necessary changes in our insurance coverage have been made in view of changing values and the remodeling work which has been completed. Prior to the start of the building program in 1958, the church carried a total of \$398,000 on the church building and \$16,000 on the contents with 80% co-insurance clause applying. In May of 1958 the church hired Patchin Appraisal, Inc., of Minneapolis to prepare an appraisal of the church values at that time, which resulted in a sound insurable value for the building of \$684,445.92. Based on that appraisal figure and an estimate made of the possible increase in value to the building as a result of the remodeling work, an additional \$220,000 coverage was placed on the church building, making a total on the building of \$618,000. Then in January of 1959, when the entire remodeling program was completed, Patchin again looked at the church and appraised the sound insurable value of the building as \$764,001.85. In this figure is included an item of \$19,000 for stained and art glass windows, which are specifically insured under a separate policy. Deducting that amount from the appraised figure and multiplying that by 80% we get a minimum value, which we should insure of \$595,280. Since we are carrying \$618,000 insurance, we are complying with the 80% co-insurance clause and because of the general trend still continuing toward inflation, it was decided to leave the church insurance in the amount of \$618,000 on the building. We have also increased the insurance on contents by adding \$4,000 to make a total of \$20,000 on contents. This is made necessary in view of recent additions to our equipment.

Mr. Leonard Griffith was appointed Loyalty Day Chairman. The campaign is completed, with the exception of a few pledges not yet received but expected to be received soon. New pledges and increases have totaled \$3,778. However, we have lost over \$2,000 in pledges by death and removal and another \$2,300 in decreases reflecting special problems and current economic conditions. Thus it appears that our total pledges for 1959 will be about \$500 less than the total for 1958.

In view of this situation, the Trustees have reviewed the budget for 1959 proposed at the time of the Loyalty Day Dinners. A few minor changes were made on the basis of actual expenditures for 1958 and it is felt that it will be necessary to transfer the item of \$5,145 designated for the payment of special assessments in connection with the storm sewer and alley pavement from the General Fund budget to the Building Fund. This will make the total budget proposed for 1959 \$67,775. We recommend the adoption of the proposed budget for 1959 with these changes.

The Trustees wish to express their appreciation to Mr. Griffith and his committee for their efforts in connection with the Loyalty Day Campaign.

The Building Fund balance December 31 was \$13,492.46. Since that time final payments have been made on our contracts with J. D. Harrold, general contract, and Chester Zimm, Inc., ventilating and heating. Final payment for the pews in the Chapel will be made this month and sufficient funds are on hand to complete our payment to the architect. With the payment of these amounts all of the contemplated work of remodeling will have been completed and all obligations paid in full, with the exception of a fund of \$2,000 set aside for the completion of the landscaping work which will be done in the spring. We have been able to meet all obligations in connection with the building program as they became due without any borrowing, thanks to the prompt payment of gifts and pledges to the building fund by members of the congregation. The Trustees wish to express their appreciation for the splendid cooperation which has made possible this achievement.

Beginning with this month all payments on the church mortgage will be made from the Building Fund. Prompt payment of the amount outstanding on Building Fund pledges will enable us to reduce this mortgage rapidly and effect a substantial saving in interest charges.

The report of the Building Committee indicates our need for \$8,000 in the Building Fund over and above present pledges to complete payment in full on the church mortgage. This is in addition to a special gift of \$3,000 received recently to pay for the pews in the Chapel. Original plans called for folding chairs in the Chapel. This special gift made it possible for us to order the pews. No special campaign is planned to raise this \$8,000. It is hoped that some who have already paid their pledges might like to make an additional contribution at this time to help us reach our goal.

The bequest of \$2,000 left to the church by Mrs. Rufus H. Draper has been used to provide excellent new equipment for the new Crib Room and the pre-school rooms of the Church School. This equipment is standard public school equipment which should last many years. It was a great help to the Building Committee to be able to use this fund for this purpose.

The following memorial gifts were received during 1958. An electric reed organ for the Primary Department was given in memory of Dr. Webster A. Johnson. Two sterling silver Communion Bread Trays were given in memory of Nellie Williams Moore. In the Chapel the Reredos was given in memory of Arthur M. Clure, the Altar in memory of Dalton A. LeMasurier, and the Cross, Candlesticks, Vases and Lectern in memory of Mrs. Paul F. Otis.

A special word of appreciation is due our treasurer, Mr. Jesse D. Bradley, for his efficient handling of our church finances. The building program added a great deal of work to his responsibilities this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Farnam, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

5a.

Following the special business meeting of the church on Sunday, May 11, when the Board of Trustees and the Building Committee were authorized to negotiate contracts with the low bidders and proceed with the building program as outlined, contracts were promptly negotiated and the work was under way by June 1.

The work progressed rapidly through the summer, thanks to careful planning and the splendid cooperation of the various contractors involved. Church School was dismissed after Children's Day, May 18, and from that point on no meetings were scheduled in the church outside the sanctuary. Services in the sanctuary continued until July 13 when it was necessary to discontinue services while the work on the organ and the sanctuary lighting was done. We were able to resume services September 14 and the Church School resumed a full schedule September 28.

The careful planning and estimating which preceded the contracting and the actual construction made it possible for us to complete the work outlined with a minimum of difficulty and without the large extra costs which often go with such an undertaking.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to all whose cooperation and loyal support made possible the successful completion of this program. We are especially indebted to Mr. I. L. Karlstad, Mrs. R. L. Mayall and Mrs. William Swedberg who served as consultants in the painting and decorating. They gave a great deal of time and thought to this work and there have been many expressions of commendation for the results. We are especially indebted to Mrs. Swedberg who with her technical training and experience contributed her time to supervise the decorating according to the plan outlined by the committee. She did this without remuneration in spite of the fact that she is not a member of Pilgrim Church.

The contracts for general construction, heating and plumbing, ventilating, electrical work, painting and decorating and the remodeling of the sanctuary light fixtures totaled \$89,568. Extras on these contracts totaled \$3,956.

The electrical work in connection with the installation of the sanctuary lighting was not included in the specifications on which bids were based. The cost of this work additional to the contract was \$4,958 which was some \$2,000 more than we had estimated.

The cost of new furnishings was kept within our estimate with the help of the memorial gifts in the Chapel, the Draper bequest and a generous plus gift of \$3,000 to cover the cost of the pews for the Chapel.

The cost of correcting our drainage problem ran considerably beyond our estimates. It became necessary to get the city to pave the alley in order to get the storm sewer needed to drain our property. This involved us in \$5,145 in assessments not anticipated. The cost of the drainage work on our lot came to \$4,112, which was \$1,112 more than our estimate. Altogether, the drainage project is costing \$6,257 more than we had anticipated.

Another substantial cost which was not anticipated was the \$1,562 required for reconditioning the organ. Extensive repairs to the organ were made necessary by water damage suffered in recent years. The alterations to the sanctuary roof which were included in our contracts should permanently correct this situation.

A fund of \$2,000 is set aside in the Building Fund for completion of the landscaping in the spring. It is expected that this will be adequate. All bills and obligations in connection with the work have been paid in full except the architect and the bill for the pews. The money is on hand for these items and they will be paid before the end of January.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl Farnam, Chairman

REPORT OF THE TREASURER - 1958

6.

RECEIPTS

Individual Contributions	
Loose Offerings	\$58,272.40
Church School Offering	1,815.31
Women's Fellowship for General Fund	418.96
Rentals	500.00
Payments on sale of former parsonage	170.00
Women's Fellowship for Benevolences	840.00
Special Offerings (Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas)	500.00
Other Unbudgeted Income	3,104.86
Total Receipts	<u>2,759.71</u>

75,381.24

DISBURSEMENTS

<u>Pastoral Expense</u>	
Salary - Minister	\$9,000.00
Annuity Dues - Minister	1,093.50
Minister's Discretionary Fund	189.28
Salary - Parish Visitor	102.76
Mileage - Parish Visitor	13.92
Guest Speakers	170.00
	<u>10,569.46</u>

<u>Office Expense</u>	
Salary - Secretary	3,648.00
Social Security	82.08
Salary - Financial Sec'y & Steno.	814.50
Social Security	17.59
Office Supplies	270.50
Postage	595.83
Printing (not Bulletins or E.M.C.)	304.04
New Equipment and Maintenance	101.80
	<u>5,834.34</u>

<u>Music</u>	
Salary - Organist & Choir Director	1,350.00
Social Security	30.36
Sheet Music	121.62
Organ Service	370.00
Choir Fees	2,796.52
Social Security	58.93
Cleaning Gowns & Miscellaneous	85.00
	<u>4,812.43</u>

<u>Religious Education</u>	
Curriculum Materials	357.00
Church School Supplies	126.10
Audio-Visual Materials	72.61
Church School Equipment	177.76
Awards - Bibles for 3rd Grade	72.94
Lenten Seminars	134.82
Church School Contribution Envelopes	45.98
Pilgrim Fellowship	87.34
Miscellaneous	120.63
Salary - Assistant Minister	<u>1,611.64</u>
	2,836.87

Maintenance and Operating Expense

Salary - Caretaker	3,153.99	
Social Security	71.05	
Housekeeper & Caretaker's Helper	844.00	
Caretaker's Supplies	220.30	
Caretaker's Equipment and Maintenance	25.56	
Electricity, Water and Gas	2,061.63	
Telephones	491.56	
Fuel	3,283.23	
Repairs (Church & Parsonage)	4,224.84	
Insurance	1,675.17	
Parsonage Utilities & Services	847.03	16,898.36

General Expense

Printing Bulletins	1,275.35	
Printed Literature	25.20	
Newspaper Advertising	165.19	
Loyalty Day Expense	130.75	
Collection of Garbage & Trash	45.50	
Church Contribution Envelopes	59.72	
Delegates Expenses	344.17	
Per Capita Dues	338.52	
Coffee Hour and Deacons' Expense	94.68	
Miscellaneous General Expense	382.52	2,861.60

Benevolences

Minnesota State Conference	4,200.00	
American Board	1,320.00	
Board of Home Missions	1,320.00	
Relief and Reconstruction	600.00	
Chicago Theological Seminary	350.00	
Northland College	400.00	
Union Gospel Mission	200.00	
World Council of Churches	50.00	
Minnesota Council of Churches	50.00	
National Council of Churches	50.00	
Congregational Historical Society	25.00	
International Christian University	50.00	
United Youth Fellowship	350.00	
Centennial Camp Fund	3,150.00	
Women's Thankoffering	400.00	
Share Our Surplus (Thanksgiving)	646.00	13,161.00

Depreciation Fund

2,000.00

Amortization Fund

Payments on Parsonage Note	840.00	
Payments on Parsonage Mortgage	1,272.84	
Payments on Church Mortgage	5,169.77	7,282.61

Other Disbursements (Unbudgeted)

From Depreciation Fund (roof repair)	8,000.00	
From Hornby Scholarship Fund (James Halfaker)	300.00	
From Memorial Fund (Primary Dept. organ and Communion Plates)	712.00	
Miscellaneous	1,051.59	10,063.59

Total Disbursements

76,320.26

SUMMARY CASH STATEMENT

8.

Operating Funds

Balances January 1, 1958		
General Fund	\$2,381.38	
Displaced Persons Fund	236.19	
Special Projects Fund	<u>512.17</u>	3,129.74
Receipts		
Total Cash		<u>81,216.32</u>
		84,346.06
Disbursements		
Balance December 31, 1958		<u>76,320.26</u>
		8,025.80
Balances December 31, 1958		
General Fund	1,392.36*	
Displaced Persons Fund	286.19	
Special Projects Fund	512.17	
1959 Advance Pledges	<u>5,835.08</u>	8,025.80

* Includes: \$70.00 to be paid to S.O.S.
 1,122.09 to be paid to Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers
 Actual balance in General Fund is \$200.33.

STATUS OF MORTGAGE AND LOAN CONTRACTS

<u>Contract for Deed from sale of former Parsonage</u>		<u>Parsonage Loan - Northern City National Bank</u>	
Balance January 1, 1958	\$9,238.80	Balance January 1, 1958	\$2,480.83
Received	840.00	Paid	840.00
Interest	<u>453.15</u>	Interest	<u>108.88</u>
Applied on Principal	<u>386.85</u>	Applied on Principal	<u>731.12</u>
Balance December 31, 1958	8,851.95	Balance December 31, 1958	1,749.71
<u>Parsonage Mortgage Contract</u>		<u>Church Mortgage</u>	
Balance January 1, 1958	4,205.43	Balance January 1, 1958	30,004.60
Paid	1,272.84	Paid	5,169.77
Interest	<u>185.59</u>	Interest	<u>1,269.77</u>
Applied on Principal	<u>1,087.25</u>	Applied on Principal	<u>3,900.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1958	3,118.18	Balance December 31, 1958	26,104.60

SEGREGATED FUNDS

9.

The following Funds, with the exception of the Building Fund, are on deposit at the First Federal Savings and Loan in three separate savings accounts.

Depreciation Fund

Balance January 1, 1958		
Receipts		5,865.41
Budget allocation for 1958		
Interest		
Total Cash	2,000.00	
	<u>222.49</u>	2,222.49
Disbursements		8,087.90
Repairs to roof of church		
Balance December 31, 1958	8,000.00	<u>8,000.00</u>
		87.90

Hornby Scholarship Fund

Balance January 1, 1958		
Receipts		521.95
Transfer from Pilgrim College Fund		
Contributions		
Interest	244.00	
Total Cash	40.00	
	<u>17.59</u>	301.59
Disbursements		823.54
James Halfaker - grant-in-aid 1958-1959		
school year		
Balance December 31, 1958	300.00	<u>300.00</u>
		523.54

Memorial Fund

Balance January 1, 1958		4,382.45
Receipts		
Memorial Gifts		
Interest	1,647.05	
Total Cash	<u>129.29</u>	1,776.34
Disbursements		6,158.79
Primary Department Organ in memory of	3,961.67	3,961.67
Dr. Webster Johnson		
Communion Bread Plates in memory of		
Mrs. H. U. Moore		
Equipment for Church School pre-school		
departments from the Draper Bequest		
Altar and reredos for the Chapel in memory		
of Arthur M. Clure and Dalton A. LeMasurier		
Cross, candlesticks, vases and lecturn for Chapel		
in memory of Mrs. P. F. Otis		
Balance December 31, 1958		<u>2,197.12</u>

Building Fund

Balance January 1, 1958

Receipts

Contributions
Interest

10.
19,637.04

Total Cash

110,865.88
877.69

Disbursements

J. D. Harrold Company
Plaunt Company
Chester Zimm, Inc.
Arrowhead Electric Co.
Salmio Paint Co.
Farnham Stationery Co.
Fred Sabot - Drainage
W. E. Neal Slate Co.
B. M. D. & R. Lighting
St. Paul Book and Stationery Co.
Hauenstein-Burmeister, Inc.
The Lowry Company
Midwest Audio-Visual Co.
Haldeman Homme Co.
Glenn Eckert - Organ
City Treasurer - Assessments
Remillards
Whittemore Associates
Kelly-Duluth Hardware
Enger & Olson
James Milne - Organ repair
Miscellaneous

44,416.00
16,517.05
5,580.00
15,885.89
8,796.13
711.85
4,112.00
480.00
3,633.95
1,872.54
702.26
1,100.00
250.00
357.55
1,797.95
5,144.64
1,338.35
1,330.00
376.95
630.75
1,250.00
1,604.29

111,743.57
131,380.61

Balance December 31, 1958

117,888.15
13,492.46

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse D. Bradley, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Three meetings of the Church Council were held during 1958 - March 18, May 6, and June 10. A fourth meeting was scheduled for December 18 but was cancelled due to the weather.

At the March 18 meeting the question of affiliation with the National Association of Congregational Churches referred to the Church Council by the Annual Meeting of the Church on January 15 was taken under consideration. At this meeting the Council voted to enlarge the Merger Study Committee by adding seven new members, making it a committee of twelve. Members of this committee are: H.P. Clarke, chairman; Dr. Charles Bagley, Mrs. E.C. Congdon, H.E. Farnam, L.E. Griffith, R.L. Heller, Mrs. W.B. Matter, J.E. Montague, L.W. Moore, R.H. Neimeyer, Mrs. W.M. Reynolds and Dr. Halfaker. The question was referred to this committee for study and report to a subsequent meeting of the Council.

At the June 10 meeting the report of the Merger Study Committee was received and following the recommendation of the committee it was voted: "It is the sense of the Council that the question of affiliation with the National Association is so inextricably involved with the merger question, that action with regard to the National Association be deferred until such time as this church is ready to make its decision with respect to joining the United Church of Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. Appelquest, Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

11.

This Board of nine members and two ex officio members met in February, March, April, May, September and December with the minister and the church school supervisor.

The Church School supervisor held frequent conferences with teachers by departments and developed materials to add to the curriculum activities.

The church school attendance has been at an all time high this fall with 308 enrolled and an average attendance of 190.

Family dinners were held in March, at which time the fifth grade put on a dramatization and the parents were invited to visit the classrooms, and in April, at which the movie, "Beaver Valley", was presented.

The employment of Miss Carolyn Allen was approved to help with music for young people. The Board expresses great appreciation for the work of Miss Allen with the choirs.

One of the members of our church school staff was sent by this Board to Fairbault Summer School of Christian Education for two weeks' training in church school teaching.

The church school adjourned May 18 on Children's Day and returned September 28 to newly remodeled, renovated, and equipped quarters.

The Church School Christmas program was held Sunday, December 21, at 4:30, participated in by Primary, Lower Junior and Junior Departments and the Junior Choir..

The Pilgrim Fellowship and Pilgrim Pioneers had an active and successful year with good attendance.

This Board examined and approved five candidates for the God and Country Award for Boy Scouts and Explorers of Protestant Churches: Robert Moberg, Robert Clarke, Fred Bagley, Warner Griggs, and Donald Walker.

Respectfully submitted,

Helene Wheeler, Chairman
by Ruth O'Dell, Secretary

REPORT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERVISOR

As Church School Supervisor for most of the past Church School year it has been my duty to make myself familiar with the books and materials for each of the departments. We have had teachers meetings in each department to discuss the course of study and to plan the activities to be used. This includes the use of available materials, the current filmstrips, etc.

We have planned and helped in the direction of the Children's Day and Christmas Programs, the special arrangements for Palm Sunday, Easter and Christmas participation of the Church School in the regular Church service.

On Sunday a general supervision of all classes in the Church School includes assistance where needed in case of emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

Ada S. Thomas

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

12.

This has been a unique and definitely rewarding year in the history of the Women's Fellowship. Because of the church remodeling work we decided to have no money-making projects during the year. Instead, we stressed our spiritual development and more than took care of our financial needs and obligations through direct giving. Our nine separate groups turned in money above and beyond their quota besides such special group projects as a shower for Casa Mia (one of our benevolent projects in Naples, Italy), sending May baskets and Christmas fruit plates to shut-ins among our members and helping our refugee families. Direct financial gifts from members amounted to over nine hundred dollars.

During the two months when we could not meet in the church our hearts were warmed by invitations to use the facilities of the Y.W.C.A. Camp at Barnum and of St. Paul's Episcopal Church here in Duluth.

Our programs were excellent, thanks to Mrs. Gillespie, the program chairman. Incorporated into our programs were reports from every member who attended church conferences and the Fellowship Camp.

Under our new Constitution we have two new officers, a Key Woman, Mrs. Harlow, and a Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Steele. Mrs. Harlow has kept us in closer touch with the State Women's Fellowship through correspondence and attending all conferences. Mrs. Steele has instituted Fellowship Bible study courses, given talks throughout the Association and helped groups develop religious programs.

Mrs. Priest has done her usual excellent job in planning all dinners served by the Fellowship.

The Friendly Service Committee under Mrs. Avery's leadership has contributed to four areas of service: Homeland Institutions, the work of the American Board, our Congregational Christian Service Committee and to our migrant work. In addition to this, help was given to two families in Warroad, Minnesota, to the Meals for Millions project and to Casa Mia. Cartons of clothing and household linens have been sent to several foreign and domestic centers. Seventeen layettes have been completed and shipped. Some of our shut-ins help with this work by sewing at home.

Mrs. Patch, Chairman of the Community Interests Committee, has helped various local charities with gifts of money, clothing, books and service.

Mrs. R. M. Smith, Hospitality Chairman, has sought out and welcomed all new members and helped promote a feeling of fellowship.

Another new department under our new Constitution is Women's Gift. Mrs. DeVaney, Chairman, has instituted a program of giving from the heart, beyond our usual and necessary benevolences.

The Housekeeping Committee had little to do because everything is so new in the church.

We are proud to be able to report that without money-making projects we were able to furnish the new church parlor. Many individuals and the Housekeeping Committee contributed to this.

Our thanks go to everyone who helped with service or material things, to Dr. Halfaker for inspiring us to greater efforts, to Dorothy Belt for clerical help with a smile, to Carl Tornquist for his patience and work for us, and to Mrs. Lindberg. We feel that this year has drawn us all closer together and given us more time for spiritual self-evaluation and growth.

Respectfully submitted,
Florence S. Reynolds, President

United Youth Fellowship is now in its fifth year on the UMD campus. Mr. Daniel Mundt, director of UYF for the past four years, was unable to continue as director. With the assistance of Rev. Jack Borckardt of St. Paul, the new director has tried to continue the work which Mr. Mundt so ably started. Several changes have taken place during the fall quarter.

First is the revision of the constitution. A major change is the name of the organization to United Campus Christian Fellowship, which will be the name of the national organization following the merger on the student level of Presbyterian, Congregational, E. and R., Disciples of Christ, and Evangelical United Brethren groups. This is the name used by the St. Paul campus group comparable to UYF. This name change will take effect spring quarter. Another change is the way of determining membership for the group, which will be to sign one's name to the purpose of the organization as listed in the constitution. Also, establishment of a quorum was made at 15 members, because there was no way in which membership was determined in the past. An article on faculty advisors was added permitting students to elect one each year. An article on the Advisory Committee was added, listing the members of the committee as the ministers and at least two lay people from each of the sponsoring churches, the UYF Director, and two student representatives. A set of By-Laws was adopted which includes a list of eight committee chairmen to be appointed by the president. These are: worship, service, stewardship, program, membership, publicity, social, and food. The four elected officers are: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and UMD Religious Council Representative. Also, an offering shall be received at the weekly worship services to support local, state, national and international Christian work, and for helping to meet the organization's program development. Date of elections has been changed from spring quarter to the end of winter quarter in order that the old officers may aid the incoming officers in their new tasks.

Statistics on numbers of preference students registered at UMD show that there are 182 Presbyterians and 43 Congregationalists. There are also 65 Baptist and 28 Covenant students on campus who have no campus ministry so we include several of them in UYF. Due to work schedules, heavy course requirements, and family responsibilities many of the students are not able to attend the Thursday Fellowship meetings. So far, however, 51 students have come to at least one meeting during the fall quarter, and of these two-fifths are from out of town and three-fifths from Duluth. Average attendance at meetings is 26.

UYF's Fall quarter program suffered a little due to the inability of scheduled speakers from the Twin Cities to be here at the last minute. However, our programs did not lack appeal, for under Vice-President Elizabeth Smith's able leadership we had our own discussions of Christian Service opportunities, Christian serving in our own vocation, and beliefs. The discussion type programs seemed to be more effective than speakers because of student participation.

Winter quarter we will concentrate half of our meetings on the study of "Hosea" and the other meetings will be the hearing of a tape recording of Theodore Gill's speech for Religion-in-Life Week on the Minneapolis campus, a study of student merger material, a communion service, a sleigh ride, and a box social. This last event is to be held for the members of UYF PLUS members of Glen Avon, Pilgrim, and Lakeside Churches. This event will be held on February 12, and it is designed to be a combination of a money raising project (each girl and woman brings a dressy box lunch for two which is auctioned off to the highest male bidder who then eats with the one who made it), a time to hear Rev. Jack Borckardt talk and show slides on the "Campus Ministry", and a good time for everyone of all ages.

Looking ahead to spring quarter, we have sent "Suggestionnaires" to all of the 14 preference students in our files, in which they will check their interest and knowledge in each of 7 areas: God, Christ, Living as a Christian, Building a Christian World, the Church, Belief, and the Bible. When the suggestionnaires are returned, we will try to plan our spring quarter program to fit the needs and interests indicated.

To aid students in learning more about religion and religious matters, I am proposing that a non-credit course in religion be taught on campus spring quarter, which would be open to all students. Rev. Jack Borckardt has been approached on teaching this course. In this way more students would be reached than are able to attend our UYF meetings.

During the course of the years to come may the Christian spirit permeate the campus through this ministry due to the help and foresight of church leaders and members in Duluth.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Allen, Director

REPORT OF THE PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

During the year 1958-1959 the Pilgrim Fellowship has as its advisors Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Moore. They have been most helpful in helping us plan programs and in working on our projects. We have a membership of 21.

Our meetings start at 7:00 each Sunday evening. Programs are planned by the seven elected officers and the advisors. They are varied and have been on such subjects as Congregationalism, our community, National and World witness, dating, and others which we feel are important to the Christian youth of today.

We have dinners once a month and also try to schedule social events such as picnics, sleigh rides, progressive dinners, etc.

We are honored to have in our group Bob Morrison and Gayle Thoreson, State Vice President and Christian Fellowship Chairman respectively. Bob is also President of the Duluth Association Pilgrim Fellowship and Kathleen Dinham is Christian Fellowship Commissioner of the same.

Our Work Day for Christ earned about \$45. We were proud to send this amount to our missionary projects. Christmas caroling to shut-ins was another of our projects.

Our purpose is this: To know God in our lives as revealed by Jesus Christ, to worship Him only, to study His truth, and to dedicate ourselves to do His will.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Dinham, President

REPORT OF THE MEN'S CLUB

15.

A variety of programs have been and are being planned this year for Pilgrim Men's Club. Our October speaker was Mr. Frank Halstead whose subject was, "An Astronomer's View of Flying Saucers". In November Rev. Melvin L. Frank of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, spoke on "Religion Behind the Iron Curtain". February 10th will be Ladies Night, and the theme will be that of the Gay Nineties and Valentines Day. Plans for March and April meetings are still in the making.

Members of the Pilgrim Men's Club voted to purchase a new curtain for the stage in Fellowship Hall. The money was donated from the Club treasury.

Good fellowship, good food, good programs and good attendance have prevailed at all the meetings thus far and I am sure will continue through the 1958-59 Pilgrim Men's Club Season.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn B. Duncan, President

REPORT OF THE PILGRIM PAIRS

Active membership in Pilgrim Pairs is now very small. The last meeting held in November, 1958, was a dessert speaker affair. The people in attendance felt that a schedule of two or three social meetings a year would be workable; i.e., a summer picnic, a Christmas party and perhaps one more. But they had no interest in electing officers so this organization is presently without leadership.

The remaining active members won't let the organization die completely, we feel, and it is hoped that the future will bring us more couples interested in participating. Unfortunately, none of our people have come up with a plan which would give us a membership large enough to continue a regular schedule.

We have had no requests to resume meetings since they were stopped. This would make it seem that much thought must go into this organization's basic problems before we consider reactivating the group.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete and Mary Rask, Former Presidents

REPORT OF THE COMMUNION COMMITTEE

The Communion Committee wishes to acknowledge the special contribution of Mrs. W. A. Newman who has taken care of the Communion linen personally and, as you may have noticed, has done a flawless job. Mrs. Donald Thoreson has had charge of preparing the bread for the Communion Service for the past two years. She not only furnishes the bread but spends an endless amount of time in cutting it and getting it to the church on Saturday. Mrs. Thoreson has a co-worker now, Mrs. F. W. Spicer. We wish to thank both of them for their fine work. To the other loyal members who feel it a privilege to serve on this committee we are ever grateful. One who has never served in this capacity does not know or realize what precision it requires. The table in all its details cannot be too perfect to complement the beautiful service which Dr. Halfaker conducts.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. E. Nutting,
Mrs. Douglas Walker, Co-Chairmen

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

Miss Rogers and the choir have again provided beautiful and inspiring music for our services during the past year. Their special efforts at Christmas and Easter were greatly appreciated by all who heard them. 16.

There are 19 members in the Junior Choir and 16 members in the Chapel Choir under the direction of Miss Carolyn Allen. They have already contributed fine music to several of our services and to the worship service of the Church School. This group will need new vestments soon.

During the remodeling of the church the organ was dismantled, cleaned, repaired and tuned. The electronic organ which was purchased and installed in the chapel is a wonderful addition to this room and has been enjoyed by the children and young people who hold their worship services there.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude M. Jacobson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

During 1958, flowers were given as memorial gifts on 31 Sundays and by the Women's Fellowship on 7 Sundays.

On Palm Sunday, the potted palms and palm branches which the children carry were provided by two memorial gifts.

For several years the church has been decorated at Christmas time with six beautiful spruce trees provided by Dr. and Mrs. Magney. These trees were personally selected, cut and hauled in from their lake property. The large wreath above the choir was provided by the Women's Fellowship.

The Flower Committee wishes to express its deep appreciation to all those who have contributed to the beauty and worshipful atmosphere of our church.

There are several dates still available for 1959. If you would like to provide memorial flowers for one of these Sundays, please call the church office. The cost is \$5.00; the flowers will be selected and arranged by the Flower Committee, and the bill will be mailed to the donor by the florist.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice Halfaker, Chairman
Mrs. S. F. Atkins, Mrs. Hubbell Carpenter,
Mrs. F. H. Magney

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF USHERS

As chairman of the ushering committee, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the ushers for their faithful attendance and excellent service.

During the past church year, three teams of eight men served four months apiece. They alternated one month on duty and two months off duty.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. R. W. Johnson, Head Usher

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

17.

During 1958 the Service Committee continued to lend a helping hand when needed to the Koorenhof and Winkelaar families. The chairman and Mrs. Tibbetts have endeavored to keep in close personal contact with the families. At Christmas time several groups in the Women's Fellowship extended valuable assistance to the families which was greatly appreciated.

Early in 1958 Hans Koorenhof's employment at Western Electric ended because of operational cutbacks. In May he became associated with Midwest Audio-Visual of Minneapolis. Through the summer months and into the fall he was their Duluth representative. In November Hans was out of work because of a change in ownership of Midwest Audio-Visual. The next weeks were spent in looking for a job here in Duluth, but to no avail. In December Hans decided to go to Hawaii in quest of employment. (He is a tropical agriculturalist by education and experience.) This last Saturday Mies heard from Hans and he has accepted a job with the Libby Company and has rented a house in Honolulu. Mies and the children plan to move as soon as possible. We regret having this fine family leave our midst, but we wish them Godspeed and the best of everything.

Han Winkelaar was a victim of cutbacks in production. However, part time employment and unemployment benefits have been tiding the family over. The Service Committee has kept in close touch with this family through Mrs. Tibbetts and during the year sponsored two weeks at Camp Miller for the two older boys. (Any jobs available for Han?)

During the year a grant-in-aid was extended to Karl Evers to enable him to complete his work at UMD where he is preparing to teach. Karl is a displaced person who came to the United States five years ago and had been granted aid from our fund for his education three years ago. Before he could take advantage of our help, however, he was drafted by the army and spent two years in the service. He is now completing his preparation at UMD for a teaching career.

Depressed economic conditions have not been kind to our Dutch families, but we all look forward to happier and more prosperous times for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard E. Griffith, Chairman

REPORT OF THE OFFICE HELP COMMITTEE

It is the duty of this committee to assist the church office when extra help is needed to fold and enclose general mailings, such as Pilgrim News, Every Member Canvass materials, etc.

The Committee has helped with 18 mailings and with the assembling of the Annual Reports, a total of 90 hours work. Approximately 23,730 items were handled.

The following have helped with this work: Mrs. W.F. Baldwin, Mrs. Ethelyn Bancroft, Mrs. R.G. Barnes, Miss Helen Cant, Mrs. Hubbell Carpenter, Mrs. R.N. Chaf'ee, Mrs. H. W. Clark, Mrs. John Halfaker, Mrs. W.L. Halfaker, Mrs. P.F. Heimick, Miss Margaret Hemenway, Mrs. Amos Johnson, Mrs. L.R. Josephs, Mrs. T.J. Kitts, Mrs. H. J. McClearn, Mrs. M.M. Meldahl, Mrs. K.M. Nelson, Mrs. A.C. Oberg, Miss Mabel Richards, Mrs. Robert M. Smith and Mrs. Savin.

Several others have offered to help. We all enjoy the work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. S. Savin, Chairman

Mrs. P. F. Heimick, Vice-Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH VOCATIONS

18.

The purpose of this committee is twofold: to encourage young people to give serious consideration to the various church vocations, and to assist them in any way we can during the period of their training.

The committee has set up a policy of making a \$300 grant annually to each young person who is attending college with the intention of entering a church vocation. This assistance is applicable to either under-graduate or post-graduate work. The money for this assistance has been taken from the Hornby Scholarship Fund, which was set up in memory of Mr. Henry C. Hornby.

Mr. James Halfaker has now completed his work at Carleton College and is enrolled in Yale Divinity School. It is the sincere hope of the committee that we may soon identify other young people who are interested in church vocations; and to this end we ask members of the church to be on the alert for promising candidates and to speak with us about them.

The members of this committee are: Miss Dorothy Hornby, Samuel F. Atkins, and Valworth R. Plumb, chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Valworth R. Plumb, chairman.

REPORT OF THE LOOKOUT COMMITTEE

Members of the Lookout Committee attended to the delivery of the church flowers each Sunday throughout the year to the sick and shut-ins of our congregation.

On Easter Sunday, an augmented committee attended to the distribution and delivery of the lilies.

All members of the committee found much pleasure and satisfaction in this service to Pilgrim Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. M. Woodbridge, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

During the past year there have been six coffee hours. Last winter and spring these were held on the second Sunday of the month following the regular church service. The only once since then was held December 14 due to the church remodeling program. The attendance averages 100 adults and about that number of children enjoying punch with their cookies. We also served at a Maundy Thursday reception following the service at which time we honored the new members. We appreciated Mr. John Andresen's donation of coffee and the new coffee-maker which he presented at the December coffee hour.

We also appreciated the women of the church whose assistance made these coffee hours so enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Hemenway,
Mary Brain, Co-Chairmen

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

19.

The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations for officers and committee memberships:

TREASURER: Jesse D. Bradley

CLERK: Edward B. Appelquest

AUDITOR: Karl F. Honigman

HISTORIAN: John Dickerson

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (for three years) Sam F. Atkins, Knute M. Nelson, Thomas J. Shefchik, Jr.

BOARD OF DEACONS: (for three years) Dr. Keith R. Fawcett, Dr. Josiah Fuller, Frank W. Hansen, Robert L. Heller, Nevin H. Nordal, Robert M. Smith; (for two years) Warner F. Baldwin.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: (for three years) Mrs. Irvin L. Karlstad, Ted J. Lee, Dr. R. L. Swanstrom.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: C. T. Williams, Chairman, Mrs. C. T. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Baldwin, Dr. and Mrs. G. C. MacRae, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Silliman, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Steele, Mrs. R. M. Woodbridge.

STANDING COMMITTEE: Mrs. R. R. Asplund, Mrs. T. A. Brain, Mrs. Archie M. Eagles, Jr., Mrs. Malcolm M. Fifield, Mrs. Wilbur M. Fox, Mrs. Robert C. Jackson.

MUSIC COMMITTEE: Mrs. F. C. Jacobson, Chairman, Mrs. Hubbell Carpenter, Mrs. E. C. Congdon, Mrs. Kenneth Duncan, C. Lindsley Edson, George C. Finch, Wilbur M. Fox, Mrs. Harvie A. Garver, Mrs. Karl F. Honigman.

THE BOARD OF USHERS:

Head Usher: Robert L. Heller. Assistant Head Usher: John Dalton.

Captains: Edward L. Burg, Jr., Wilbur M. Fox, H. Warner Griggs.

Ushers: T. A. Brain, Ray Bonnell, Jr., R. B. Buchanan, R. N. Campbell, J. M. Dickerson, Ivan Doseff, Jr., L. B. Duncan, Archie M. Eagles, Jr., R. F. Eaton, Carter Glendenning, John Glendenning, Jr., W. John Grandy, L. E. Griffith, James R. Hanson, A. H. Herbert, R. C. Jackson, Romaine Johnson, R. S. Knowlton, R. L. Mayall, R. H. Mickelsen, R. W. Miller, R. B. Rhode, J. I. Thomas, C. E. Tomlan, Frederick Bagley, Robert Clarke, Warner Griggs, Robert Moberg, Richard Rhode, Donald Walker.

Respectfully submitted,

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

William F. Arndt	Mrs. Archie M. Eagles, Jr.
Dr. C. M. Bagley	Robert H. Hood
Mrs. Elmer F. Blu	Verne D. Johnson, Jr.
E. Lloyd Burg	Mrs. Knute M. Nelson
Mrs. Kenneth Duncan	Mrs. Robert M. Smith
Thomas M. McCabe, Chairman	