

Pilgrim Congregational Church

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

presented at

THE ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 21, 1970

OUR COVENANT

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

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REPORT OF THE CLERK

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The reported membership of Pilgrim Church January 1, 1969

632

New members added during 1969:

On Confession of Faith	16
Transferred from other churches	12
Reaffirmation of Faith	2
Restored to active status	<u>4</u>

Total additions in 1969

34

Members lost during 1969

Removed by death	9
Transferred to other churches	10
Transferred to inactive roll	<u>16*</u>

Total lost in 1969

35

Net loss in active membership during 1969

1

Total active membership as of January 1, 1970

631**

*By vote of the Board of Deacons May 27, 1969

**Of this total 55 are non-resident. The total active resident membership as of January 1, 1970 was 576.

During the year 3 births were recorded and 10 children and young people were baptized.

Members lost by death were:

Mr. Oliver Earl Harris
Mr. Carroll D. Steele
Mr. Arthur P. Barnes
Miss Anne H. Macfarlane
Mrs. Edith Nichol

Mrs. Keith R. Fawcett
Mr. Henry Hornby Atkins
Mrs. C. A. Little
Miss Margaret Sellwood

Letters of Transfer were issued to the following:

Mrs. David Olin to the Episcopal Church.
David R. Plumb to Bethlehem Covenant, Minneapolis
Mrs. Donald E. Peterson to First Methodist, Omaha, Nebraska
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cole to Trinity Lutheran, Thief River Falls, Minn.
Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Gemuenden to the Congregational Church, Cable, Wis.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Plummer to West Des Moines Methodist, West Des Moines, Iowa
Donald K. Morrison to Christ Presbyterian Church of Edina, Edina, Minn.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth O'Dell, Clerk

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED DURING 1969February 9

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Stoltz
3017 East Superior Street

April 3

Mr. and Mrs. Ray R. Baker
4102 West Eighth Street

Mr. Dale A. Flatt
310 East Superior Street

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Meldahl
616 Glenwood Street

Confirmation Class

Robert Buchanan

Ann Crowell

Theodore Decker III

Jane Fuller

Peter Hanft

Sara Hanft

Roberta Heller

Peggy Holgate

Anne Leek

Leslie Meldahl

Stephen Mutz

Susanna Nelson

Karen Southworth

November 30

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Longtin
Faith Longtin
James Longtin
2032 East Fifth Street

Mr. and Mrs. John J. McGinn
Janice McGinn
3004 East First Street

Miss E. Ruth van Appledorn
332 West Owatonna Street

June 8

Timothy Dahl

Thomas Kohlbray, Jr.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER - 1969

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RECEIPTS

Individual Contributions		\$57,506.55	
Loose Offerings		1,651.34	
Church School Offering		377.77	
Women's Fellowship for General Fund		500.00	
Women's Fellowship for Benevolences		500.00	
Rentals		490.00	
Memorial Fund		2,355.00	
Special Offerings			
Easter			
Thanksgiving	1,372.22		
Christmas	844.24		
UNICEF (Halloween)	524.25		
Biafra (Individual Contribution)	83.80		
Special Projects	8.00	2,832.51	
Church Vocations Scholarship Fund		8,764.04	
Transfers and Unbudgeted Income		1,233.11	
		<u>14,699.26</u>	90,909.58

DISBURSEMENTS

Ministry		
Salary of the minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, health and accident insurance, minister's discretionary fund, guest speakers.	15,402.42	
Church Office		
Salaries of secretary and part-time financial secretary, office supplies, postage and printing, and office equipment.	7,543.89	
Music		
Salaries of organist and choir director and youth choir director, sheet music, care of the organ, choir fees and miscellaneous.	6,633.97	
Christian Education		
Salary of the assistant minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, health and accident insurance, conference expense, church school curriculum materials, church school supplies, audio-visual materials, equipment, Bibles for third-graders, Youth Ministry expense, leadership training, library books and supplies.	8,892.58	
Property Maintenance and Operating Expense		
Salary of the caretaker, caretaker's supplies, utilities, fuel, repairs, insurance, housekeeping expense.	20,660.87	
General Expense		
Printing bulletins, literature, publicity and advertising, contribution envelopes, delegates expenses, per capita dues, Duluth Council of Churches, coffee hour, minister's education fund, and miscellaneous.	2,969.63	

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Depreciation Fund To provide a fund to care for major repairs and replacements when such need arises.	2,000.00	
Memorial Fund	3,813.30	
Special Projects	8,826.67	
Unbudgeted Expenditures	14,521.59	
Church Vocations Scholarship Fund	1,200.00	
Benevolences		
OCWM Basic Support	10,000.00	
Chicago Theological Seminary	500.00	
United Campus Christian Fellowship	500.00	
Union Gospel Mission	100.00	
FISH	100.00	
One Great Hour (Easter)	1,372.22	
Northland College (Thanksgiving)	500.00	
Neighbors in Need (Thanksgiving)	344.24	
Ministerial Relief (Christmas)	524.25	
UNICEF (Halloween)	83.80	
Biafra (Individual contribution)	8.00	
	<u>14,032.51</u>	106,497.43

SUMMARY CASH STATEMENT

Balances January 1, 1969

General Fund	1,422.03	
Special Projects Fund	160.32	
Memorial Fund	2,200.68	
Advance Payments on 1969	<u>15,724.85</u>	19,507.88

Receipts in 1969		90,909.58
Advance payments on 1970 pledges		<u>16,369.48</u>
Total Cash		126,786.94

Disbursements in 1969		<u>106,497.43</u>
Balance December 31, 1969		20,289.51

Balances December 31, 1969

General Fund	3,046.85	
Special Projects Fund	97.69	
Memorial Fund	742.38	
Church Vocations Scholarship Fund	33.11	
Advance payments on 1970	<u>16,369.48</u>	20,289.51

SEGREGATED FUNDS

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Depreciation Fund (Savings certificates)

Balance January 1, 1969		11,717.82
Receipts		
Budget Allocation - 1969	2,000.00	
Interest	<u>549.42</u>	<u>2,549.52</u>
		14,267.34
Disbursements		
Stained glass window repairs		<u>4,904.80</u>
Balance December 31, 1969		<u>9,362.54</u>

Special Projects Fund (checking account)

Balance January 1, 1969		160.32
Receipts		
Contributions and Transfers		<u>8,764.04</u>
		8,924.36
Disbursements		
Music File	56.70	
Tractor Snow Blower & Mower	1,036.00	
Toward cleaning and repair of sanctuary windows	5,870.50	
Expenses of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Kurtz	200.00	
Installation of non-glare glass in Primary Room and Hearding House	267.73	
Alterations to Choir Loft	1,131.04	
New column speakers in the Sanctuary	<u>264.70</u>	<u>8,826.67</u>
		97.69
Balance December 31, 1969		<u>97.69</u>

Audit Reserve (in savings account)

Allocation for 1969		125.00
Receipts		
Interest		<u>3.36</u>
		128.36
Balance December 31, 1969		<u>128.36</u>

Church Vocations Scholarship Fund (checking account)

Balance January 1, 1969		773.44
Receipts		
Interest	9.67	
Contributions	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,209.67</u>
		1,983.11
Disbursements		
Chicago Theological Seminary		<u>1,950.00</u>
		33.11
Balance December 31, 1969		<u>33.11</u>

Laird Fund (Savings certificate)

Balance January 1, 1969

Receipts
Interest

479.61

24.43

504.04

No disbursements

Balance December 31, 1969

504.04

Memorial Fund

Balance January 1, 1969

Receipts

4,770.63

Interest

130.92

Gifts in memory of

Mrs. Kenneth Duncan

Carroll D. Steele

Eleanor M. Smith

Henry Hornby Atkins

Mr. & Mrs. O. E. Harris

Mrs. Keith R. Fawcett

Margaret Sellwood

Mrs. Oscar Mitchell

2,355.00

2,485.92

7,256.55

Disbursements

Toward cost of pew cushions

2,103.30

Down payment on organ mixture

710.00

2,813.30

Balance December 31, 1969

4,443.25 *

* \$3,700.87 in savings certificates
742.38 in checking account

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse D. Bradley, Treasurer

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REPORT OF THE LOYALTY DAY COMMITTEE

The committee completed its work and made a final report at the January 9 meeting of the Trustees. As of this date 284 pledges have been received for a total of \$75,028. There are several pledges we still hope to receive which may bring our total near \$76,000. We have received 19 new pledges and 93 pledges have been increased. This gain is offset in part by losses from death and removal so that our net gain over pledges a year ago is approximately \$2,400. We are grateful for the increases, but we are disappointed that we were not able to reach our goal providing for substantial increase in the benevolences.

The trustees have reduced the proposed budget \$5,225 and we feel that the reduced budget will be supported by the pledges received. We hope that additional pledges and contributions in 1970 will enable us to go beyond this.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward T. Fride, Chairman
The Loyalty Day Committee

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Members of the Board of Trustees:

Raymond H. Bonnell, Jr., Edward T. Fride, Jr., Clifford H. Grindy, Mrs. F. M. Harlow, Walter W. Matzke, Ray G. Palmer, George H. Spencer, Jr., A. W. (Lon) Taylor, Secretary; David W. Oberlin (resigned - moved from city).

Church Properties:

Two major projects were undertaken involving church properties this past year. One of the projects, involving the stained glass windows, was the result of gradual deterioration of many years. It involved repair and bracing of the windows in the Vestibule, Narthex, and Chapel and the installation of protective glass on the windows in the Narthex, also repair and bracing of the clerestory windows, chancel windows and the installation of solar bronze protective glass on the south clerestory windows. The total amount of monies spent on the window repair was some \$12,400. Of this amount \$1,000 came from the General Fund budget, \$5,870 from special gifts for the project, \$630 from insurance and \$4,900 from the Depreciation Fund. Hopefully, the work on the windows will carry them through another half century.

The second project, which was rather large, was the result of damage to the gutters and drains caused by last winter's ice and snow. This repair, approximating \$4,300, was covered by insurance and only the deductible portions were paid out of church monies.

The church properties are presently in good repair and in need only of routine maintenance work. No major projects appear necessary at this time.

Financial:

There has been sufficient income during the year of 1969 to meet all obligations of the church with a small surplus to carry into 1970. This carry-over has been the result of savings in various departments from the budgeted amounts.

Pledges to the 1970 budget have fallen short of the amount desired for the programs of this coming year and some modifications have been made in the proposed budget as presented at the Loyalty Day Dinner. We feel confident that we will have enough monies to support the Proposed Budget for 1970 as here presented tonight - provided the budget is supported by prompt payment of pledges. However, the margins are very close. The amount needed for additional staff is difficult to predict precisely at this time. We may require additional contributions before the year is out.

The Board of Trustees extends to Ed Fride our appreciation for the leadership he gave to the Loyalty Day campaign. This is not an easy task and the Loyalty Day Chairman has much to contribute to the success of our church program.

Also, we express our gratitude to all those who have so generously supported the church program through their giving. Continually increasing costs and expanded programs are going to make greater demands on members of the congregation in succeeding years. I feel confident these demands will be met in the future as they have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford H. Grindy, Chairman

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Duluth, Minnesota

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1970 Budget for Local Expenses

MINISTRY

Salary of the minister, annuity fund dues, car expense,
minister's discretionary fund, health and accident
insurance, guest speakers. \$16,427

CHURCH OFFICE

Salaries of secretary and part-time financial secretary,
office supplies, postage and printing, and office
equipment. 8,606

MUSIC

Salaries of organist and choir director and youth choir
director, sheet music, care of the organ, choir fees,
pension for Miss Rogers, and miscellaneous. 7,585

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church school curriculum materials, church school supplies,
audio-visual materials, equipment, Bibles for the third
graders, youth ministry expense, leadership training,
library books and supplies, salary of the assistant
minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, health and
accident insurance. 10,764

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

Salary of the caretaker, caretaker's supplies, utilities,
fuel, repairs, insurance, housekeeping expense, and
parsonage utilities and services. 25,429

GENERAL EXPENSE

Printing bulletins, literature, publicity and advertising,
contribution envelopes, delegate expense, per capita dues,
Duluth Council of Churches, auditing expense, and
miscellaneous. 3,475

DEPRECIATION FUND

To provide a fund to care for major repairs and replace-
ments when such needs exceed current budgeted allocations
for repairs. 2,000

Total for Local Expenses

\$74,286

1970 BUDGET FOR BENEVOLENCES

9.

Through Pledged Giving

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION \$10,500

Our share in basic support of the missionary agencies of the United Church of Christ: the Minnesota Conference, Board for World Ministries, Board for Homeland Ministries, Pension Boards, Stewardship Council, Executive Council, Council for Social Action, Council for Church and Ministry, Council for Lay Life and Work, Office of Communication.

CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 500
A contribution to the budget of our seminary in Chicago.

UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 500
A campus ministry program which we sponsor jointly with other local churches, denominational and interdenominational bodies in Duluth and Superior.

LOCAL BENEVOLENCES 500
Contributions from this fund will be made by the Trustees on recommendations from the Benevolence Committee. The committee has recommended that a contribution be made to the Union Gospel Mission in support of its program of evangelism and emergency assistance, Christian counsel and guidance in downtown Duluth. Other projects will be considered later.

Total benevolences through pledged giving \$12,000

SUMMARY

For Local Expenses \$74,286

For Benevolences through pledged giving 12,000

Total proposed budget for 1970 \$86,286

ADDITIONAL BENEVOLENCE CONTRIBUTIONS ANTICIPATED THROUGH SPECIAL OFFERINGS

EASTER - World Service - One Great Hour of Sharing 1,000

THANKSGIVING - Northland College, Ashland Wisconsin 500

Homeland Ministries - Neighbors in Need 500

750

CHRISTMAS - Christmas Fund for Ministerial Relief \$ 2,750

Total Benevolences through special offerings \$14,750

Total of all Benevolences

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

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The Benevolence Committee met several times during the past year to consider suggestions of the congregation and requests for benevolent contributions. The Committee studied the work and operation of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, and moved to have Pilgrim Church participate in the Missionary Relations Program which involves communication and interest in the work of a foreign missionary and one in the United States. An effort was made to become more familiar with the work of the Union Gospel Mission here in Duluth to which it had recommended to the Trustees a contribution of \$100 from the local benevolence fund in 1969. Also recommended was an expenditure of \$100 from the local benevolence fund for The FISH Program in Duluth.

The Benevolence Committee has instituted a bulletin board in Salter Hall featuring The Church in the World which is in the charge of Mr. and Mrs. William Currier. It seeks to communicate to the congregation some of the work of the Church throughout the world.

Recommendations were made to the Trustees in their preparation of the benevolence budget. It was recommended as an immediate goal that the church strive for an overall benevolence budget of 20% of our local budget.

Members of the committee are: Mrs. Richard E. Harkey, Mrs. F. M. Harlow, Mrs. Walter Matzke, Mrs. Arthur Roberts, Mrs. C. L. Thomas, Mr. Clark Crowell, Mr. Milton Prince, and Mr. George Spencer.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy T. Osterland, Chairman

REPORT ON MISSIONARY RELATIONSHIP PROGRAM

The United Church has five hundred missionaries serving in 33 countries and hundreds of home missionaries serving in specialized ministries in the United States under the Board for World Ministries and the Board for Homeland Ministries.

It seems important for members of local churches to be better informed about what is being accomplished by this part of our church program.

For this purpose the State Conference has arranged to assign one project from each of these boards to each church. It is intended to provide friendship and moral support. No direct financial support is expected or suggested. By correspondence we will receive information about their activities.

The missionaries assigned to Pilgrim Church are: The Reverend Frank Jagers who is starting a new church in Almaden Valley, San Jose, California and Kirk R. Stetson, M.D. of the Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital, Mt. Silinda, Rhodesia.

Letters have been written and received from these two men and interesting material about their work will appear on the bulletin board and in Pilgrim News and Sunday bulletins from time to time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ada S. Thomas, Missionary Correspondent
For the Benevolence Committee

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

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The following is a list of the Deacons who have served during 1969:

Dr. Gordon C. Amundson
Samuel F. Atkins
Clark B. Crowell
John Z. Dahl
John M. Dickerson
Percy G. Dunbar
Robert F. Eaton
Robert H. Engstrom
Richard B. Heimbach

Robert L. Heller
Thomas S. Kohlbry
Dr. Joseph H. Leek
Roy T. Osterland
Robert M. Owens
Milton H. Prince
Joseph L. Saver
Lawrence D. Stratton
Richard G. VerWey

Those retiring from the board this year are John Dahl, Dr. Joseph Leek, Milton Prince and Percy Dunbar.

The Deacons, as in the past, have served the communion, taken the offering, and extended greetings to worshipers as they entered the church on Sunday mornings.

We feel that the Lenten Adult Bible Study meetings last year were a success and it is our hope that a similar program will be offered in 1970.

As in the past the Deacons discussed on a continuing basis ways and means to stimulate church membership and participation.

Respectfully submitted,

John Z. Dahl, Chairman

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONESSSES

The duties of the deaconesses are as follows:

1. Care of the communion equipment
2. Preparation for communion services
3. Clean up after the communion services
4. Visitation of shut-ins
5. Participation with the deacons in the reception of new members

The Board of Deaconesses is comprised of the following members:

Mrs. Warren Brooker
Miss Mira Childs
Mrs. Wilbur Fox
Mrs. George Macaulay
Mrs. Rolland Nelson

Mrs. William Reynolds
Mrs. J. A. Robb
Mrs. Arthur Roberts
Mrs. C. L. Thomas

In addition to the above listed members the following people have assisted faithfully with the Communion Services:

Mrs. Thomas Gemuenden
Mrs. Leonard Griffith
Mrs. Clifford Grindy
Miss Edna Jenks

Mrs. Roy Howard
Mrs. Milton Prince
Mrs. T. A. Brain

I wish to take this opportunity to thank these members for their dedicated service. 12

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Warren Brooker, Chairman

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your board met on nine occasions in 1969. Two members attended all nine meetings; one attended eight; one attended six; one attended five; two attended four and two attended three.

The work of the board was simplified by the resignation of Mr. Anderson since a substantial part of our time was spent in monitoring his activities.

Recent developments include the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andresen who will take responsibility for the newly formed Junior High Fellowship, and the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. David Hagelin who will take responsibility for Pilgrim Fellowship.

It has been my feeling that our church does not offer a significant Adult Education Program and that the present Board of Christian Education cannot attend to this function as well as the supervision of the Youth Program.

The operation of the Church School is going smoothly, but a review of the end product of our church educational system suggests the following:

- (1) Older students attend largely because of parental coercion.
- (2) Students do not have a clear idea of Christianity as an obligation to form moral judgments.
- (3) Students are united in their urgent wish to avoid the Sunday worship service, especially the sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. van Druten M.D., Chairman

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REPORT OF THE LOOKOUT COMMITTEE

Members of the Lookout Committee each Sunday wrap and deliver the flowers from the vases on the Communion Table to shut-in or hospitalized members as directed by Dr. Halfaker. A card from the church and the current Sunday bulletin accompany each bouquet. Members of the committee serve for a month at a time and the whole committee helps on Easter.

The Lookout Committee during 1969 consisted of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brain, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Currier, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Matzke, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Tengquist.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Walter W. Matzke, Chairman

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

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On February 19, Ash Wednesday, Lenten Seminars began and continued for six Wednesday evenings. The seminars began with a Family Dinner. Dr. E. Paul Sylvester conducted the adult seminar on "The Life and Letters of the Apostle Paul." Classes and seminars were also provided for children and young people.

On Friday, March 7, at 1:30 P.M. Dr. Halfaker was the speaker at the annual World Day of Prayer Service sponsored by Church Women United at First Lutheran Church. The theme was "Growing Together in Christ."

On April 13, Mrs. Mary Ann Williams was guest speaker at the Sunday morning service on "The Board for World Ministries at Work." Mrs. Williams, a member of the Executive Committee of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, 1942-48 and a delegate representing our church at the first assembly of the World Council of Churches, had recently returned from a series of private vacation visits during which she observed missionary programs of the United Church of Christ in sixteen countries.

On April 14, the Northeast Association annual meeting was held in Pilgrim Church from 10 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

May 25 was Music Sunday. In lieu of a sermon, both the Chancel Choir and the Junior Choir sang selected anthems from the music sung during the past year. Recognition was given to the choirs for their service and certificates of recognition were presented to the children of the Junior Choir.

Dr. Leslie A. Bechtel of Herbster was guest speaker at the June 29 morning service.

On September 14 at 4:00 P.M. senior high school students, parents, and other interested adults met at the church for an exchange of ideas and feelings leading toward greater mutual understanding. Mrs. Marilyn Fuller, associated with the State Conference, conducted the meeting.

On Laymen's Sunday, October 12, Mr. John M. Dickerson, a member of the Board of Deacons, and Mrs. F. C. Jacobson, a member of the Board of Christian Education and President of the Women's Fellowship, were speakers at the morning service.

On October 26, a coffee hour and reception in honor of Reverend and Mrs. Robert W. Anderson followed the service. Since this was Mr. Anderson's last Sunday as assistant minister and also Youth Sunday, he and Richard Shefchik presented a dialogue-sermon, "Where are the Snowdens of Yesteryear?"

On Wednesday evening, November 26, Pilgrim Church joined St. Paul's Episcopal, Glen Avon Presbyterian, University Methodist, and Holy Rosary in the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

On December 7, the Christmas Cantata, "The Childhood of Christ" by Johann Christoph Bach was presented at the morning service.

Christmas celebrations included the Festival Christmas Sunday service and the Family Christmas Program and Dinner at 4:30 P.M., both on December 21 and the Family Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 P.M. and the Christmas Eve Candle-light Service at 11 P.M.

1971 marks the 100th Anniversary of Pilgrim Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Lee Stensland, Historian

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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The Women's Fellowship has held its regular meetings the first Wednesday of each month September through June. The six groups of the Fellowship have met on the second Wednesday of each month.

Our programs have included an inspirational reading by Mrs. Diller of Minneapolis, a talk by Mrs. Oja of Detroit Lakes who was a member of the Mission Interpreters Bus Trip which visited our missions in the central states, a talk by Mrs. Justad who described some of the work of our church in the blighted areas of Minneapolis, and a talk by Dr. Wesley Sadler, a missionary from Africa who has put some of the unwritten languages into written form. The women from Peace Church and from Morgan Park Church were invited to two of these meetings.

Special events held at the church in which we participated were: the Annual Dinner in January, six Lenten suppers, the Maundy Thursday evening reception, a special farewell coffee hour for the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Anderson and the Loyalty Day Dinner.

Our budget planning meeting was held in August and our budget increased from \$2,810 to \$2,865. In addition to the usual benevolences which amount to about one third of our budget we gave \$250 to the swimming pool at "Bricks" project, \$250 to the Northland College Library Fund, \$250 to the Chicago Theological Seminary Scholarship Fund, \$500 to the YWCA Development Fund, \$644 toward the new pew cushions and \$100 to the Committee on Aging.

Money-making projects were: the Food Fair, the Christmas Guest luncheon, the sale of bulbs and the Matinee Musicales Breakfast.

Other events in which we participated were the Northeast Association meetings held at our church in April and at Brainerd in September, the State Conference at Carleton College in June, the Northwood Tea, World Community Day at Zion Lutheran Church, the Annual Meeting and Christmas Tea of Church Women United held in our church in December and a special service for women in the Calvary Baptist Church.

Our women gave valuable service to Northwood Children's Home by mending during the month of August. We have donated to two Church World Service clothing drives and the Thursday Sewing Group continues to sew and contribute layettes and knitted goods. Some of our groups have had other projects such as bingo parties at the Cook Home, mittens for the children at our Winnebago Children's Home, cookies donated to the Surf and Sand Nursing Home and the Community Center and the sewing of pre-cut garments for Church World Service.

We look forward to 1970 with the hope that we can make our Fellowship a meaningful experience for more of the women in our church. We are searching for new ways to meet the challenges of the coming decade and trust that we are still flexible enough to change our program to fit the changing needs of church women in today's world.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude M. Jacobson, President

REPORT OF PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

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This year PF found itself faced with the problem of readjustment following Mr. Anderson's resignation. Thanks to the helpful guidance of Dave and Janet Hagelin, our new advisors, the transition appears to be successful.

As in previous years, we are meeting once a week, with an average turnout of about fifteen or twenty. We have used films and listened to speakers as primary sources of information for discussions.

Our special events this year include the Adult-Youth Encounter held here last September, an overnight retreat at Island Lake at the beginning of the school year, and a ski trip to Giant's Ridge January 18.

Due to the recent acquisition of the third floor of Hearing House for our Youth Room, interest in PF activities is very high. I look for another very worthwhile year in P.F.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Shefchik, President

REPORT OF THE ADVISERS TO PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

PFers are more than enthusiastic over the recent news that they now have a meeting room all to themselves. The third floor of the Hearing House has been designated for use by Pilgrim Fellowship for meetings, discussions and other church activities in which they're involved. Members of PF will be spending some early evenings during the weeks ahead, and perhaps the third and fourth Sundays in January, patching cracks, scrubbing, and painting their new quarters. Fund raising ideas are already in the formative stage for raising money to furnish the room; it is hoped additional used furniture will be donated to the cause.

The weekly meetings that have taken place in the past few months have included sharing programs at Lakeside Presbyterian Church, movies and discussions, a three-part series of presentations on youth and the law by David Bouschor and carol singing during the Holiday Season.

1970 was started off with a planning meeting for the new PF room. On Sunday, January 18, PFers traveled to Giant's Ridge for a day of skiing. A special program planned for this spring is a three-day Youth Encounter at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, March 22-24.

Attendance at the meetings has been encouraging. Between 11 and 17 members have been present at the sessions for the past two months. With an accelerated program schedule and enthusiasm over the PF room, we expect to notice increased involvement in Pilgrim Fellowship during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. and Mrs. David Hagelin

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP

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The organizational meeting was held in October. Ideas were presented as to what the group wanted to do.

Elected were: President: Sue Lee (9th grade)
Planning Committee: Steve Grindy (9th), Dave Kunz (8th),
Sue Campbell (8th), Andy Livingston (7th),
Lisa Fifield (7th).

On November 2 a leaf-raking and pizza party was held. Twenty-two met at the church, raked at Plumbs', Harding House, Hanson's, Eklunds', Dickersons' and Spencers', then returned to church to make and eat pizza.

On November 30 the Hon. Patrick D. O'Brien spoke to a group of 21. Snacks were served.

On Friday, December 5, a swimming party was held at the Woodland Junior High Pool - 23 attended.

The December 14 program with speaker Father Hulett was cancelled and rescheduled for March.

On December 21 eight or ten members and advisors went caroling with the Senior High group.

Future plans include: a skating party, a sleighride, speaker: Mr. Merle Micheau on drugs, sponsoring a dance, speaker: Father Hulett, bowling party, and a spring service project.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andresen

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REPORT OF UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Advisory Board for United Campus Ministry, Duluth-Superior

On our letterhead there is the following statement:

United Campus Ministry, Duluth-Superior, shares in the programs of the Students for Christian Confrontation at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and the Ecumenical Coordinating Council at Wisconsin State University, Superior.

Behind this statement is an understanding of the ecumenical nature of our ministry at the campus. Nationally this church is a member of United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE), an organization of ten communions committed to plan and serve together in their focus on work in the life of the college and university world. The churches in UMHE are American Baptists, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Church of the Brethren, Episcopal Church, Moravian Church in America, Northern Province; Presbyterian Church in the U.S., Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church and United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

At UMD students for Christian Confrontation (SCC) is a new organization formed in a cooperative effort by three campus religious organizations: UCCF, Canterbury Club, and Wesley Foundation. This new union reflects locally the national commitment of our denominations to UMHE.

Another dimension of the local expression of UMHE is the joint meetings and budget planning of our Advisory Board for United Campus Ministry, Duluth-Superior, with the Wesley Foundation Board in Duluth. In May 1969 these two groups agreed "to explore and discuss the possibility of closer cooperation and possible organizational union." The first joint meeting of both groups was held in October and a joint budget has been developed for 1970. These developments have been encouraged not only by the national commitments by the churches but also by the developments in state campus ministry commissions in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

As a result of these changes the Advisory Board recommended that during the school year of 1969-70 Rev. Dick Nelson be in charge of the work in Superior and that the Rev. James Davis, Wesley Foundation Campus Minister, be in charge of the work in Duluth, and that programs be planned jointly and that the campus ministers be free to work on both campuses.

From the above report it may seem that the year has been spent in dealing with organizational structures. It has been more than this and ministry continues in conferences and retreats, weekly meetings, the showing of award-winning films, Bible study, folk festivals, counseling and worship. May the full ministries of the Church - students, faculty, administrators, pastors and members of particular churches and campus ministers - serve higher education today as interpreters, reconcilers, and enablers with thought, courage and love.

Richard E. Nelson
Campus Minister

REPORT OF THE CHURCH VOCATIONS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Church Vocations Scholarship Fund was established sixteen years ago with gifts given in memory of Mr. Henry C. Hornby. At that time a Church Vocations Scholarship Committee was appointed, charged with the responsibility of management of this fund and to keep touch with young people from Pilgrim Church in training for church vocations and do everything possible to promote the enlistment of young people in these vocations.

A policy was established that first call on funds available would be for the young people from the church in training for church vocations. Several years ago it was decided, however, since these funds were not being used for this purpose, they should be used to supplement scholarship funds at the Chicago Theological Seminary. In 1968 the committee contributed \$750 of the balance on hand to scholarship funds at Chicago Theological Seminary and the Women's Fellowship added \$250 to make a total of \$1,000. In October 1969 the committee invited members of the church to make contributions to this fund so that a similar contribution to the Seminary could be made again. Contributions totaling \$1,200 were received and these were promptly forwarded to the Seminary along with the \$500 budgeted in our benevolences.

The committee plans to make an annual contribution to the Seminary each year and it appeals to members of the congregation for contributions to build up the fund so that this annual grant to the Seminary may be a significant gift. On several occasions previously memorial funds have been designated for this purpose. The committee suggests that this makes a splendid memorial and hopes that others in the future will choose to have memorial funds allocated in this way.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel F. Atkins, Chairman

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

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After a rather hectic 1968, the Music Committee has had relatively few problems to deal with in 1969. We received only one resignation - that of Mrs. Sylvester - who felt it wise to discontinue her direction of the Junior Choir because of uncertainty regarding her future plans. To fill the position we were very fortunate in obtaining the services of Miss Andrea Belluzzo, a highly recommended student in the Music Department at St. Scholastica, under whose direction the Junior Choir is showing excellent progress.

We are exceedingly grateful to Miss Dorothy Belt who, on a volunteer basis, has reactivated the Handbell Choir. It is our continuing hope that this choir, with its further instruction in the reading and interpretation of music, can serve as a transition for young people between the Junior and Chancel Choirs.

Mr. Ray Baker continues to grow on us as Organist and Director of the Chancel Choir. Equalling the value of his fine musicianship is the fact that he is exceedingly well liked by the members of the choir - a very important factor in a group that is made up largely of volunteer members.

I would be remiss in not calling attention to something that I think has added greatly to our musical enjoyment at Pilgrim this past year. Our church is fortunate in having in its membership many fine musicians. I wish to personally thank Mrs. Frances and Ann Leek, Mrs. Brandon and Gayle, Karen and Molly Southworth, Susannah Saver, and Dr. William van Druten who have voluntarily enriched so many of our services with their instrumental talents. May we have future encores!

Respectfully submitted,

Keith R. Fawcett, Chairman

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REPORT OF THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

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 43 Sundays and by the Women's Fellowship on 4 Sundays. There were 49 memorial plants on Easter 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 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 \$6.

If you would like to provide memorial flowers, please call the church office. The cost is \$6.00; 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. F. H. Magney, Mrs. J. A. Robb,
Beatrice Halfaker, Chairman

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

CLERK: Mrs. Harold O'Dell

TREASURER: Jesse D. Bradley

HISTORIAN: Anna Lee Stensland

BOARD OF DEACONS: (for three years) Dr. Gordon C. Amundson, Edward B. Appelquest, Clark B. Crowell, John M. Glendenning, Jr., Rolland Nelson, Robert L. Stanton.

BOARD OF DEACONESSES: (for three years) Miss Mira Childs, Mrs. George M. Macaulay, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Robb.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (for three years) Bruce C. Kruger, Ray G. Palmer, Alonzo W. Taylor, Jr.;
(for two years) Arthur Roberts

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: (for three years) Mrs. Clark B. Crowell, Roy T. Magney, Dr. William A. van Druten.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Mrs. Walter W. Matzke, Chairman, Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Brain, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Currier, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Fox, Mr. Walter W. Matzke, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Tengquist.

MUSIC COMMITTEE: Dr. Keith R. Fawcett, Chairman, Bruce Buchanan, Mrs. F.H. Cash, C. Lindsley Edson, Mrs. Malcolm M. Fifield, Wilbur M. Fox, Mrs. Kenneth A. Johnson, Mrs. Joseph H. Leek, William P. Van Evera.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Philip N. Bray

Clark B. Crowell

John M. Dickerson

Dr. Keith R. Fawcett

Mrs. Leonard E. Griffith

Mrs. Richard E. Harkey

Mrs. F. M. Harlow

Roy T. Magney

Walter W. Matzke

David Zentner

William P. Van Evera, Chairman