

Pilgrim Congregational Church

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

PRESENTED AT

THE ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 18, 1961

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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ANNUAL REPORTS

Jan. 18, 1961

REPORT OF THE CLERK

1.

On January 1, 1960 the membership of Pilgrim Church was: 1,019

New members during 1960:		
On Confession of Faith	26	
By Letter of Transfer	53	
Reaffirmation of Faith	<u>11</u>	90

Members lost during 1960:		
Removed by death	11	
Letters of Transfer granted	<u>34</u>	<u>45</u>

Net gain in membership during 1960	<u>45</u>
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Total membership as of January 1, 1961	1,064
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Of this total 868 are resident in Duluth and 196 are non-resident.

During the year 24 births were recorded and 23 children, 5 young people and 3 adults were baptized.

Members lost by death were:

Mrs. John B. Rayn
Mrs. Wilfred J. Robertson
Mr. Harold J. Matteson
Mr. O. V. Eklund
Mr. Richard G. Funck
Dr. Claude L. Haney

Mrs. H. W. Nichols
Mr. Murray J. Swanby
Dr. Daniel F. Pennie
Mr. Earl H. Hobe
Mr. George H. Spencer

Letters of Transfer were issued to the following persons:

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn B. Duncan to Lakeside Presbyterian, Duluth
Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Thoreson and Gayle to St. Paul's Episcopal, Duluth
Mrs. Alfred Hartley to St. Paul's Episcopal, Duluth
Mary Carol Martin to Washington Congregational, Toledo, Ohio
Mr. Jerry Weld to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Duluth
Mr. John C. Kohlhaas to Lakeside Presbyterian Church, Duluth
Mrs. T. A. Gall to Union Congregational, St. Louis Park
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Bandy to Grace Methodist, Lake Bluff, Illinois
Mr. and Mrs. Alf Skaret to St. Paul's Memorial Methodist, South Bend, Indiana
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mills and Diane to The Colonial Church of Edina, Minneapolis
Mr. and Mrs. David W. Hanson to Grace Methodist, Des Moines, Iowa
Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Bolt to Emerson Avenue Congregational, Minneapolis
Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Zauft to Bethlehem Congregational, International Falls
Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Hansen, Jr. to Portland Avenue Methodist, Minneapolis
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Fisher to Elmhurst Presbyterian, Elmhurst, Illinois
Mrs. John F. DeVogt to Aldersgate Methodist, Chapel Hill, N. C.
Dwight Mills to First Presbyterian Churches of Oakes-Stirum, Oakes, N. D.
Miss Clara Shumaker to First Congregational, Portland, Oregon
Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Doseff to Plymouth Congregational, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Mrs. Robert M. Graham to First Methodist, Gulfport, Mississippi
Mr. John C. Campbell III to the Roman Catholic Church.

Respectfully submitted

Robert F. Eaton, Clerk

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED DURING 1960

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February 7

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edgell
3640 East Fourth Street

Mrs. William D. Gomuenden
1421 East Third Street

Mrs. Axel Herbert
2906 East First Street

Miss Anne H. Macfarlane
3132 Greysolon Place

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Marsden
3500 East Third Street

Mrs. Margaret McGillivray
2017 East Sixth Street

Miss Mary Jane McGillivray
2017 East Sixth Street

Mrs. Edith Nichol
1429 East Second Street

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Nichol
816 North 17th Avenue East

Mr. William M. Reynolds
3646 East Fourth Street

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Ryan
456 Hawthorne Road

Mrs. David Zentner
1028 East Fourth Street

April 14

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Carson, Jr.
3001 Greysolon Road

Dr. and Mrs. William J. Ensign
132 East Niagara Street

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Grindy
2319 East Fourth Street

Mr. and Mrs. Burton E. Hawley
3712 East Third Street

Mrs. William Hedenberg
4921 Otsego Street

Miss Anna K. Hellan
1732 East Fourth Street

Miss Avis Hollingsworth
2002 East Fourth Street

Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. LeMasurier
361 Leicester Avenue

Miss Audrey McEwen
1820 Jefferson Street

Dr. and Mrs. Henry G. Moehring
2601 East Sixth Street

Mrs. Stanley Naslund
1632 East Fourth Street

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Nelson
1844 Woodland Avenue

Miss Viola Porter
219 South 21st Avenue East

Mrs. Erwin S. Selle
6120 East Superior Street

Confirmation Class

Elizabeth Adams	Robert Johnson
Peter Bagley	Brian Moehring
Christine Buck	Janice Naslund
Margaret Buck	Leslie Naslund
Virginia Franz	Margaret Nelson
Elizabeth Fryberger	Peter Niss
Richard Fryberger	John Reed
Janet Grindy	Brant Ryan
Alan Hartley	Mary van Zandt
David Honigman	Katherine Wilkinson

May 29

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Barney
1423 Vermilion Road

Mr. John M. Glendenning
2621 East Second Street

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Schmidt
4614 Tioga Street

Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Weitzel
Lester River Road

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond K. Young
2019 East First Street

New members received during 1960, cont.

October 2

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Good
2610 East Superior Street

Miss Carolyn Good
2610 East Superior Street

Mr. Floyd J. Mann
429 East Oxford Street

Mr. and Mrs. Morris V. Mielke
2930 East Second Street

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Taylor
2010 East Fourth Street

Miss Flora M. Staple
1732 East Fourth Street

Mr. Robert L. Webb
601 South 47th Avenue East

November 27

3.

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon C. Amundson
2620 East Superior Street

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Brownell
1116 East First Street

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Engstrom
140 West Austin Street

Dr. Fredarick L. Gobel
1401 Vermillion Road

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Matzke
2530 Branch Street

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Perry
2028 East Second Street

Mr. Peter Sneve
528 North 27th Avenue East

Miss Anna Lee Stensland
1703 East Third Street

Mrs. Inez Trueblood
2017 East Sixth Street

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Members of the Board of Deacons for the year of 1960 were: J. C. Andresen, C. M. Bagley, B. Buchanan, E. L. Burg, H. Carpenter, K. R. Fawcett, J. Fuller, F. W. Hansen, R. L. Heller, R. W. Johnson, R. S. Knowlton, E. N. Livingston, J. H. Morrison, N. H. Nordal, E. I. Parson, T. B. Silliman, F. M. Harlow, and R. M. Smith.

Regular monthly meetings have been held during the year and members of the Board have participated in meetings of the Church Council and also as members of the Standing Committee.

The Deacons would like to commend the Merger Study Committee and Robert Eaton, the church clerk, for the excellent manner in which the merger question was presented to the church and the thoughtfulness and care in which the balloting was conducted.

The Deacons express their thanks to the retiring Deacons, C. M. Bagley, E. L. Burg, and H. Carpenter, for their service during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Andresen, Chairman
Board of Deacons

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

CLERK: Robert F. Eaton

TREASURER: Jesse D. Bradley

HISTORIAN: John M. Dickerson

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (for three years) Mrs. G. A. W. Hedenberg, James E. Montague, Irvin L. Karlstad.

BOARD OF DEACONS: (for three years) Dr. M. M. Fifield, Axel H. Herbert, Dr. Robert W. Johnson, Dr. E. I. Parson, Thomas B. Silliman, Carroll D. Steele.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: (for three years) Mrs. Josiah Fuller, LeRoy W. Moore, Mrs. Conrad Stephenson.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: C. T. Williams, Chairman, Mrs. C. T. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fox, 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. Wilson Bradley, Mrs. W. C. Cochran, Mrs. E. C. Congdon, Mrs. F. M. Harlow, Mrs. A. B. Welch, Mrs. R. M. Woodbridge.

MUSIC COMMITTEE: C. Lindsley Edson, Chairman, Mrs. Hubbell Carpenter, Mrs. E. C. Congdon, Mrs. Kenneth Duncan, George C. Finch, Wilbur M. Fox, Mrs. C. H. Grindy, Mrs. Karl F. Honigman, Mrs. F. C. Jacobson, Mrs. Willard B. Matter, Mrs. Kenneth Weyl.

Respectfully submitted,

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. E. B. Appelquest	Mrs. I. L. Karlstad
E. Lloyd Burg	Nevin H. Nordal
Mrs. J. M. Dickerson	Mrs. W. M. Reynolds
H. Warner Griggs	Douglas Walker
George S. Holgate	Mrs. B. N. Wheeler
R. H. Neimeyer, Chairman	

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5.

Members for the year 1960: S. F. Atkins, chairman; T. J. Shefchik, Jr., secretary, and Building and Grounds; Mrs. E. C. Congdon, Benevolences; F. W. Buck, and J. E. Montague, Insurance; R. H. Neimeyer, Records; Douglas Walker, Willis Wyard, and F. J. Voss with the chairman comprise the executive committee.

The financial affairs of the church are in good order. Total contributions met the budget; total expenses were held within the budget. All bills were paid as of the end of the year, but it was possible to transfer only \$800. to the Depreciation Fund, which is short of the \$2,000. budgeted. A balance of \$5,897. was unpaid on 1960 pledges as of December 31. It is anticipated that these balances will be paid very soon and we may then be able to make the transfer of the full \$2,000. to the Depreciation Fund.

The church mortgages stand as follows:

\$1,175. church. This can be paid out of Building Fund pledges payable.

All other remodeling bills have been paid.

774. Third Street Parsonage. This will be paid up by July 1st.

6,233. Tioga Street Parsonage. Being retired on schedule of \$100 per month, contract for deed.

For the second consecutive year Mr. Kenneth Duncan has headed the Loyalty Day Program. 437 pledges have been received at this time, January 18, totaling \$60,432.

The Trustees wish to thank Mr. Jesse D. Bradley, Church Treasurer, for his efficient service. We also wish to thank Mrs. E. C. Congdon and Mr. F. J. Voss for their faithful service and counsel as they retire from the Board of Trustees after six years of service.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. Atkins, Chairman

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

As we enter the tenth decade in the history of Pilgrim Church, it is significant that in the last year 90 new members joined our fellowship, 34 more than in 1959 and 56 more than in 1958. These figures plus the great and spirited participation in the activities of the church and the Church School give testimony to the continuing spiritual vitality of our church.

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,

John M. Dickerson, Historian

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER - 1960

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RECEIPTS

Individual Contributions		\$63,348.93
Loose Offerings		1,916.05
Church School Offerings		540.82
Women's Fellowship for General Fund		500.00
Women's Fellowship for Benevolences		500.00
Rentals		475.00
Special offerings - Easter	1,131.38	
Thanksgiving	1,208.11	
Christmas	<u>1,135.00</u>	
Christian Higher Education Fund		3,474.49
Building Fund		2,531.20
Special Projects		1,264.94
Other Unbudgeted Income		1,453.50
Total Receipts		<u>6,168.69</u>

82,173.62

DISBURSEMENTS

Ministry		16,998.10
Salaries of the minister and associate minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, minister's discretionary fund, guest speakers.		
Church Office		6,315.64
Salaries of secretary and part-time financial secretary and stenographer, office supplies, postage and printing, and office equipment.		
Music		6,314.60
Salaries of organist and choir director and youth choir director, sheet music, care of the organ, choir fees and miscellaneous.		
Christian Education		1,405.51
Church school curriculum materials, church school supplies, audio-visual materials, equipment, Bibles for the third graders, Pilgrim Fellowship expense, vacation church school, Lenten Seminars and leadership training.		
Property Maintenance and Operating Expense		20,627.34
Salary of the caretaker, caretaker's supplies, utilities, fuel, repairs, insurance, house-keeping expense, painting exterior of both parsonages.		
General Expense		2,526.27
Printing bulletins, literature, publicity and advertising, Loyalty Sunday expense, contribution envelopes, delegate expense, per capita dues and miscellaneous		
Depreciation Fund		800.00
To provide a fund to care for major repairs and replacements when such needs arise.		

Amortization Fund

Tioga Street Parsonage mortgage 1,200.00
 Third Street parsonage mortgage 1,272.84

2,472.84

Special Projects

1,537.24

Miscellaneous

Transfers from Memorial Fund, Building Fund, State Conference Annual Meeting, etc.

7,798.83

Benevolences

Minnesota State Conference 4,500.00
 American Board 1,500.00
 Board of Home Missions 1,500.00
 Relief & Reconstruction 721.38
 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 Campus Christian Fellowship 400.00
 Protestant Chaplain's Fund 25.00
 Women's Thankoffering 220.25
 Share Our Surplus (Thanksgiving) 1,233.41
 The Christmas Fund 1,524.00
 Christian Higher Education Fund 2,521.20

15,330.24

Total Disbursements

82,126.61

SUMMARY CASH STATEMENT

Balances January 1, 1960

General Fund 174.76
 Displaced Persons Fund 286.19
 Special Projects Fund 149.17

610.12

Receipts for 1960

Advance payment on 1961 pledges
 Total Cash

82,173.62

6,587.38

89,371.12

Disbursements

Balance December 31, 1960

82,126.61

7,244.51

Balances December 31, 1960

General Fund 175.34
 Displaced Persons Fund 271.19
 Special Projects Fund 166.31
 Building Fund 44.29
 1961 Advance Pledges 6,587.38

7,244.51

SEGREGATED FUNDS

8.

The following Funds are on deposit at the First and American National Bank in three separate savings accounts.

Depreciation Fund

Invested in Savings Certificate		209.10
Receipts		
Interest	3.14	
Transferred from General Fund	<u>800.00</u>	<u>803.14</u>
Total Cash		1,012.24
No Disbursements		
Balance December 31, 1960		1,012.24

Church Vocations Scholarship Fund

Balance December 31, 1959		231.23
Receipts		
Interest	4.25	
Gifts in memory of Dr. Pennie	<u>60.00</u>	<u>64.25</u>
Total Cash		295.48
No disbursements		
Balance December 31, 1960		295.48

Memorial Fund

Balance December 31, 1959		3,835.19
Receipts		
Interest	54.13	
Gifts in memory of		
Ernest A. Vivian		
Emma K. Vivian		
Mrs. Arper		
Mrs. J. B. Rayn		
Winifred Thomas		
Addella Harbison		
Mrs. Benjamin Finch, Sr.		
Benjamin Finch, Jr.		
Ernest B. Linquest		
Harold J. Matteson		
Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Newell		
O. V. Eklund		
Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Nichols		
George H. Spencer		
Total Cash	<u>430.25</u>	<u>484.38</u>
Disbursements		<u>4,319.57</u>
Pilgrim Press	1,148.48	
Farnham's	203.50	
W. E. Neal Slate Co.	313.80	
Farnham's	<u>49.76</u>	<u>1,715.54</u>
Balance December 31, 1960		2,604.03

The Building Fund.

9.

Payments on the mortgage are made from this fund which is maintained as a segregated fund in the regular checking account.

Balance December 31, 1959	317.70
Receipts	
Pledge Payments	
Total Cash	<u>2,212.47</u>
	2,530.17
Disbursements	
Payments on mortgage principal and interest	2,483.40
Bank charge on checking account	<u>2.48</u>
	2,485.88
Balance December 31, 1960	44.29

STATUS OF MORTGAGES AND LOANSThird Street Parsonage Mortgage

Balance December 31, 1959	1,975.31
Payments made	1,272.84
Interest	<u>71.48</u>
Applied on Principal	<u>1,201.36</u>
Balance December 31, 1960	773.95

Tioga Street Parsonage

Balance December 31, 1959	7,098.10
Payments made	1,200.00
Interest	<u>335.24</u>
Applied on Principal	<u>864.76</u>
Balance December 31, 1960	6,233.34

Church Mortgage

Balance December 31, 1959	3,401.85
Payments made	2,483.40
Interest	<u>256.55</u>
Paid on Principal	<u>2,226.85</u>
Balance December 31, 1960	1,175.00

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse D. Bradley, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER

10.

This is my second Annual Meeting Report to Pilgrim Church, and this time it does cover a full calendar year. For Mrs. Bertsch and myself it has been a full year indeed. It was not only a busy year which seemed to pass very quickly, but it was a year filled with happiness. The birth of our first child of course was a wonderful and happy event, but the people of Pilgrim Church have helped to make us feel at home by their many kind and thoughtful acts.

During the summer, on the occasions when Dr. Halfaker was away, I was responsible for conducting the Sunday worship services and for calling in the hospitals. Also during the summer I served as the director for the Vacation Church School sponsored by the Board of Christian Education during the first two weeks of August. In addition I spent a week at the Minnesota Conference Camp near Alexandria as a member of the staff for the Pilgrim Fellowship Leadership Workshop.

Throughout the year it has been my privilege to be the advisor to our Pilgrim Fellowship group. These high school young people of our church have shown an increased concern and interest for our church, for the young people of our church who are not active in Pilgrim Fellowship, and in the Christian Faith as it related to our lives today. Meeting regularly with these young people is a wonderful opportunity which has its own rewards, but which gives one a sense of confidence in this "younger" generation which one wishes all of Pilgrim Church would share.

I have also been meeting with our Couples Club which seems to have awakened after a period of hibernation. This group now seems ready to render a real service to Pilgrim Church by drawing new families into the life of the church.

A major responsibility of mine has been to work with our Church School program under the direction of the Board of Christian Education. My work is primarily with the teachers - recruiting, training and consulting with the 59 department superintendents, teachers, substitutes, crib room attendants, and organists who comprise our Church School staff. Beginning in September the staff has held monthly meetings which have included worship, study and planning. The contribution which these people, who are all volunteers, make to our Christian Education program cannot be measured, and they deserve the whole-hearted support of the entire church.

The establishment of two Church School sessions has done a great deal to improve our Church School program. The main contribution of this plan has been to give us smaller class groups which has enabled the teachers to conduct a more varied program and made it possible to give more individual attention to the children. A very gratifying effect of this improvement has been a better attendance record, indicating that the program is doing a better job of holding the children's interest.

The Junior High Department has shown a marked improvement this year. These young people, most of whom are members of the Chapel Choir, have given us wonderful musical leadership for the 9:30 Church Service. This was a big challenge to give them, but they have responded with a fine piece of work and a renewed interest in the church.

Since the primary responsibilities of my ministry at Pilgrim Church are in the area of Christian Education it has been my privilege to work with the Board of Christian Education. The members of this Board have a vital interest and concern for our total program of Christian Education. Working and studying with them has been a real challenge, but it is also gratifying to be associated with a Board which takes so seriously its responsibility for the whole field of Christian Education in Pilgrim Church.

I have not met with the ninth grade fellowship group, Pilgrim Pioneers, but mention should be made of this group of our young people. They have been attending

11.

Sunday Church Services conducting a series of studies and visits to learn about other religions, and meeting as a social group once a month. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Morrison are the advisors to the Pilgrim Pioneers.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Bertsch, Associate Minister

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education, comprising Mr. Bouschor, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Karlstad, Mr. Lee, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Patch, Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Wheeler, met with Mr. Bertsch regularly during the year.

The board discussed, with enthusiastic participation, many topics and ideas during the year. Some of the ideas have born fruit and some are still growing and developing, but with the interest the members of the board took in their meetings and with the excellent guidance of Mr. Bertsch, there is no doubt that many things within the scope of Christian Education will be forthcoming.

Some of the ideas that were developed and executed during the year were:

1. Family Devotions Booklets.

These booklets were studied and discussed and then delivered to all church families that have children in church school grades one through six.

2. Vacation Church School.

After an absence of a few years the Vacation Church School was reestablished the summer of 1960. It was well received and plans are being made for the summer of 1961.

3. Substitution of Pilgrim Pioneers group for the ninth grade church school class. This year the ninth grade was dropped from the church school and the Pilgrim Pioneers program was revived in its place. These young people, who are already members of the church, attend church services and on Sunday evening under the capable leadership of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Morrison participate in study groups on various aspects of religion.

The Board also approved and recommended the two sessions on Sunday which has improved church school attendance and relieved the majority of the overcrowded conditions.

During the year the board has assisted in the planning of the Lenten program, planned two family dinners, met with the officers of Pilgrim Fellowship to review their activities, developed plans for a church library, approved of the monthly teachers meetings and revised the Christmas program.

Pilgrim Fellowship has increased attendance this year and held a retreat at Camp Miller. At this retreat they planned some of their year's programs and studied the three commissions of their organization.

The usual Thanksgiving project of "Share Our Surplus" and the Lenten project of "One Great Hour of Sharing" were conducted.

There are indications that a program of adult religious education would be well received. Plans to create such a program are under discussion by the board, but no definite action has been taken.

Respectfully submitted,

LeRoy W. Moore, Chairman

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

12.

The year of 1960 has been an especially active one for the Women's Fellowship. The State Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, held in Duluth last May, was the biggest event of the year, and the women of the church, under the direction of Mrs. William Reynolds, rallied to the challenge of arranging registrations, housing and meals for the delegates. A snack bar was set up for the period of the conference and the Women's Fellowship entertained at a tea besides serving a luncheon and two dinners to the guests.

In spite of the confusion of reorganizing the groups this fall, the women went to work enthusiastically on various projects and we had a very successful and profitable bazaar. Mrs. Howard Clarke and Mrs. I. L. Karlstad were the co-chairmen of this event, and were assisted in their plans by an efficient committee composed of representatives from each group. Mrs. L. M. Maxfield and Mrs. R. E. Nutting, co-chairmen of the luncheon served that day, planned and supervised the delicious menu. Over 400 tickets were sold, adding a substantial amount to our treasury. The funds raised by our group have been used for our local and world-wide interests. We also furnished money for slip-covering the davenport in the small dining room, and helped pay for the blacktop on the rear parking area of the church.

The Women's Fellowship had representatives at Camp Ida in July, at the East Duluth Association Meeting in October, at the Mid-West Regional Meeting at Des Moines in October and at all the meetings of the Duluth United Council of Church Women held throughout the year.

Mrs. George Dinham and Mrs. I. L. Karlstad, our program chairmen, have arranged church-related programs throughout the year. These monthly meetings have been interesting and varied, and as a result have been very well attended.

The Community Interests Committee, Mrs. O. B. Patch Chairman, has helped various local charities, with donations of money to the Duluth Round Table, United Council of Protestant Women, to the YMCA for a campship, and they also purchased a much needed used deep-freeze for the Gospel Mission. Through efforts of this committee women were furnished to help mend and sew at Northwood Children's Home; three large boxes of material were sent to the Duluth Cancer Society for dressings, and magazines and birthday cakes taken to a number of nursing homes.

Mrs. Norma Bellows and her Housekeeping Committee purchased twenty linen tablecloths for the dining room. Our grateful thanks go to those women who hemmed them so promptly. Five dozen salts and peppers and two dozen tea towels were also furnished for the kitchen.

The Friendly Service group with Mrs. G. H. Spencer as chairman has been as active as ever, with a weekly work day spent in making layettes. These wardrobes were sent to six different centers sponsored by the Congregational Christian denomination. Quantities of used clothing were sent last spring to three different centers, and this fall seven sacks were shipped to Indians in South Dakota, and a check sent to a small Indian church for clothing or some special treat for the children of the parish. In addition to gifts of clothing, donations of money were made to Ryder Memorial Hospital in Puerto Rico, to the Congregational Christian Children's Home in North Carolina, to Lady Doak College for Christian Women in Madurai, India, to the Welfare Fund for Retired Japanese Ministers, to Hulda Stettler for use at Casa Mia in Naples, Italy, and to the Minnesota State Fund for Migrant Workers.

At our December meeting, in preparation for the Christmas season, we had a chapel service of meditation with devotional and inspirational talks by Mrs. F. G. Jacobson, the Women's Gift Chairman, and by Mrs. M. H. Tibbetts, chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee. At this service the Women's Gift Offering was received

and dedicated. Fruit plates for the shut-in members of our congregation were again delivered by the Spiritual Life Committee, and this committee sponsored a Bible class for the study of the book of Romans. Dr. Halfaker led this discussion group, which met the six weeks of Lent, and which by popular demand was continued this last fall.

We again wish to express our gratitude to the church staff for their unlimited patience, understanding and co-operation without which we could scarcely function. Our thanks go to Dr. Halfaker for his help and guidance in several new projects, to Miss Dorothy Belt for her always willing and cheerful assistance and to Carl Tornquist, Mrs. Lindberg and Alice Zeh for their efficient help in the dining room and kitchen.

Respectfully submitted,

Cordelia C. Goodman, President

REPORT OF THE MEN'S CLUB

Membership in the Men's Club showed a nice increase this year, reaching a total of 131, an increase of 15 members over last year. This is the largest membership in recent years. At the October meeting the speaker was Mr. James Kelly, Head Track Coach at the University of Minnesota and former Olympic coach. His talk on the 1960 Olympic games was very well received. At the November meeting Mr. Tony Yaworski, of Superior, showed his colored slides on "Art of the Seaway", with an interesting commentary on the pictures. With the Pilgrim membership to enjoy this program was a large delegation from Temple Emanuel. The Temple Brotherhood has in turn invited our group to meet with them in February.

Future programs include Ladies Night in February, when Dr. Harmon Bro of Northland College will be the speaker; the March meeting will have Judge Kaner making the talk. In April the club members will attend as a group the production of "J.B." given by the Duluth Playhouse. The usual Lenten week breakfast will be held.

Attendance at the meetings has been very gratifying and good fellowship has prevailed. We are having a very interesting and rewarding year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Duncan, President

REPORT OF THE COUPLES CLUB

The year 1960 was a period of experimentation for the newly reorganized Pilgrim Couples Club. The officers for the year were: Presidents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris; Vice Presidents, Mr. and Mrs. William Soules; Secretary-treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Craig. The program was developed around the principle that couples should have the opportunity to become better acquainted through social contacts in the homes of members. Nine monthly meetings were held during the year. Activities included bowling, harbor tour, swimming party, Christmas smorgasbord.

Attendance ranged from 4 to 16 couples. In analyzing the attendance record for 1960, the officers felt that a couples club of this type appeals primarily to couples that have recently moved to Duluth and have not established many social contacts as yet.

At the December meeting, officers were elected for the coming year: 14.
Presidents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Brownell; Vice Presidents, Dr. and Mrs. William
Ensign; Secretary-treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Engstrom. The outgoing officers
recommend that special effort be made to bring more of these newer Duluthians
into the Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill and Kay Soules

REPORT OF THE UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The campus ministry of United Campus Christian Fellowship, an organization of UMD students, this year as been extended to Evangelical and United Brethren students as well as the Presbyterians and Congregationalists previously served. Local sponsor for the EUB is Chester Park Evangelical and United Brethren Church, the Rev. Don Howard, minister. Even as this report is filed, we have word that another group wishes to join in our program. This is the United Baptist Christian Church of Duluth. We will be meeting with the pastor, Rev. Theodore R. Van Der Veer and members of the state Christian Baptist conference.

Though this is truly a year of mergers and increases in support, we cannot be overly optimistic about the numbers of students attending UCCF. Our preference card list numbers around the 300 mark, yet our average attendance is under 20. We do feel that we have the faithful participation of regulars, and enthusiastic support of several newcomers.

The UCCF program thus far seems to have proved meaningful for those attending. The winter quarter was launched with a two-week workshop, "Our Mission Within the Campus", based on the UCCF merger booklet of the same name. Rev. Charles (Moe) Stevens of Virginia, who has a real way with college young people, will be speaking to us on conformity. Dr. Cowles and Dr. Flaccus from UMD have a "return engagement" to tell us about conscientious objection, and Rev. Thomas Walker of Lester Park Methodist Church will ask us the question, "Are You Really a Christian?" We have scheduled the film "Epistle from Korea", perhaps one of the most important movies for this age group and its time. "Have We Changed" is the title of a March panel on student values in college. We expect to take part in a major campus event when the religious groups host the inter-faith, inter-cultural "Panel of Americans."

We are pleased with an open line of communication with the Wisconsin State UCCF group, Superior. Vince Tollers, president, has been our guest several times and is anxious to promote Duluth-Superior joint activities. The UMD UCCF has been invited to join Superior and Northland College for a retreat at Bayfield February 10-12. UMD hosted the final in a trio of planning sessions. At the retreat we will be discussing the Christian on campus, under the theme "Take Off Your Mask".

At a recent council meeting we invited one of the participating ministers, Rev. Robert Dickson of Lakeside Church, to brief us on some topic of immediate importance to us. Mr. Dickson got us off the ground prior to our "Mission on Campus" workshop, and helped clear any discouragements as to numbers attending UCCF, our purpose, etc. He emphasized that we have a seven-day-a-week opportunity to witness among our fellow students, and that our actions, not just "bang-up" Thursday night programs, determined "why we are here." If we reach just a few with the true meaning of Christianity, we will be fulfilling our Mission on campus, he said. We hope to enlist the aid of other advising ministers in this "peptalk" idea.

This quarter we will gain and share ideas with other religious groups as we

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have the Episcopalians as our guests and attend an ISA-Wesley social function, and an ISA-sponsored course in social problems. 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Walle, Advisor

REPORT OF THE PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

This year we meet on Sunday evening as we have always done. Before each meeting there is either a cabinet meeting or a study group meeting. The study group was organized this year and is functioning for those people interested in a deeper study of program topics.

Last year we decided to emphasize the three commissions (Faith, Action, and Fellowship) by making use of the material we received at the Minnesota P.F. Congress in April of 1960. We based our fall retreat on this study of commissions and invited the three commission chairmen, the president and the adviser of each P.F. group in the Duluth Association. We also invited three of the M.P.F. (State) commission chairmen to attend as resource leaders. The retreat was held at Camp Miller on September 24 and 25.

Our fall rally was held at Brainerd on October 23. The theme was "The Political Responsibility of Christians". Those present were the P.F. groups of the Duluth Association, the State P.F. adviser and several State P.F. officers.

Other highlights of the past four months are as follows: Christ Work Day on October 15, 1960; two programs presented by Bob Clarke on his summer trip to Indonesia as an A.F.S. student; a program presented by Mrs. Mary MacDonald about the United Nations during UN week; and a program discussion on "Why Missions?" with planted dissenters.

We have planned our programs through Easter, and many interesting topics are included. We will participate in the coming Youth Night Banquet; Marja Karppinen (an exchange student from Finland) will speak to us; we will have a discussion on Faith and Culture that will cover five weeks of the Lenten period; we will have a discussion on the Plan of Organization (POO) of the United Church Youth Group; and we will have a program about the summer camps which so many of us enjoyed last summer.

Two people of our group are officers of the Duluth Association P.F., as well as being officers of our own local group. They are Jean Arndt, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association and Faith Commission Chairman of our group, and myself, President of the Association.

Also, the Duluth Association P.F. is honored by the presence of several people who are nominated for a State P.F. office for the coming year.

Our group has been very successful in the past and is looking to a very promising future. Our membership is growing, and we are planning many new and interesting projects. Of special interest will be a program we are hoping to have concerning the Relation of Pilgrim Fellowship to the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Honigman, President

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

16.

First a follow-up on the two Dutch families - our projects of former years.

The Koorenhofs are now located on the Island of Maui where Hans is in charge of the Libby Experimental Laboratory. They are very comfortably housed and located but still miss the friends in Pilgrim Church.

The Winkelaar family is well located in Hoyt Lakes, living in their own house and active in their local church. Han says he is "sold on Minnesota" and just "loves it here".

During the past year the Committee gave \$25.00 to Nathan Sedda, a student from Kenya, who was desperately in need of help in paying for his room at the UMD Dormitory for the summer session.

The Committee and the Winkelaars jointly sponsored a young Dutch family, who are relatives of Mrs. Winkelaar, and who are also refugees from Indonesia. The family - Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knegt and daughter Lillian aged $1\frac{1}{2}$ years, arrived on December 23rd in Duluth. After spending a little over 2 weeks with the Winkelaars they came to the shelter of Mrs. Tibbetts' home while they looked for work in Duluth. Mr. Knegt has a temporary job at Chung King and as of today they are moving into Apartment 2-D at Munger Terrace. The committee has been able to give them a little furniture which was collected a couple of years ago for a refugee family which didn't come to Duluth as expected. The Knechts will still need many things in the line of household articles and if any of our church members have articles which they would like to contribute, will you please call the church office or either Mrs. Tibbetts or Mrs. Matter.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. W. B. Matter, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH VOCATIONS

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 has been taken from the Church Vocations Scholarship Fund, formerly known as the Hornby Scholarship Fund, which was set up in memory of Mr. Henry C. Hornby.

Mr. James Halfaker, after completing two years at Yale Divinity School and after serving a Congregational church at Clarendon, Vermont, during the summer months, is now at Penn State University serving his intern year as Chaplain to Students. 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, Dr. E. I. Parson, and Valworth R. Plumb, Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Valworth R. Plumb, Chairman

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

17.

During the past year the high standard of musicianship maintained by the church choir under Miss Rogers' leadership has continued to play an outstanding role in weekly worship services.

Due to her leaving Duluth for further study, Miss Carolyn Allen was forced to resign as director of Junior and Chapel Choirs. The Music Committee expressed to Miss Allen its profound appreciation of her splendid contribution to the young people of the church as exemplified in her tireless and efficient service in their behalf. We were, however, exceedingly fortunate in obtaining as replacement Mrs. Margaret McGillivray. Mrs. McGillivray's enthusiasm and industry have resulted in the Chapel Choir singing excellently performed anthems every Sunday morning since Fall reorganization. This choir also participated in the Christmas Eve Service. Its enrollment has increased from 17 to 25.

The Junior Choir has taken part in the music portion of every Family Service since September, with an average attendance of 30 persons.

The high calibre of these two choirs' singing is a testimony to Mrs. McGillivray's leadership. That over 50 young people in Pilgrim Church are receiving instruction in both music and churchmanship is gratifying.

Purchase and use of the new Pilgrim Hymnal has been successfully carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Edson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF USHERS

The Board of Ushers and the thirteen young men who are handling the 9:30 service served the church faithfully and efficiently during the year 1960. Edward L. Burg, Jr., Wilbur M. Fox and H. Warner Griggs acted as captains of the ushering teams for the 11:00 service and Ray Bonnell, Jr. acted as captain for the 9:30 teams.

To John Dalton, Assistant Head Usher, a special expression of appreciation is due for the faithful service he rendered during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Heller, Head Usher

REPORT OF THE COMMUNION COMMITTEE

The Communion Committee has completed another year of efficient work. These dedicated women with the help of their husbands have been more than faithful. May we take this opportunity to thank each member for her faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

18.

It has been the pleasure of the Flower Committee to arrange for flowers to be on the Communion table each Sunday during the year except for Communion Sundays when no flowers are used, and to decorate the church for Palm Sunday, Easter and Christmas.

Flowers were given as memorial gifts on 35 Sundays and by the Women's Fellowship on 9 Sundays. The palm branches which the children carry on Palm Sunday and the potted palms were provided by three memorial gifts. There were 51 memorial lilies on Easter Sunday. The beautiful spruce trees which were used to decorate the church at Christmas time were provided by Mr. Robert Campbell and the large wreath and poinsettia plants by the Women's Fellowship.

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

There are dates available for 1961. If you would like to provide memorial flowers, please call the church office. The cost is \$5.; 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 LOOKOUT COMMITTEE

The Lookout Committee has enjoyed its assignments in connection with the delivery of the flowers from our church after services each Sunday. As you know, each bouquet, delivered as designated by the minister, is accompanied by a church bulletin, a fitting enclosure card that reads: "These flowers from Pilgrim Congregational Church are a token that you were remembered in our Service today.", together with a brief 5-minute visit with the patient, if approved by the hospital center in charge. This also applies at private homes to which a bouquet may be destined.

Then, after Easter Sunday Services, all members of the committee gather to receive written instructions regarding their lilies. Miss Belt's master plan of the arrangement of the lilies facilitates easy locating of each plant. In so many instances at the destination, after informing the recipient of the Easter lily, it was revealed that "Mr. Halfaker called me last night to tell me you'd be here." Last Easter one of our young ushers offered his assistance at the platform as well as taking a cartonful near his home.

The chairman recognizes the friendly cooperation of each member of our committee throughout the year in the performance of this pleasant service in our church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. Williams, Chairman

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REPORT OF THE COFFEE HOUR HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Coffee hours have been held regularly on the second Sunday of each month following the 11:00 church service, with the exception of the summer months. The number of adults attending these coffee hours averaged about one hundred. There have been fewer children served this year since the number of children attending church school at the 11:00 hour is smaller than at 9:30.

The plan of serving the children their punch and cookies in Fellowship Hall has proved very successful and has eliminated much confusion in Salter Hall.

I wish to thank the women of Group 9 and several others who have generously given of their time in helping to make these coffee hours possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Bert N. Wheeler, Chairman

REPORT OF THE OFFICE HELP COMMITTEE

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

The committee has helped with 16 mailings and with the assembling of the Annual Reports, a total of 74 hours. Approximately 20,100 items were handled.

The following women helped with this work and enjoyed it:

Mrs. W. F. Baldwin, Mrs. R. G. Barnes, Miss Helen Cant, Mrs. Hubbell Carpenter, Mrs. C. J. Hartley, Mrs. P. F. Heimick, Miss Anna Hellan, Miss Margaret Hemenway, Miss Avis Hollingsworth, Mrs. K. F. Honigman, Miss Edna Jenks, Mrs. L. R. Josephs, Mrs. H. J. McClearn, Mrs. M. M. Meldahl, Mrs. Bertha Prine, Mrs. R. M. Smith, Miss Edith Thomas.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. S. Savin, Chairman

Mrs. P. F. Heimick, Vice Chairman

DIACONATE

John Fochs

As the church year of 1998-99 draws to a close, the Pilgrim Church Diaconate will reflect upon a fruitful twelve months. We performed many of the expected Diaconate functions, but also ventured into some new areas for the first time.

We assisted the ministers in conducting the worship services through preparing communion, enlisting ushers, greeters, providing lay readers, assisting with baptism, welcoming new members, and delivering flowers to shut-ins after the services.

The Diaconate helped enrich the spiritual life of the congregation through maintaining a close relationship with the Worship Committee and the Stephen Ministry.

After hosting and preparing the brunch at Rediscovery Sunday in September, we organized other activities to facilitate church fellowship:

- ♦ Italian Dinner Vista Cruise (September)
- ♦ Fitgers' Dessert Theater (November)
- ♦ Progressive Church Dinner (April)

The past year witnessed two organizational changes in the church structure affecting the Diaconate. Church Growth and Development was established as a separate standing committee. This alleviated the Diaconate's responsibility in that area.

Also, for the first time, the Music Committee merged with the Diaconate, adding supervision of the music ministry of the church to our portfolio of tasks. The Diaconate, along with the Hospitality Committee, put on the reception after Norma Stevlingson's organ recital in January.

In the coming year we plan to finalize two projects which were recently undertaken. We will finish the process of reviewing and reorganizing church membership rolls. The Diaconate will also complete a new Time and talent Survey of the congregation to better match church members with volunteer opportunities.

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Balance Sheet
Report Date: December 31, 1998

December, 1998 Balance Sheet
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Fellowship Hall Table Fund	6,739.00
Archives Fund	2,500.00
Refugee Fund	1,899.14
Flower Fund	20.47
Duluth Light Opera Co. Fund	2,656.93
Hospitality Fund	58.82
Pilgrim Just Peace Fund	558.73
Church Growth Fund	(14.32)
Memorials Fund	10,599.00
S.Britton Scholarship Fund	4,755.00
Peace & Justice Lecture Fund	4,800.00
BCE-Speakers/Workshop Fund	4,632.75
Stewardship (Ramshaw) Fund	861.09
Organ Recital Fund	6,373.17
Stephen Ministry Fund	6,205.42
Pilgrim Fund Expense Fund	12,961.49
Parlor/Salter Hall Fund	973.78
Sun Room Renovation	4,525.00
Entry Improvements & Signage	3,627.60
Youth Music Fund	866.37
Church School Offerings Fund	69.04
BCE-Undercroft Project Fund	134.56
Speaker/PA System Fund	742.10
Assoc. Min. Cont. Ed. Fund	16.00
Emergency Assistance Fund	1,254.02
Christmas Gifts Fund	(119.02)
Church History Fund	336.00
Hymnal Fund	743.72
1998 Workcamp Fund	(1,191.03)
Marshall Final Dist. Fund	87,966.00
Helen Wedlund Fund	1,200.00
Alex Herbert Fund	21,933.31
Default Fund	(44.25)
Total Restricted Funds	105,593.59

General Fund	
Capital Gifts	1,749,147.24
Prepaid Pledges	12,099.96
Beginning Balance	6,548.32
Current Surplus(Deficit)	(15,567.78)
Total General Fund	1,752,227.74

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES

\$ 1,857,821.33

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CHILDREN'S MUSIC DIRECTOR

Peggy White

This year, we jump-started our church year in August, with Vacation Bible School meeting the week of August 10-14. The children took a journey through the Bible and learned about important people like David, Abraham, and Jesus. The music that we learned was then shared with the Pilgrims at the Sunday service on August 16.

Youth Music during the school year includes an active music program in the Church School and a faithful Pilgrim Youth Choir.

The Church School children (grades Pre-K through 7th Grade) divide into two groups each week and spend 15 minutes of their Church School session learning music. Our hope is that this time will enhance their religious education, and increase their enjoyment of music.

The Church School children shared their music in worship service on seven occasions during the year, two of those times being special events: the Christmas Pageant (based on the children's story "*Three Wise Men and a Baby*") and Church School Sunday ("*The Bible Tells Me So Show: The wonderful promises in the Bible*").

The Youth Choir meets every Wednesday for a time of rehearsal, food, and fellowship. The group is 10 members this year, and they shared their music in church 7 times. On Christmas eve the Youth Choir provided several pieces for the early service. We also learned seven new pieces for the Children's Choir Festival at First Lutheran in February, and several of our members attended that event.

During Lent, I had an opportunity to work with the Confirmands each Wednesday, putting together a full worship service for the early service on Easter. They presented readings, monologues, and music on the theme "*The Empty Tomb*." They also brought part of that program to Lakeshore Lutheran Home on Palm Sunday.

A special thank you goes to Nancy Odden who volunteered her time and talents to accompany the choir this year. Thanks also to Jody Ondich for accompanying the children's music whenever called upon, and to the other adults who supported us with their dramatic talents for the special programs. My gratitude also to the parents and other adults who are responsible to bring the children to Pilgrim so that they can participate in all of these events!