

Pilgrim Congregational Church

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

PRESENTED AT

THE ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 15, 1964

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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Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Bates, Clerk

REPORT OF THE CLERK

1.

On January 1, 1963 the membership of Pilgrim Church was 937

New members during 1963:
By Letter of Transfer

28

Members lost during 1963:

Removed by death

13

Letters of transfer granted

23

36

Net loss in membership during 1963

8

Total membership as of January 1, 1964

929

Transferred to inactive roll by vote of
the Board of Deacons

29

Total active membership as of January 1, 1964

900

Of this total 805 are resident in Duluth and 95 are non-resident.

During the year 14 births were recorded and 9 children were baptized.

Members lost by death were:

Mr. A. W. Behrens

Mrs. J. Robert Zuger

Dr. Daniel W. Wheeler

Mrs. Fred W. Buck

Mrs. Charles V. McCoy

Mr. John C. Campbell, Jr.

Mrs. Frank T. Everhard

Miss Irene Thomas

Mrs. Carroll D. Steele

Mr. Ray W. Lundquist

Mrs. Otto H. Kalkbrenner

Mrs. A. E. Parker

Mrs. Charles Foster

Letters of Transfer were issued to the following persons:

Alan H. Hartley to the Episcopal Church of Pottstown, Pennsylvania

Peter Gemuenden to the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Duluth

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Hansen and Karl to Mayflower Community Congregational,
Minneapolis

Mrs. Wilson Bradley to La Jolla Presbyterian, La Jolla, California

Mr. and Mrs. H. Warner Griggs to Westminster Presbyterian, Pasadena, California

Miss Bernice Budge to First Presbyterian, Hendersonville, North Carolina

Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Sneed to The First United Presbyterian-Congregational,
Ashland, Wisconsin

Mrs. W. R. Wadewitz to Evangelical United Brethren, Racine, Wisconsin

Donald Hammer to First Congregational, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Mrs. Dreng Bjornaraa to University Lutheran Church of Hope, Minneapolis

Miss Gertrude Caldwell to Grace Methodist, Minneapolis

Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Schuyler to First Presbyterian, Kirkwood, Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Ewen to First Congregational, Great Falls, Montana

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Taylor to Lake Edge Congregational, Madison, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Seguin to The Village Church, Northbrook, Illinois

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Eaton, Clerk

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED DURING 1963

2.

February 3

Mrs. Thomas W. Gemuenden
220 East Chisholm Street

Mrs. E. H. Gloss
3712 East Third Street

Robert Gloss
3712 East Third Street

Joan Gloss
3712 East Third Street

April 11

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Applequist
2430 East Third Street

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Howard
4213 McCulloch Street

Alice Ann Howard
4213 McCulloch Street

Harland Howard
4213 McCulloch Street

Mr. and Mrs. Archie W. Rappana
322 Ridgewood Road

June 2

Mrs. Charles C. Beal
5415 Tioga Street

Mrs. Stephen M. Pronko
5415 Tioga Street

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Shefchik
1727 Lakeview Drive

October 6

Miss Corah L. Colbrath
219 N. 21st Avenue East

Capt. and Mrs. William Hagmeyer
812-B Hamilton Drive

Mrs. O. L. McHaffie
828 Northland Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mosher
2114 East Second Street

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald G. Wedlund
228 W. St. Marie Street

December 1

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLish
114 Chester Parkway

Mr. and Mrs. Erling Tover
1301 East Third Street

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

3.

Members of the Board of Deacons for the year 1963 were R. B. Buchanan, W. J. Brooker, K. R. Fawcett, M. M. Fifield, W. J. Grandy, L. E. Griffith, F. M. Harlow, R. L. Heller, A. H. Herbert, G. S. Holgate, R. W. Johnson, R. S. Knowlton, E. I. Parson, V. R. Plumb, R. B. Rhode, R. M. Smith, C. D. Steele, and F. E. Stout.

Regular monthly meetings have been held. Members of the Board of Deacons have participated in meetings of the Church Council and the Standing Committee. Among the many items of business considered were: Lenten services, the use of the church as a fall-out shelter, the securing of "supply" ministers, time of worship services, the order of worship and the establishment of a "hospitality" committee to aid elderly and disabled persons who need help in entering the church building.

At a special meeting of the board held October 1 Dr. Halfaker raised the question of whether persons of other races would be welcomed as members of Pilgrim Church. It was the feeling of the deacons that this posed no problem for us. It was pointed out that the constitution of Pilgrim Church does not set any restrictions as to membership. The board voted that "The Board of Deacons understands this provision in the constitution to mean that persons of whatever racial background, who indicate their desire to become members and who are prepared to accept the Covenant will be welcomed as members of Pilgrim Church."

The deacons wish to express their appreciation to the retiring deacons, R. W. Johnson, E. I. Parson, and C. D. Steele, for their services during their years as members of the Board of Deacons. Appreciation is also expressed to Hubbell Carpenter who is filling an interim appointment during R. L. Heller's leave of absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Valworth R. Plumb, Chairman

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Stephen M. Pronko as our new Director of Christian Education in May and we know that she is giving this church department vigorous and creative leadership.

Your Historian would again like to remind the members of the approaching 100th Anniversary of our church to take place in 1971, and will always welcome any information, written or oral, which anyone might have so that he can turn over such material to the person who will be preparing the 100th Anniversary history.

The historical records of Pilgrim 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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members of the 1963 Board of Trustees were: Irvin L. Karlstad, Chairman; Thomas J. Shefchik, Secretary; Mrs. G. A. W. Hedenberg, Norman Moberg, R. H. Neimyer, Samuel G. Radford, Douglas Walker, Willis Wyard, James E. Montague.

In June Norman Moberg resigned from the board and was replaced by Howard Clarke who was elected by the congregation at a special meeting held June 20th.

Irvin Karlstad resigned from the board in October when he was transferred to Minneapolis. It was decided that Mr. Karlstad's replacement should be elected at the annual meeting.

Douglas Walker was elected chairman following Mr. Karlstad's resignation.

Financial affairs of the church are in good shape. The year closed with all bills paid.

During the past year the balance on the contract for deed on the Tloga Street parsonage was paid in full. This was made possible by using \$2,508.40 which was in the Trenerry Fund and \$1,295.17 which was in the Depreciation Fund to make advance payment on the contract. This money is being replaced in the Trenerry and Depreciation Funds at the rate of \$100 per month. This arrangement resulted in saving of interest and the clearing of our properties of any obligations.

In February the board voted to enter into an agreement with Civil Defense to designate and mark certain areas of the church building as fall-out shelters. This action was taken after joint consideration of a committee of trustees and deacons.

In March the board increased insurance on the building from \$720,000 to \$740,000 and voted to further increase this insurance by \$20,000 in 1964. This action was taken to fulfill co-insurance requirements. This insurance is revised frequently in accordance with changing costs and values so that our building is kept insured to 90% of value. This procedure makes us eligible for favorable rates and assures complete coverage. The valuation is determined by Patchin Appraisals Inc.

On the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, the congregation, at a special business meeting held following the church service June 20th, voted to pledge \$2,400 to the building fund of the new Minnesota Protestant Center in Minneapolis to be paid through allocation in the Benevolence budget of \$800 a year for three years. In accordance with this vote an item of \$800 was added to the Benevolence Budget for 1964.

In July a gift of \$2,000 from the estate of Miss Mary Salter in memory of her father, Dr. Charles C. Salter, the first minister of Pilgrim Church, was received. This money was placed in the Memorial Fund pending decision as to its appropriate use.

The church building is in good physical condition. Extensive repairs have been made to metal decks over the narthex and the tower. New copper gutters with open down spouts have been installed on the main roof over the sanctuary. The trustees are hopeful that these repairs will solve the problem of persistent water damage.

A year ago last summer the heating system was converted to gas. It would appear that this installation expenditure has already paid for itself. Substantial savings should develop in the future.

5.
The Board of Trustees requests authorization to place unrestricted bequests in a trust fund, the income from which will be allocated to the Church Vocations Scholarship Fund to be applied annually toward an Entrance Scholarship for a student at the Chicago Theological Seminary, with the understanding that preference will be given to members of Pilgrim Church who are in training for church vocations, either at the college level or in whatever seminary they may choose to attend.

Based on designations in 1964 pledges the budget for denominational benevolences has been allocated as follows:

Minnesota Conference, for administrative expenses	1,125
National Association for administrative expenses	1,125
Minnesota Conference, for service projects in Minnesota	1,427
Board for World Ministries	1,123
Board for Homeland Ministries	1,123
Pension Boards	306
National Association Missionary Society	2,771

In September the board requested Bruce Buchanan to serve again as Loyalty Day Chairman. The board wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Buchanan for his effective leadership of this campaign. At the trustees meeting on January 10th, Mr. Buchanan reported that the campaign was completed with the exception of a few replies yet to be received and that 434 pledges totaling \$63,733.70 have been received.

On a basis of these pledges and other anticipated income, the trustees recommend the adoption of the budget for 1964 as proposed at the time of the Loyalty Day campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Walker, Chairman

REPORT OF THE LOYALTY DAY COMMITTEE

6.

The Loyalty Day Committee has completed its work so far as possible to this date. There are six members from whom it is presumed we will receive pledges whom we have not been able to reach. The report below indicates the response of those from whom we have received pledges. I wish to thank all who have helped with the work of the Loyalty Day Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Buchanan, Chairman

Loyalty Day Progress Report

January 10, 1964

		<u>1/16/63</u>	<u>1/10/64</u>
Total pledges (423)	434		
Presumed pledges (8)	6	\$59,758.30	\$63,733.70
	(431) 440	<u>1,115.00</u>	<u>781.00</u>
		60,873.30	64,514.70
New pledges (59)	43		
Increased (76)	93	4,050.46	3,373.00
		<u>2,584.20</u>	<u>3,851.70</u>
		6,634.66	7,224.70
Decreased (64)	48		
Death or removal (25)	19	3,747.83	2,009.10
		<u>2,588.60</u>	<u>1,664.80</u>
		6,336.43	3,673.90

Designations:

United Church	(113)	89	25,321.14	22,716.60
Nat'l Assoc.	(107)	95	13,835.76	12,635.10
Undesignated	(211)	256	21,716.40	29,163.00

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Duluth, Minnesota

Proposed 1964 Budget for Local Expenses

MINISTRY

Salary of the minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, minister's discretionary fund, guest speakers. \$12,715

CHURCH OFFICE

Salaries of secretary, part-time financial secretary and part-time Christian Education secretary, office supplies, postage and printing, and office equipment. 8,378

MUSIC

Salaries of organist and choir director and youth choir director, sheet music, care of the organ, choir fees and miscellaneous. 6,289

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church school curriculum materials, church school supplies, audiovisual materials, equipment, Bibles for the third graders, Pilgrim Fellowship expense, vacation church school, Lenten Seminars, leadership training, Director of Christian Education. 7,272

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

Salary of the caretaker, caretaker's supplies, utilities, fuel, repairs, insurance, housekeeping expense, and parsonage utilities and services. 20,331

GENERAL EXPENSE

Printing bulletins, literature, publicity and advertising, contribution envelopes, delegate expense, and miscellaneous. 3,075

DEPRECIATION FUND

To provide a fund to care for major repairs and replacements when such needs arise. 2,000

AMORTIZATION FUND

Payments on the contract for deed for the Tioga Street parsonage. 1,200

Total for Local Expenses \$61,260

PROPOSED 1964 BUDGET FOR BENEVOLENCES

Through Pledged Giving

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION	\$ 9,000
Our share in the work of the basic missionary agencies we have traditionally supported; the State Conference, Board for World Ministries, Board for Homeland Ministries, etc., and The National Association and the Missionary Society of the National Association.	
CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	500
A contribution to the budget of our seminary in Chicago.	
UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	400
A campus ministry program which we sponsor jointly with four other local churches with the assistance of the State Conference and the Westminster Foundation.	
UNION GOSPEL MISSION	200
A program of evangelism and emergency assistance, Christian counsel and guidance in downtown Duluth.	
INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION	970
Contributions to the Duluth Council of Churches, Minnesota Council of Churches, National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches, and Minnesota Council of Churches Building Fund.	
MISCELLANEOUS BENEVOLENCES	180
Congregational Historical Society, International Christian University in Tokyo, and special appeals.	

Total benevolences through pledged giving \$11,250

Through Special Offerings

EASTER - Northland College	\$ 500
World Service - One Great Hour of Sharing	500
THANKSGIVING - World Service - Share Our Surplus - SOS	1,000
CHRISTMAS - Christmas Fund for Ministerial Relief	750

Total benevolences through special offerings \$ 2,750

Total of all Benevolences \$14,000

SUMMARY

For Local Expenses	\$61,260
For Benevolences through pledged giving	11,250
For Benevolences through special offerings	2,750
Total Proposed Budget for 1964	\$75,260

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER - 1963

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RECEIPTS

Individual Contributions		\$64,212.26
Loose Offerings		1,837.19
Church School Offerings		519.26
Women's Fellowship for General Fund		500.00
Women's Fellowship for Benevolences		500.00
Rentals		455.00
Special Offerings - Easter	1,092.38	
Thanksgiving	1,323.97	
Christmas	<u>936.50</u>	
Special Projects		3,352.85
Deacons Fund		1,056.96
Other Unbudgeted Income		103.24
		<u>2,681.14</u>

75,217.90

DISBURSEMENTS

Ministry		
Salary of the minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, minister's discretionary fund, guest speakers.	12,516.51	
Church Office		
Salaries of secretary, part-time Christian Education secretary, part-time financial secretary and stenographer, office supplies, postage and printing, and office equipment.	7,289.72	
Music		
Salaries of organist and choir director and youth choir director, sheet music, care of the organ, choir fees and miscellaneous.	6,364.71	
Christian Education		
Salary of the Director of Christian Education, director's car expense, conference expense, church school curriculum materials, church school supplies, audio-visual materials, equipment, Bibles for third graders, Pilgrim Fellowship expense, Lenten seminars, leadership training, and library books and supplies.	5,860.41	
Property Maintenance and Operating Expense		
Salary of the caretaker, caretaker's supplies, utilities, fuel, repairs, insurance, house-keeping expense.	19,067.36	
General Expense		
Printing bulletins, literature, publicity and advertising, contribution envelopes, delegates expenses, per capita dues, coffee hour and miscellaneous.	2,259.01	
Depreciation Fund		
To provide a fund to care for major repairs and replacements when such need arises.	2,000.00	
Amortization Fund		
Tioga Street Parsonage	1,200.00	

Special projects		1,009.38	8.
Other unbudgeted disbursements			
Transfers from Memorial Fund	551.00		
Moving and transportation expenses for Mrs. Pronko	965.65		
Miscellaneous	<u>635.45</u>	2,152.10	
Benevolences			
Minnesota State Conference	2,602.00		
Board for World Ministries	1,144.00		
Board for Homeland Ministries	1,144.00		
Pension Boards	312.00		
National Association	3,798.00		
Chicago Theological Seminary	500.00		
United Campus Christian Fellowship	400.00		
Union Gospel Mission	200.00		
Duluth Council of Churches	20.00		
Minnesota Council of Churches	50.00		
National Council of Churches	50.00		
World Council of Churches	50.00		
International Christian University	50.00		
Congregational Historical Society	25.00		
World Service (Easter & Thanksgiving)	1,895.56		
Ministerial Relief (Christmas)	936.50		
Northland College (Easter)	500.00		
Designated gifts for State Conference	675.00		
Designated gifts for Board for World Ministries	175.00		
Designated gifts for Board for Homeland Ministries	175.00		
Racial Justice Now	215.50		
Fund for Cuban Refugees	<u>190.86</u>	15,108.42	74,827.62

SUMMARY CASH STATEMENT

Balances January 1, 1963		
General Fund	377.28	
Displaced Persons Fund	159.86	
Special Projects Fund	<u>237.92</u>	775.06
Receipts for 1963		
Advance payment on 1964 pledges	75,217.90	
Total Cash	<u>9,886.25</u>	
	85,879.21	
Disbursements		
Balance December 31, 1963	<u>74,827.62</u>	
	11,051.59	
Balances December 31, 1963		
General Fund	776.60	
Special Projects Fund	285.50	
Deacons Fund	103.24	
Advance payments on 1964 pledges	<u>9,886.25</u>	11,051.59

SEGREGATED FUNDS

9.

The following funds are on deposit at the First American National Bank in separate accounts. *

Depreciation Fund

Balance December 31, 1962

1,251.17

Receipts

Interest

45.00

Allocation from 1963 budget

1,000.00

1,045.00

2,296.17

No disbursements

Balance December 31, 1963

2,296.17 *

Church Vocations Scholarship Fund

Balance December 31, 1962

622.91

Receipts

Interest

16.00

Gifts in memory of Mrs. J.R. Zuger

360.00

376.00

998.91

No disbursements

Balance December 31, 1963

998.91

Memorial Fund

Balance December 31, 1962

1,047.16

Receipts

Interest

24.07

Gifts in memory of

Dr. Frank N. Knapp

Mrs. Lane MacGregor

Mrs. Mark Baldwin

Mrs. Oscar Mitchell

Gordon Dunbar

Thomas J. Shefchik

Helge H. Nelson

John C. Campbell, Jr.

Dr. Charles C. Salter

Mrs. Fred Buck

Mrs. Carroll D. Steele

Mrs. A. E. Parker

Mrs. Charles Foster

3,443.06

3,467.13

4,514.29

Disbursements

Bible Dictionary for Church School library

Oak organ screen

Tackboards for primary and junior depts.

Add'l table for 3rd grade classroom

Pulpit Bible

551.00

Balance December 31, 1963

3,963.29

Moining Fund

Balance December 31, 1962	5,000.00
Receipts: Interest	<u>200.00</u>
	5,200.00

No disbursements

Balance December 31, 1963	5,200.00
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Trenerry Fund

Balance December 31, 1962	2,411.92
Receipts: Interest	<u>96.48</u>
	2,508.40

No disbursements

Balance December 31, 1963	2,508.40 *
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Respectfully submitted,

Jesse D. Bradley, Treasurer

* \$691.13 of the Depreciation Fund and \$2,508.40 of the Trenerry Fund have been used to pay off the Tioga Street Parsonage Contract.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

11.

The Board of Christian Education during the year 1963 was comprised of Mr. David S. Bouschor, Chairman; Mrs. Rollo F. Hunt, Secretary; Mrs. Josiah Fuller, Mr. LeRoy Moore, Mrs. Conrad Stephenson, Mrs. Irvin L. Karlstad, Mrs. F. C. Jacobson, Mr. Ted J. Lee, Mrs. Percy G. Dunber, Mrs. Robert C. Jackson.

During the year 1963, the Board was quite active regarding the new curriculum being used by the Church School at present. We reviewed the use of the curriculum in the lower grades. Pursuant to last year's decision of the Board we reviewed the new work to be presented to the rest of the Church School in the fall of 1963. In general the curriculum was favorably received by the Board. In order to be more in touch with the basic philosophy and motivating forces behind said curriculum, the Board read and discussed Roger Shinn's book "The Educational Mission of the Church". This book presented to its readers the concepts being conveyed, the psychological, artistic, and educational approaches of this new curriculum.

The family dinners were again sponsored by the Board, and these were well received by the families of our church. The year ended with our now traditional carol sing and family dinner on December 22.

This year we lost a member of our Board and a faithful worker in Betty Karlstad in the fall of 1963. Her place, however, is ably filled by Mrs. F. C. Jacobson.

One of our proudest accomplishments of the year was the acquiring of Mrs. Stephen Pronko as our new Director of Christian Education. We feel very fortunate that she has come to us, and she has helped a great deal in the improving of the quality and direction of the Church School education.

During the year we had a few insights into the success of our Church School program. Mrs. John Grandy showed us some unposed movies taken in the Kindergarten and Nursery classes during class sessions.

This fall the Board viewed a film entitled "Growing Up" to be used at a later date in the Junior High course.

We again sponsored Vacation Church School, which was successful but ran into some difficulty because of the Public School Summer Sessions.

As usual the Board sponsored the Thanksgiving project, Share Our Surplus Program, and the Lenten project of One Great Hour of Sharing.

This year as last, family meetings were held with the teachers. This was an attempt to give the parents an idea of what their young people were studying, and the material they used. This, however, was held in the church during Christian Education Week, and it is hoped that such a program will increase in the future.

A book fair was sponsored by the Board in November, which proved successful for a first try. This was to put in the hands of the congregation some of the better religious books for children and adults. A goodly number of books were purchased by our families.

The Board can look back on an active and satisfying year; one in which a number of fine accomplishments were attained.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Bouschor, Chairman

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

12.

During the few months my mother and I have been in Duluth we have discovered many wonderful people and have come to love this North Woods country, especially fascinating, everchanging Lake Superior. We appreciate the friendliness of the church people who have made us feel very much a part of the Pilgrim family.

As for my work this first half year, the first thing to be said is a word of tribute and appreciation for a remarkable church school staff. They are enthusiastic about our new curriculum; they are cooperative, responsive to suggestions, adventurous enough to try new methods, yet anchored to reality; and best of all, they read their course books and come well prepared Sunday after Sunday. When a church has people of the caliber of our church school staff willing to give the time, study and loyalty evidenced here, that church is fortunate indeed.

Last summer I appreciated the opportunity to be a part of the Faribault Laboratory Training School. It was fun to find old friends from Missouri and California teaching there.

Vacation Church School was held August 5 through August 16. Only a few children above the kindergarten level were enrolled. This, as well as the difficulty of securing sufficient staff, seemed to be due to the increased participation of our church families in public school summer program. The Board of Christian Education will give serious thought at the February meeting to what should be done about Vacation Church School this summer.

It is a pleasure and a stimulating experience to work with a Board of Christian Education as well informed as ours, and whose members all take their responsibilities so seriously. Such a Board can give imaginative leadership to the entire Christian Education program of a church. When I return from the annual Christian Education meetings in Cincinnati the second week in February, there will be many ideas and new insights to share with this Board.

Many of you expressed your appreciation of the Book Fair held November 17 and 18. We hope to repeat this next year at a slightly earlier date in order to make sure that all orders can be received well before Christmas. Also some of you mentioned enjoying the Christmas exhibit of Nativity pictures. Most of these have been collected over a period of years to illustrate how Jesus has surmounted the bonds of place, time, and race. Next year the collection will be richer by several pictures added by some of you; also perhaps, if you have some unusual pictures you will want to loan them for display.

One of the unusual aspects of our church school is the steady attendance record of the 7th, 8th and 9th grade classes. These seldom drop below 12 and are usually closer to 17.

We feel that it is important to keep our parents informed on the work being done with their children. To help us do this we had a series of parent-teacher meetings last fall. Now the new courses for the second semester are in the teachers' hands. They will be having their own meetings to plan the best use of these materials and we have set Monday evening, February 3, 7:30 to 9:30 to share these plans with parents. A film, "The Bible in the United Church Curriculum" will be shown, followed by a discussion time. After this coffee will be served and the teachers will be on hand to talk with the parents about the new materials. All of these will be displayed by grades.

As the year moves along I hope to become better acquainted with all of you. I hope you will feel free to come to my office to share with me your thinking, your interested concern, and your questions in the area of Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Stephen M. Pronko

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH VOCATIONS

13.

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 follows 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 undergraduate or postgraduate work. The money is provided by the Church Vocations Scholarship Fund, formerly known as the Hornby Scholarship Fund, which was set up in memory of Mr. Henry C. Hornby.

During the past year no financial help has been given through this committee, simply because none of the members of our church were eligible. 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.

On January 6, 1964 the committee met and voted to present to the church at the Annual Meeting, January 15, 1964 the following recommendations:

- (1) That Pilgrim Church undertake to provide an entrance scholarship amounting to \$1,275 to Chicago Theological Seminary for a student in the entering class for the school year 1963-64.
- (2) That funds presently in the Church Vocations Scholarship Fund be allocated to this purpose.
- (3) That the Board of Trustees be authorized to place unrestricted bequests in a trust fund, the income from which will be allocated to the Church Vocations Scholarship Fund to be applied annually toward an Entrance Scholarship for a student at the Chicago Theological Seminary, with the understanding that preference will be given to members of Pilgrim Church who are in training for church vocations, either at the college level or in whatever seminary they may choose to attend.
- (4) That we suggest that the Church Vocations Scholarship Fund be considered in the designation of gifts from the Memorial Fund and that organizations of the church be invited to make contributions to the Church Vocations Scholarship Fund in the hope that we will be able to continue to make such a contribution to the Seminary from year to year.

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 PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

14.

This past year Pilgrim Fellowship has enjoyed great success. Improvements in methods of organization and administration started last year have brought about a greater enthusiasm and fuller participation among its members.

Again this year the entire P.F. membership shares the responsibility for program planning. This is accomplished by having six equal "groups" of members, each headed by a cabinet member. These groups in turn provide the evening's dinner and carry out the program and worship service, thus establishing a much more meaningful experience and an equality of responsibility for all.

Cabinet meetings are held once a month to provide program suggestions and to iron out difficulties.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Robert Owens were no longer able to be with the group, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Engstrom remain as our advisors. Mrs. Pronko has been a great help to our advisors and officers in planning programs this year.

In the past P.F. activities have been channeled through three commissions: Faith, Action, and Fellowship. In order to plan programs more efficiently and to cut down on doubling of activities, we are now operating with a more centralized cabinet of officers with no differentiation between commissions. Our activities follow the emphases of the Minnesota P.F. Congress which was well attended by members of our group.

This fall we have been concentrating our programs on what we can do about problems in our society, for example, racial prejudice. In conjunction with this we have carried a study of other religions. On these programs we have had movies, discussions, skits, and many excellent speakers such as Mr. Jackson Huntley, a teacher at East High School; Mr. Nathan Bindler, the cantor at Temple Emanuel; and Mr. William Maupins, the President of the Minnesota N.A.A.C.P. We have just started a series of discussions dealing with teen-age problems based on the book "The Christian In The World." Mrs. William Van Evera is leading us in these programs. Besides these projects we have had joint meetings with various church groups within the city, such social events as a bowling party and a Christmas party, a canoe trip last spring, and we are planning a Christ's Work Day.

In closing, we feel that Pilgrim Fellowship has been a rewarding experience to its members during the past year, and we are looking forward to 1964 with great enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Shively, President

REPORT OF UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Fall quarter of the 1963-64 school year at UMD began another year of the ministry of and to faculty and students within our university here in Duluth. In trying to fulfill this ministry, the United Campus Christian Fellowship, locally supported by Pilgrim Congregational Church, Glen Avon Presbyterian Church, Lakeside Presbyterian Church, Chester Park E.U.B. Church and Peace Church, has taken several different forms.

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Sunday evening supper/discussion has been given to a series of speakers on the topic "The Christian and Moral Responsibility" in such areas as medicine, politics and military service. Nine students and the director participated in the Regional UCCF conference held in Minneapolis at the main campus and explored the theme "The Church and Juvenile Delinquency" with all the problems of the inner city such as racial discrimination, urban renewal, drop-outs, etc. as discussion topics.

A highlight of the year was 19th Ecumenical Student Conference which is held every four years at Athens, Ohio. UMD had twenty students and staff as delegates from Wesley, Canterbury, Lutheran Student Association, Gamma Delta and UCCF groups. Five students and the director of UCCF participated in a series of discussion groups centering on the study materials in preparation for the conference. Various local churches supported this venture by providing full and partial scholarships for UCCF students.

The Advisory Committee, made up of faculty, pastors, and other interested people from the five local churches, is beginning to explore the future of the campus ministry for UMD. Likewise, the student UCCF council is making plans for winter quarter.

I am always happy to talk with anyone who would like to know more about the campus ministry at UMD. This is an important arm of Pilgrim's ministry, and we thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Lindlief, UCCF Director

REPORT OF THE MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club started the 1963-64 season with two fine programs. The first program was held October 8 featuring a Men's Club Executive Committee member and Duluth School Board member, Peter Sneve, discussing the School Board plans.

The second meeting was held November 12 and featured Mr. Dick Anthony, local radio and television news commentator who discussed his then recent trip to Europe.

Last April the Men's Club was pleased to present to the Church an addition to the sound system in Fellowship Hall. This addition took the form of a microphone which is worn by the speaker, allowing him to move freely from place to place without losing communication with his audience.

We feel that the objectives of the Men's Club have been well met through the first two meetings and are certain this will prevail throughout the year. The Executive Committee has devoted much time and interest in making this a successful year. Members of the Executive Committee are Percy G. Dunbar, Vice President; John T. Adams, Secretary-Treasurer; Jesse D. Bradley, Peter H. Sneve, Fred E. Stout, Jr., Walter W. Matzke, Keith Brownell and Dr. Gordon C. Amundson.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W. Collins, President

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

16.

A successful year can again be reported for the Women's Fellowship of Pilgrim Congregational Church. We can be justly proud of the work the members of the Fellowship have done in contributing time, effort and money to our widely diversified and widely located interests.

Our monthly programs have been interesting and varied and have been well received by the membership.

The Friendly Service Committee has completed its eleventh year with many of the same members and the average attendance at the regular weekly sewing meetings during the past year has been greater than during any previous year. Since January 1963, 225 pounds of used clothing have been packed and shipped to Church World Service Headquarters at St. Louis, Missouri; 5 large cartons of used clothing have been shipped to Congregational centers in the United States; 12 complete layettes including hand knitted garments and patchwork quilts have been sent to these places for distribution as necessary. Financial contribution to the settlement house, Casa Mia in Naples, Italy, is made annually.

The Community Interest Committee continues to financially support the following agencies in Duluth: The Union Gospel Mission, United Church Women, Duluth Round Table, Plus 65 Committee, Lighthouse for the Blind, U.S.O., Goodwill Auxiliary, Campships through the Girls Scouts and Y.W.C.A. Individual groups, following the usual custom, continued to assist with mending at Northwood Children's Home and contributed cookies and sandwiches for U.S.O. parties.

Several fund-raising projects proved successful, principally the Bazaar on November 14th which netted, at the last accounting, \$1,954.60. Under the leadership of Mrs. P. G. Dunbar and with the hard work of all concerned the bazaar was most attractive and profitable. Special mention should be made of the delicious luncheon served and of the theme of the Bazaar which was "A Country Store at Holiday Time." A wedding reception, a breakfast for the Matinee Musicale and several dinners added to our treasury receipts during the year.

Gifts of homemade cookies were attractively packed and distributed to twenty shut-ins shortly before Christmas. The cookies together with a brief visit from a member of the Fellowship making the delivery seemed to be sincerely appreciated.

The annual budget remained the same as the previous year with two exceptions - the housekeeping budget was reduced to \$200 and an item of a \$500 contribution to Northland College was added.

At our November meeting the Woman's Gift boxes were received and dedicated in a short dedication service. The gift offering will be added to the Chapel Fund of Northland College. At this meeting also, the speaker on our program was Dr. Max Strang from Piedmont College, Demorest, Georgia. His graphic description of the college and its needs initiated a donation of \$100 by the Fellowship. Several shipments of clothing have also been made to the college by Group 7 to be resold in their thrift shop.

\$250 has been contributed by the Fellowship toward a Pilgrim Church Scholarship for a first-year student at the Chicago Theological Seminary.

The Hospitality Committee continues its practice of inviting new members to be guests of the Fellowship at their first meeting and to become members of a group.

The women of the Fellowship are to be congratulated for their many accomplish-

ts during this year and may we thank the staff of Pilgrim Church for cooperat- 17.
with us and helping us so cheerfully and willingly in so many ways.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith R. Matzke, President

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Music Committee recently sent a letter of appreciation to the members of the Senior, Junior and Chapel choirs, and to Miss Rogers and Mrs. McGillivray, for their outstanding contribution to Pilgrim Church worship services during the past year - a year highlighted by inspirational performances at Easter and Christmas Eve.

With the exception of summertime, approximately 34 Junior Choir voices sang on the third Sunday of each month (Family Sunday), and approximately 19 Chapel Choir members sang on the fourth Sunday of each month, and on special occasions, including Christmas Eve.

Some 50 members of Pilgrim Church School therefore had opportunity to become familiar with and perform sacred musical literature.

The loyalty and enthusiasm of all choir personnel, and the faithful rehearsal attendance of both youth choirs together with the parental cooperation involved are worthy of special attention.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Edson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF USHERS

There have been two changes in the department during the past year, for with the elimination of the 9:30 service there has been no further need for the Junior Board of Ushers, and due to the small attendance during the summer months the deacons have been able to perform both their own duties and those of the regular Board of Ushers at the summer services.

The three teams of ushers headed by captains Charles E. Tomlan, Wilbur M. Fox and Ray Bonnell who have given so generously of their time deserve a most sincere vote of thanks and to John Dalton, Assistant Head Usher for more than twenty-five years, we are indebted for another year of loyal and efficient service.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Harlow, 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 36 Sundays and by the Women's Fellowship on 9 Sundays. There were 67 memorial plants on Easter Sunday. The palms for Palm Sunday, the large wreath, garlands and poinsettias for Christmas were provided 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 and to Mr. Lloyd Peterson of Peterson-Anderson Flowers who is so helpful in the selection of flowers and generous in the amount given to us for the minimal charge of \$5.00.

There are dates available for 1964. If you would like to provide memorial flowers, 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,

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

REPORT OF THE LOOKOUT COMMITTEE

The Lookout Committee's 1963 operation included presentation of pulpit bouquets, following each Sunday service, to our ailing members chosen by Dr. Halfaker. And during the service, as one viewed the perfectly arranged pieces, the pleasure of each recipient-to-be was easy to imagine.

The background of our 1963 Easter Services was colorful, since it included pastel pink hydrangeas as well as the traditional fragrant white Easter lilies. Miss Belt's master sketch plan of plant placement greatly helped to spot units while assembling groups for delivery afterward. At Easter the Committee was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bonnell and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brain.

I take this chance to thank members of our committee and others who have gone out of their way to assist in assuring smooth functioning of the group. Mrs. Williams joins me in this expression.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. Williams, Chairman

REPORT OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

19.

When this committee was formed it was interested in sponsoring and resettling Displaced Persons and our church members donated money to be used for this purpose.

We continue to be interested in the 3 Dutch-Indonesian families which came to Duluth and also in the one family, Latvian, which never was able to leave Germany. Christmas greetings were received from the Koorenhofs in the Hawaiian Islands, the Winkelaars in Hoyt Lakes, the Knechts in Duluth and the Graudums in Esslingen, Germany.

During this past year we received a request for financial assistance for a Cuban family which had been sponsored and brought to Minneapolis by one of the Congregational churches there. The family suffered severe illness and needed medical and hospital care beyond the ability of the sponsoring church. Because we had some money left and were not assisting any other refugee families we decided to send our balance of about \$150 to help the Cuban family. Some of our church members sent additional money to us and we were happy to forward \$190.86 to assist in the resettling of this family.

As a special service for the Foreign Student Department of UMD we continue to furnish a home for Sung-Chul Ji, the Korean young man, who for another year was given a scholarship to continue his studies here. For the Spring Quarter of 1963 the Halfakers shared their home with Sung-Chul. Sung-Chul is very appreciative of the many kind things which our people have done for him and is surely making the best of his opportunity to study at UMD. He expects to graduate in June 1965 with a major in Chemistry and hopes he will be able to continue in Graduate School until he earns his Doctor's degree in the same field. His ambition is to return to his home in Korea to teach in the University in Seoul and to do something for his family, his church and his country.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Matter, 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 mailings and assembling Annual Reports, etc., a total of 131 hours. Approximately 28,034 items were handled.

The following women helped with the work and enjoyed it: Miss Helen Cant, Mrs. Ruth Cavanaugh, Mrs. M. M. Meldahl, Mrs. K. F. Honigman, Mrs. Robert M. Smith, Miss Myrtle Beane, Mrs. Margaret Gilbert, Miss Avis Hollingsworth, Miss Margaret Homenway, Miss Edna Jenks, Mrs. A. H. Forsan, Miss Anna K. Hollan, Mrs. H. J. McClearn, Mrs. R. B. McDonald, and Mrs. Savin.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabelle J. Savin, Chairman

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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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 DEACONS: (for three years) John Z. Dahl, Percy G. Dunbar, Dr. Malcolm M. Fifield, Axel H. Herbert, Milton H. Prince, Fred E. Stout, Jr.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (for three years) Hubbell Carpenter, Mrs. G.A.W. Hedenberg, Werner J. Zentner.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: (for three years) Mrs. Malcolm M. Fifield, Roy T. Osterland, Miss Martha Wallace.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: C. T. Williams, Chairman; Mrs. C. T. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Ray G. Palmer, Mrs. M. H. Tibbetts, Mrs. R. M. Woodbridge.

STANDING COMMITTEE: Mrs. Keith Brownell, Miss Mary Elwell, Mrs. R. M. Mayall, Mrs. G. H. Spencer, Jr., Mrs. C. L. Thomas, Mrs. M. H. Tibbetts.

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

Respectfully submitted,

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. E. C. Congdon	Mrs. A. L. Goodman
John Z. Dahl	R. H. Neimeyer
Mrs. G. A. Dinham	Dr. E. I. Parson
Kenneth Duncan	Valworth R. Plumb
Mrs. M. M. Fifield	Mrs. W. N. Reynolds
Willis D. Wyard, Chairman	