

# Pilgrim Congregational Church

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

presented at

THE ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 13, 1971

## 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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and Mrs. Kenneth E. Weyl to Church of the Redeemer (CPC),  
Phoenix, Arizona.

and Mrs. Douglas Walker to First Valley United Methodist,  
Walnut Creek, California.

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter D. Bell, Clerk



REPORT OF THE CLERK

1.

The reported membership of Pilgrim Church January 1, 1970

631

New members added during 1970:

On Confession of Faith	16
Transferred from other churches	17
Reaffirmation of Faith	1
Restored to active status	<u>2</u>

Total additions in 1970

36

Members lost during 1970

Removed by death	7
Transferred to other churches	4
Transferred to inactive roll	<u>21*</u>

Total lost in 1970

32

Net gain in active membership during 1970

4

Total active membership as of January 1, 1971

635\*\*

\*By vote of the Board of Deacons June 30, 1970.

\*\*Of this total 61 are non-resident. The total active resident membership as of January 1, 1971 was 574.

During the year 12 births were recorded and 13 children and young people were baptized.

Members lost by death were:

Mrs. H. Earl Farnam  
Ernest J. Anderson  
Dale A. Flatt  
Mrs. M. D. Lubratovich  
Mrs. T. F. Phillips  
Carroll F. Graff  
Dr. Arthur N. Collins

Letters of Transfer were issued to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Weyl to Church of the Beatitudes (UCC),  
Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Walker to Tice Valley United Methodist,  
Walnut Creek, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth O'Dell, Clerk

# NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED DURING 1970

2.

March 26

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Anderson  
2013 Springvale Road

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce G. Berthe  
2111 East Fifth Street

Mrs. T. H. Little  
1021 East Second Street

## Confirmation Class

Elisabeth Appelquest  
Joan Bonnell

Denise Bouschor

Wayne Brownell

Elizabeth Campbell

Susan Fuller

Karla Hieb

Jay Hollen

Ruth Jacobson

Anne Kohlbry

Susan Lee

Jann Osterland

Lisa Shefchik

Mary Spencer

Emily Van Evera

November 29

Mrs. H. W. Austin  
3800 London Road

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Dohm  
Deborah Taylor Dohm  
2100 Vermilion Road

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dynes  
122 North 12th Avenue East

Mrs. Martha Himango  
Rebecca Himango  
1106 East Third Street

Mrs. Edwin C. Lampman  
100 Elizabeth Street

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Sewell  
2331 East Third Street

June 7

Thomas Griffith  
3001 East First Street

Mrs. Stanley L. Mack  
1321 East First Street, Apt. 305

Mrs. Martin M. Strebling  
608 Woodland Avenue



# RECEIPTS

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER - 1970

5.

Individual contributions		\$60,127.16	
Loose Offerings		1,436.55	
Church School Offering		316.80	
Women's Fellowship for General Fund		500.00	
Women's Fellowship for Benevolences		500.00	
Rentals		470.00	
Memorial Fund		4,190.02	
Special Offerings			
Easter			
Thanksgiving	1,262.64		
Christmas	848.82		
Pakistan Relief	574.00		
UNICEF	787.00		
Special Projects	116.30	3,588.76	
Transfers and Unbudgeted Income		1,190.00	
		<u>59,645.63</u>	131,964.92

# DISBURSEMENTS

Ministry		
Salary of the minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, health and accident insurance, minister's discretionary fund, guest speakers.	16,870.12	
Church Office		
Salaries of secretary and part-time financial secretary, office supplies, postage and printing, and office equipment.	8,352.83	
Music		
Salaries of organist and choir director and youth choir director, sheet music, care of the organ, choir fees and miscellaneous.	7,903.04	
Christian Education		
Salary of the director of Christian education, annuity fund dues, car expense, health and accident insurance, church school curriculum materials, church school supplies, audio-visual materials, equipment, Bibles for third graders, church school offering envelopes, Youth Ministry expense, leadership training, library books and supplies.	8,836.28	
Property Maintenance and Operating Expense	25,465.93	
Salary of the caretaker, caretaker's supplies, utilities, fuel, repairs, insurance, housekeeping expense.		
General Expense	3,006.01	
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.		

4.

Depreciation Fund To provide a fund to care for major repairs and replacements when such need arises.	1,000.00	
Memorial Fund	4,056.19	
Special Projects	607.60	
Church Vocations Scholarship Fund	500.00	
Unbudgeted Expenditures	56,848.49	
Centennial Expense Fund	175.00	
Benevolences		
OCWM Basic Support	11,500.00	
Chicago Theological Seminary	500.00	
United Campus Ministry	500.00	
Union Gospel Mission	100.00	
FISH	100.00	
Twin Ports Ministry to Seamen	300.00	
One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter)	1,262.64	
Northland College (Thanksgiving)	500.00	
Neighbors in Need (Thanksgiving)	348.82	
Ministerial Relief (Christmas)	558.00	
Pakistan Relief	787.00	
UNICEF (Halloween)	116.30	
	<u>16,572.76</u>	150,194.25

#### SUMMARY CASH STATEMENT

Balances January 1, 1970

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

Receipts in 1970

Advance payments on 1971 pledges	131,964.92	
	<u>13,809.89</u>	

Total Cash

166,064.32

Disbursements in 1970

150,194.25

Balance December 31, 1970

15,870.07

Balances December 31, 1970

General Fund	53.77	
Church Vocations Scholarship Fund	213.20	
Memorial Fund	876.21	
Centennial Expense Fund	917.00	
Advance payments on 1971 pledges	<u>13,809.89</u>	15,870.07



# SEGREGATED FUNDS

5.

## Depreciation Fund (Savings certificates)

Balance January 1, 1970		9,362.54
Receipts		
Budget Allocation - 1970	1,000.00	
Interest	<u>517.46</u>	<u>1,517.46</u>
Disbursements		<u>10,880.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1971		<u>0.00</u>
		<u>10,880.00</u>

## Special Projects Fund (checking account)

Balance January 1, 1970		97.69
Receipts		
Scholarship Fund Balance	33.11	
Individual contributions	<u>1,190.00</u>	<u>1,223.11</u>
Disbursements		<u>1,320.80</u>
Installation of acoustical tile and carpet for youth facili- ties at Hearing House	557.21	
Carpet for 3rd grade room	50.39	
Seminary Scholarship for David Plumb	<u>500.00</u>	<u>1,107.60</u>
Balance December 31, 1970		<u>213.20</u>
Transferred to Scholarship Fund		

## Audit Reserve (in Savings Account)

Balance January 1, 1970		128.36
Receipts		
Allocation for 1970	125.00	
Interest	<u>7.46</u>	<u>132.46</u>
Disbursements		<u>260.82</u>
Balance December 31, 1970		<u>0.00</u>
		<u>260.82</u>

## Laird Fund (Savings certificate)

Balance January 1, 1970		504.04
Receipts		
Interest	25.68	
Disbursements	<u>529.72</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1970		<u>529.72</u>



# Memorial Fund

Balance January 1, 1970

6.

## Receipts

Interest

4,443.25

Gifts in memory of

206.15

Mrs. Fred Buck

Mrs. H. E. Farnam

Mr. Ernest J. Anderson

Mrs. T. F. Phillips

Mr. Edwin C. Lampman

Mrs. M. D. Lubratovich

Mrs. Keith R. Fawcett

Mrs. Oscar Mitchell

Dr. A. N. Collins

## Disbursements

1,839.50

2,045.65

Attending Handbell Festival  
(Dorothy Belt)

6,488.90

Organ mixture

68.61

Bibles for high school seniors

2,130.00

Balance December 31, 1970

115.20

2,313.81

\*\$3,298.88 in savings certificates  
876.21 in checking account

4,175.09 \*

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse D. Bradley, Treasurer

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## REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

Members of the Committee: John Dickerson, Robert Eaton, Mrs. A.J. Fochs, Mrs. F.M. Harlow, Mrs. Arthur Roberts, George H. Spencer, Jr., Mrs. C.L. Thomas.

The Benevolence Committee studied the concerns expressed by the congregation with respect to an increased interest in supporting local endeavors. An amount of \$500 was allocated to such local projects as follows:

Twin Ports Ministry to Seamen	\$300.
Union Gospel Mission	100.
FISH	100.

An amount of \$500 for such local project supports was requested for the 1971 budget.

Budget requests for the year of 1971 were made also for:

Our Christian World Mission	\$11,500.
Chicago Theological Seminary	500.
United Campus Ministry	500.

It is anticipated that another \$2,750 will be made available for contributions through special offerings.

The Board of Trustees was admonished through a letter from the Benevolence Committee that every effort should be made to raise the proportionate share of the budget directed toward benevolences.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Grindy, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7.

### Members of the Board of Trustees:

Raymond H. Bonnell, Jr., Edward T. Fride, Jr., Mrs. F. M. Harlow, Bruce C. Kruger, Walter W. Matzke, Ray G. Palmer, Arthur Roberts, George H. Spencer, Jr., A. W. (Lon) Taylor, Secretary.

### Church Properties:

No major projects were required this year in the maintenance of our church properties. Our properties are presently in good repair and in need only of routine repair and maintenance work. Tom Shefchik has served as property chairman and has rendered valuable service in this capacity.

The major change in church properties was the sale of the parsonage on Waverly Avenue. Since we no longer need this parsonage for present personnel it was decided that the property be sold. With the authorization of the congregation this was done.

The property was sold for \$29,500 cash. To prepare the house for sale, painting and repairs amounting to \$1,903.63 were required. There were certain other expenses related to the sale (legal expenses, assessments, Abstract continuation, etc.) totaling \$428.60. This left net proceeds from the sale amounting to \$27,167.77. It is the recommendation of the trustees that these funds be set aside as a special reserve which may become the nucleus of a permanent reserve fund. This money has been temporarily invested in U. S. Treasury Notes. A sub-committee of the trustees is presently working on recommendations for a permanent policy regarding the handling of these funds and unrestricted gifts and bequests that may be received by the church in the future.

### Financial:

There has been sufficient income during the year 1970 to meet all bills and obligations as budgeted with a small surplus amounting to \$53.77. The entire amount budgeted for benevolences was paid on a monthly basis.

Pledges in support of the proposed budget for 1971 have fallen short by about \$2,500 of the amount needed to underwrite the budget as it was proposed at the Loyalty Day Dinner. We anticipate that some additional pledges will be received. Under the circumstances the trustees recommend that the budget as proposed at the Loyalty Day Dinner be approved as an operating budget as we move into 1971. It should be recognized that this budget is not completely covered by pledged income at this point. In this time of transition in leadership it is difficult to predict precisely what our needs will be for the entire year. We anticipate having another look at this matter a few months from now. If it appears at that time that adjustments need to be made we will be in a better position to make these adjustments on the basis of more complete information. The trustees will at that time present their recommendations for such adjustments as appear to be necessary.

The Board of Trustees extends to Clifford Grindy our appreciation for the leadership he has given to the Loyalty Day Campaign. We feel that economic conditions being what they are, and with the general pattern in giving to churches and benevolent enterprises today, the record of support in Pilgrim Church is very good. We are grateful for this and confident that the demands of our expanding program will be met in the future as they have been in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray H. Bonnell, Jr. Chairman



PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Duluth, Minnesota

8.

Proposed 1971 Budget for Local Expenses

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
MINISTRY		
Salary of the minister, annuity fund dues, car expense, minister's discretionary fund, health and accident insurance, guest speakers.	\$16,427	\$16,922
CHURCH OFFICE		
Salaries of secretary, part-time financial secretary, extra secretarial help, office supplies, postage and printing, and office equipment.	8,606	9,196
MUSIC		
Salaries of organist and choir directors, sheet music, care of the organ, four paid soloists, pension for Miss Rogers, and miscellaneous.	7,585	7,875
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		
Church school curriculum materials, church school supplies, audio-visual materials, equipment, Bibles for the third graders, youth ministry expense, leadership training, salary of the director of Christian education, annuity fund dues and social security, car expense, health and accident insurance.	10,764	13,092
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION		
Salary of the caretaker, caretaker's supplies, utilities, fuel, repairs, insurance, housekeeping expense, and parsonage utilities and services.	25,429	25,994
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	3,540
DEPRECIATION FUND		
To provide a fund to care for major repairs and replacements when such needs exceed current budgeted allocations for repairs.	1,000	2,000
Total for Local Expenses	<u>\$73,286</u>	<u>\$78,619</u>



# PROPOSED 1971 BUDGET FOR BENEVOLENCES

9.

## Through Pledged Giving

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
<b>OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION</b>		
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.	\$11,500	\$11,500
<b>CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY</b>		
A contribution to the budget of our seminary in Chicago.	500	500
<b>UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP</b>		
A campus ministry program which we sponsor jointly with other local churches, denominational and interdenominational bodies in Duluth and Superior.	500	500
<b>LOCAL BENEVOLENCES</b>		
For needs in Duluth. To be allocated by the Benevolence Committee.	500	500
<b>Total benevolences through pledged giving</b>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>
<b>SUMMARY</b>		
For Local Expenses	73,286	78,619
For Benevolences through pledged giving	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	<u>86,286</u>	<u>91,619</u>
<b><u>ADDITIONAL BENEVOLENCE CONTRIBUTIONS ANTICIPATED THROUGH SPECIAL OFFERINGS</u></b>		
EASTER - World Service - One Great Hour of Sharing	1,000	1,000
THANKSGIVING - Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin	500	500
Homeland Ministries - Neighbors in Need	500	500
CHRISTMAS - Christmas Fund for Ministerial Relief	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
<b>Total Benevolences through special offerings</b>	<u>2,750</u>	<u>2,750</u>
<b>Total of all Benevolences</b>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>15,750</u>

## REPORT OF THE LOYALTY DAY COMMITTEE

10.

The Loyalty Day Committee made its final report to the Board of Trustees on January 8, 1971. At this reporting we have received 267 pledges amounting to \$75,733. Of these pledges 17 are new pledges and 72 pledges have been increased. There are a few pledges yet to be received that will add somewhat to this total.

This amount pledged will fall short some \$2,500 of underwriting the budget as proposed at the Loyalty Day Dinner. However, the response of the Pilgrim congregation is most gratifying in a year that has exerted unusual economic pressures.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Grindy, Chairman  
Loyalty Day Committee

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

The following individuals comprised the board this past year:

John M. Dickerson  
Robert H. Engstrom  
Richard B. Heimbach  
Robert L. Heller  
Roy T. Osterland  
Lawrence D. Stratton  
Samuel F. Atkins  
Robert F. Eaton  
Thomas S. Kohlbray

Robert M. Owens  
Joseph L. Saver  
Richard G. VerWey  
Dr. Gordon C. Amundson  
Clark B. Crowell  
Edward B. Appelquest  
John M. Glendenning  
Rolland G. Nelson  
Robert L. Stanton

During the year two members resigned from the board, Messrs. Saver and Stanton. By special election the resulting vacancies were filled by David Gentner and Kenneth A. Johnson, both presently serving.

The board met monthly except for the months of June, July and August. In addition, it was felt necessary to hold two special meetings to consider matters of pressing importance.

The usual duties such as serving communion and taking the collection were carried out this past year. In addition, the board initiated the action to implement the Self-Study as well as constitutional amendments to change the formation of the Nominating Committee and the formation of the Church Moderator position in the church. These matters were very carefully considered by the board and we are very hopeful that they will make a significant contribution in making Pilgrim Church more effective.

The Board worked hard on the discharge of its assigned duties this past year and it is our hope that our contribution to the spiritual life of the church will be even more significant in the ensuing year.

In conclusion the Board initiated the action for the acceptance of Dr. Alfaker's resignation as well as implementation of the procedures to seek his successor. The pastoral committee has been elected and is at work on locating a new minister. The Board of Deacons along with the Diaconate as a whole has assumed the responsibility for the interim supply. We are hopeful that an interim minister will be appointed and in the parish by March 1, 1971.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. Crowell, Chairman



### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONESSES

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. Milton Prince  
Mrs. T. A. Brain

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Warren Brooker, Chairman

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### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your board met on nine occasions. The minutes indicate that average attendance was 66%.

A remarkable working relationship was developed and all felt free to express opinions openly. This atmosphere was produced in a large measure by an all day "retreat" held in August and led by Mrs. Austin.

The Board wishes to remind the congregation that all board meetings are open meetings. Board members are always interested to hear comments from teachers, parents, students and church members relative to religious education matters. Our motto is "don't complain about us; complain to us."

The Board has been delighted with the aid and leadership of our new director of Christian education, Mrs. Austin. She has knowledge and vitality which can be a help in many areas - but so far the church has not utilized her adequately. We commend her to you.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Druten, M. D., Chairman



## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

12.

The close of the first eight months on the staff of Pilgrim Church is an appropriate time to express appreciation to all who have given support and friendliness in countless ways.

A special word of thanks goes to the Board of Christian Education and the teaching staff who, with diligence, have worked away at some of the questions which penetrate any valid ministry of Christian education today. We need constantly to search for ways to be the Church if we are to have more than just a fellowship. We need to be asking the "right" questions as we seek answers. What does it mean to be a part of the community which calls itself Christian in 1971? As Pilgrim Church begins its second century can it risk discarding the superfluous and zero in on those areas of love and concern and joy in which the New Testament church is continually involved? What does the following paragraph mean for us:

"For too long we have associated church education with church schools for children (and sometimes youth) in local congregations. The church educator was the teacher or administrator in such schools. Some system of deliberate education in local churches is one aspect of church education, but it cannot be the sole or perhaps even the primary concern of church educators. Education is not simply one concern in the church's life or one aspect of its ministry. It is central to its life."

(Colloquy, January 1971)

As director of Christian education it was rewarding to meet with the Tuesday morning Bible Study group which began its second session on January 12, 1971.

I continue on the Northeast Association Christian Education Committee, the Conference Christian Education Committee, and as a member of the Conference Small Group Task Force.

### Christian Education Activities since May, 1970:

Individual conferences with all but three of the teachers.

All-day Board of Christian Education meeting August 1, 1970.

Two parent meetings.

Creative Arts Workshop.

Advent wreath workshop.

Banner workshops.

UNICEF offerings were well above last year's donations. The Church School also participated in the Neighbors In Need offering and gifts for children at Christmas time.

The Christmas dinner program involved people of all ages. The meaning of Christmas, portrayed by the youth ministry, was provocative at a time of year when often only a sentimental reflection is given. They, the Hagelins and Ferreiras are to be commended for being "enablers" for this experience.

The above are not listed as activities of the director alone; many people were involved, particularly in the banner workshop which is a continuing activity.

The director of Christian education is available to help as needed in the coming months.

Let us go forward in the spirit of pioneers as well as pilgrims with a feeling of hope and joy, courage and stamina! May 1971 open doors for Christian education to be experienced not as "one part" of the church's life but as a team enterprise.

Elsie Jean Austin



REPORT OF THE ADVISERS TO PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

13.

The year 1970 has been a year of experimentation, search, and frustration for the youth group of Pilgrim Church.

In May we finished up the school year with a fun-filled afternoon at Lester Park with lots of food, a rousing baseball game, and a few wet PFers who couldn't seem to pass up the temptation of Lester River. We separated for the summer each enjoying the good weather and new friends and encounters we made.

We resumed in the Fall with a large group of about 25 PFers. Planning the year's events seemed to be a difficult task - some wanted to have lots of good programs and planned events, but most desired nothing structured. As the unstructured evenings went on attendance seemed to drop substantially until there were only 5 or 6 members in attendance. The members decided something had to be done and took it upon themselves to start offering some planned programs - attendance has once again picked up.

The youth presented their own feelings of Christmas at the annual Christmas Program and Dinner. This was a project they worked on with great enthusiasm and imagination.

Also during Christmas vacation, five of the youths attended a retreat at Gunflint Lodge for 3 days. The main goal was learning to communicate with each other, and each PFER that returned expressed an extremely good feeling about the experience they had.

Most recently, PFers gathered at the "Grodnik" (Hearding House) for an overnight retreat. About 12 members were in attendance, including those who were on the Gunflint retreat. The evening (until 3 a.m.) included fun, pizza making, and a serious program of strengthening friendship bonds and understandings among members.

The present plans for the rest of the year include participation in the church's 100th Birthday and a Pancake Breakfast to raise money for a worthy project such as sponsoring an orphan or one of the church's missions. Other fund-raising projects are also in the planning stages.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. and Mrs. David Hagelin

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REPORT OF UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Advisory Board for United Campus Ministry, Duluth-Superior

For our annual report this year your campus ministers feel that it is important to share with you a sense of the immediacy which has been a part of our life at the campuses in the Twin Ports during the past year. To do this we wish to quote from reports which we made to our Advisory Board:

"Before I begin the usual form of my report...I want to reflect for a moment on the past school year. In fifteen years in the campus ministry I do not recall such a year at the campus. It has been a year that in some ways has been characterized by dates - October 15, November 15, April 15, April 22 and May 4. It has been a year in which even the recent past seems so long ago. It has been a year in which students have grown older sooner and



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wiser politically. It has been a year which has been difficult for people not only in understanding what has been going on, but also, I sense, in their relationships with one another. I do not recall in previous years of ministry at a campus the intense kinds of deep personal problems and relationships which have been expressed by individuals. The world's experiences of travail have been reflected in the lives of individuals at the campus. A campus ministry during the past year has been set in the context of Moratoriums, and Earth Day and Kent and the ways in which these have influenced the lives of individuals and institutions. This has been the scene in which we have called to be faithful to the Gospel through the past academic year. To report on my ongoing work during the past few months without some reflection on events could be mundane and, yet, it could be the ordinary which provides a fabric of faith and culture in which life can go on and in which the extraordinary may happen."

Dick Nelson

"The past few weeks have been critical in the life of the nation and the world. They consequently have also been quite critical on the campuses throughout this nation, with UMD being no exception. I'm sure we are all aware of most of the events which have transpired here in Duluth and Superior. However, the war issue is not the only issue affecting the mood of the campus; the eminent dangers of over-population and pollution have also had an important effect on campus life. I find a great deal of pessimism and despair among both many students and faculty members. On several occasions I have found myself involved in discussions with campus people, many of whom I did not know, who are looking for a word of hope in a world full of crisis and despair. The events at Kent State have had a tremendous impact on students. But I find a very interesting phenomenon occurring; many of these persons are seeking a word of hope from the church. Some students have actually told me that religion is society's last hope. I submit that the church must be there in these critical times to speak a word of love and hope to the nation and the world. Whether it be campus or parish, the work of reconciliation must be done. Perhaps this is egocentric of us, but if we do not meet this challenge, it will not be met."

Jim Davis

We hope that these two paragraphs may suggest the setting for a year of campus ministry...even a ministry during that same year which brought forth the report to the President on Campus Unrest.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Nelson

K. James Davis

Campus Ministers



REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

15.

The Women's Fellowship has met each month September through June. The six groups of the Fellowship have been reduced to four. The evening group composed of business and professional women and the young women's group have been disbanded. The remaining four groups have taken in some of these members and have met the second Wednesday of each month. In February the groups all met in the church, having separate meetings but sharing a common program.

Our budget meeting was held in June and our budget set at \$2,815. In addition to the usual benevolences which amount to about one third of our budget, we gave:

- \$500 to the Twin Ports Ministry to Seamen
- 200 to the Y.W.C.A. Development Fund
- 100 to the Northwood Building Fund
- 245 to send a member on the Mission Interpreters Bus Tour
- 400 raised for the Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund

Programs for the year have been as follows:

- January - Dr. Wesley Sadler - African Missionary
- February - Indian film, "End of the Trail"
- March - Mrs. Mitchell - Miller Hospital
- April - Panel Discussion - Community Services
- May - Church dinner with Calvary Baptist Church. Entertainment by their choir.
- June - annual meeting
- September - A look at ourselves through the "Local Church in God's Mission Survey" - Discussion
- October - Bus Trip to Grand Marais to see their new church and share in their meeting
- November - Mrs. Rolland Nelson - Mission Interpreters Bus Tour
- December - Guest luncheon - Denfeld choir

Money making projects were: the Food Fair, the Christmas Guest Luncheon, Matinee Musicale Breakfast, and the Calvary Baptist Dinner.

Our women gave valuable service to Northwood Children's Home by mending during the month of September. The Thursday Sewing Group continues to sew and contribute layettes and knitted goods. Stuffed toys have been collected for the Bensenville Home in Illinois and Betty Crocker coupons were collected to help pay for the Seamen's Ministry bus. Cookies have been brought to nursing homes and the Twin Ports Ministry to Seamen. Christmas cookie plates were distributed to shut-ins in December and we are now soliciting drivers for the "Meals on Wheels" program centered at First Lutheran. Our women have provided for the coffee hour after church once each month, participated in Church Women United meetings and the State Conference. Some of our members have promoted and participated in a Bible Study class which is now beginning its second six-weeks series under the leadership of Mrs. Austin.

During the past year some changes have been made in our traditional meeting patterns in an effort to find ways to reach our goals more effectively in this changing world. We are continuing to search out new ways in which we can serve our church and our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude M. Jacobson



The Annual Meeting for 1970 was held on Wednesday, January 21, following the Annual Dinner. The Treasurer reported that 1969 closed with all obligations paid and a balance of \$3,046. Over \$14,000 was paid in benevolences in 1969, plus \$1200 to the Chicago Theological Seminary Scholarship funds through special gifts. Loyalty Day pledges were received for \$75,028, a net increase of about \$2400. The Benevolence Committee reported acceptance of two missionaries for the cultivation of closer and more personal missionary relationships: Rev. Frank Jagers, pastor of a new church being established near San Jose, California, and Dr. Kirk R. Stetson, who is in charge of a hospital at Mt. Silinda, Rhodesia. The guest speaker at the Annual Meeting was Rev. N. W. W. Mokros, Executive Director of the Twin Ports Ministry to Seamen.

A series of Lenten Seminars featuring films followed by discussion began on Ash Wednesday, February 11.

On February 22, it was announced that Mrs. Hubert W. Austin had accepted the call to be our Director of Christian Education and would begin her work here May 1.

Dr. Robert V. Cramer, President of Northland College, was guest speaker on April 2 in observance of National Christian College Sunday.

The Women's Fellowship sponsored a dinner on Wednesday, March 6, at which the Calvary Baptist Church Choir gave a concert of spirituals, gospel hymns and anthems. The price of the ticket, \$2.00, was donated to their building fund.

On May 10, Pilgrim Fellowship young people joined young people from St. Paul's Episcopal Church on a clean-up project at Park Point.

Music Sunday, May 17, featured numbers by the Chancel Choir, Junior Choir and Handbell Choir. Following the service the Pilgrim Fellowship members were hosts for coffee at Grodnick East, their new home on the third floor of Hearing House. At 3 p.m. they sponsored the Breckenridge High School Choir in excerpts from "Oliver," to which they invited young people from several other churches.

On May 31, graduating high school seniors were honored. Three of them - Margaret Griffith, Nancy Lee, and Richard Shefchik - had the sermon, "The Now Generation."

Dr. E. Paul Sylvester, formerly pastor of Lynnhurst Congregational Church in Minneapolis and a member of Pilgrim Church, was guest speaker during the month of July and Dr. Leslie A. Bechtel of Herbster, Wisconsin, during the month of August.

On Laity Sunday, October 11, Mrs. Rolland Nelson, a member of the Board of Deaconesses, and Mr. Samuel F. Atkins, a member of the Board of Deacons, participated in the leadership of the service.

A Creative Arts Workshop was held on Wednesday evening, October 14. The theme was the use of the arts in teaching and learning the Bible. A Banner Workshop, an opportunity for everyone to create with color, fabric and design, was held on Thursday evening, November 19, with Mrs. David C. Ferreira as chairman, and following the service on Sunday, November 29, an Advent Wreath-making Workshop was held in Fellowship Hall.



On November 29, a special business meeting acted on Dr. Halfaker's resignation. 17.

Three members of the Self-Study Committee presented their initial report on December 6.

The Chancel Choir presented the Antonio Vivaldi Christmas Cantata, "Gloria," at the Sunday service, December 13.

Christmas services included the Festival Christmas Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. and the Family Christmas Program and Supper at 4:30 p.m. on December 20 and the Family Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m. and the Christmas Eve Candle-light Service at 11 p.m. on December 24.

The Centennial Committee has planned a program including a Centennial Service on January 17, 1971, at 10:30 a.m. and a Church Family 100th Birthday Party at 4 p.m. on the same day; a Centennial Banquet on Wednesday, January 20; and an organ recital on February 9, 1971. A Centennial historical booklet has been prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Lee Stensland, historian

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#### REPORT OF THE CHURCH VOCATIONS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Church Vocations Scholarship Fund was established seventeen years ago with gifts in memory of Mr. Hency C. Hornby. At that time a Church Vocations Scholarship Committee was established as a standing committee, charged with the responsibility of management of this fund. This committee is also to keep touch with young people from Pilgrim Church in training for church vocations and do as much as possible to promote the enlistment of young people in such vocations.

A policy was established that first call on funds available would be for scholarship assistance to young people from the church in training for church vocations. Any residue available each year would be contributed to Chicago Theological Seminary for their scholarship funds, supplementing our regular budgeted contribution for the seminary.

In September 1970 David Plumb enrolled as a student at United Theological Seminary in the Twin Cities. The Committee has voted to assist David with a scholarship contribution of \$500 per year. This amount was contributed in December, 1970. At December 31 there was a balance of \$213.20 in the Fund. In the last week word has been received from the Phillips family that they would like to see the \$301 in the Memorial Fund in memory of Mrs. Ethel Phillips transferred to this Scholarship Fund. With this gift the Church Vocations Scholarship Committee plans to contribute \$500 in the next few weeks to Chicago Theological Seminary for their scholarship funds.

The committee suggests that this is 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 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 40 Sundays and by the Women's Fellowship on 6 Sundays. There were 45 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

Myrtle R. Beane

Beatrice Halfaker, 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 1970 consisted of the following:

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.

The assistance of Mr. Ray Bonnell and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Matter on Easter was greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Walter W. Matzke, Chairman



REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

19.

Your Music Committee has been faced with relatively minor problems during 1970. Various circumstances required several changes in the solo voices of our Chancel Choir. Our most painful task was acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Roy Nelson, our soprano soloist for so many years, a move necessitated by advice from her physician. We were very fortunate in obtaining Mrs. David Ferreira who has proven to be an exceedingly capable replacement. To achieve better balance between the sections of the choir, Mr. Ballou very graciously agreed to shift from tenor to baritone soloist, and we were again fortunate in obtaining Mr. Ferreira to head the tenor section. The volunteer members of the choir have been very faithful, and the congregation owes them a vote of thanks for their hours of work at practice and regular participation in the Sunday morning services.

Mr. Ray Baker, our organist and chancel choir director, increases in stature year by year. His popularity with the members of the choir is a big factor in their loyalty and regular attendance, and we enjoy his choice in music in giving us something of the old and something of the new.

Miss Belt and the members of the Handbell Choir should be complimented on the progress they have made during the past year. Their increased skills have enabled them to become a more frequent pleasant addition to our worship services.

Miss Belluzzo's popularity with the children, and perhaps the change in rehearsal time, have contributed to a marked increase in membership in the Junior Choir. We are acutely aware of the potential value of these last two organizations as sources of future members of our Chancel Choir.

As mentioned in last year's report, we would be grossly ungrateful if we did not again extend our sincere thanks to the many fine instrumentalists in our congregation who have so willingly given of their talents to enrich our worship services. To Mrs. Frances Leek and Ann, Mrs. Brandon Southworth and Gayle and Molly, Nancy Lee, James Nichol, Susannah Saver, and Dr. William A. van Druten a hearty Bravo!

Respectfully submitted,

Keith R. Fawcett, chairman

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

20.

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

MODERATOR: In the event the amendments creating the office of Moderator are approved, the Nominating Committee will submit the name of John Dickerson for that position.

CLERK: Mrs. Harold O'Dell

TREASURER: Jesse D. Bradley

HISTORIAN: Anna Lee Stensland

BOARD OF DEACONS: (for three years) Richard B. Heimbach, Robert L. Heller, Dean Klinger, L. A. Klock, John D. Morrison, Roy T. Osterland.

BOARD OF DEACONESSSES: (for three years) Mrs. Eugene Carpenter, Mrs. William M. Reynolds, Mrs. C. L. Thomas.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (for three years) R. B. Buchanan, Mrs. A. W. King, Thomas J. Shefchik, Jr.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: (for three years) Mrs. Robert F. Eaton, Barry L. Peterson, Mrs. Charles Walters.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (for three years) S. F. Atkins, Mrs. Leonard E. Griffith, Mrs. William A. van Druten.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Matzke, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nichol, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Prince, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhode, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Tengquist, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Welch.

MUSIC COMMITTEE: Mrs. F. H. Cash, Dr. Keith R. Fawcett, Mrs. M. M. Fifield, Mrs. Kenneth A. Johnson, Mrs. T. J. Lee, Mrs. Joseph H. Leek, William P. Van Evera.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel F. Atkins  
Mrs. Philip N. Bray  
John M. Dickerson

Mrs. Leonard E. Griffith

Dr. E. I. Parson, Chairman

Mrs. Richard E. Harkey  
Roy T. Magney  
John D. Morrison  
Robert M. Smith



The Board of Deacons of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth, at its meeting held on December 17, 1970, voted to recommend to the church membership the adoption of the following resolution to amend the Constitution and By-laws of the church:

"RESOLVED, that the following amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Duluth are hereby approved and adopted:

1. The first paragraph of Article V, Section 1 (of the Constitution), which presently reads as follows:  
"The officers of this church shall be a Minister, a Director of Religious Education, eighteen active Deacons, not more than four Life Deacons, nine Deaconesses, nine Trustees, a Clerk, and a Treasurer",  
shall be amended to read:  
"The officers of this church shall be a Minister, a Director of Christian Education, eighteen active Deacons, not more than four Life Deacons, nine Deaconesses, nine Trustees, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Moderator."  
  
2. The first paragraph of Article V, Section 3 (of the Constitution) deals generally with the duties and responsibilities of the Minister, including the duty set forth in the final words of that paragraph, as follows:  
"...and shall ordinarily act as moderator of the meetings of the church."  
It is proposed that these words be deleted from the Constitution and that the comma preceding these words be changed to a period.  
  
3. A new Section 10 shall be added to Article V (of the Constitution), to read as follows:  
"The Moderator shall preside at annual meetings and any special business meetings of the church. He shall also preside at meetings of the Church Council. Prior to each meeting at which he is to preside the Moderator shall familiarize himself with the business to be taken up at the meeting.  
  
The Moderator shall be elected by the members of the church at the time of the annual meeting. The term of office shall be two years with a maximum of two consecutive terms.  
  
In the absence of the Moderator, the Chairman of the Board of Deacons will serve as Moderator Pro-tem."  
  
4. Article B of the By-laws, Section 7, relating to the Church Council. In the first paragraph the first sentence reads:  
"The Church Council shall consist of the minister as chairman, the associate minister or director of Christian Education....."  
This sentence shall be amended to read:  
"The Church Council shall consist of the moderator as chairman, the minister, the associate minister or director of Christian education....."

These proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the church shall be voted upon by the church membership at the annual meeting of the church to be held on Wednesday, January 13, 1971.