

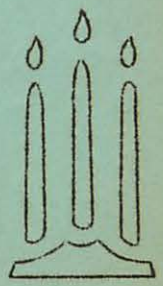
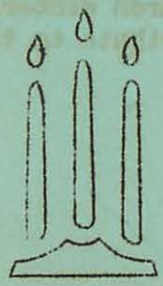
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ANNUAL

REPORTS

Congregational Church of Austin



GOALS

The following is a statement of goals for the Congregational Church of Austin. It was decided upon through group action. Groups meeting before the fall retreat isolated six areas of concern. During the retreat half of these goals were decided upon. Afterward the Advisory Council took up the task and formulated the rest. The statement has been adopted and approved by the Advisory Council.

Area One: PERSONAL GROWTH AND PARTICIPATION

- Goals: 1. Greater participation in each others' lives.
2. Provide support for fellow church members during time of need.
3. Provide ways to support each other at all times.

Area Two: WORSHIP

- Goals: 1. Make worship services more deeply meaningful. Provide profound worship experience.
2. Gain a true and closer community and communion of believers.

Area Three: EVANGELISM

- Goals; 1. Gaining of new members should be the felt responsibility of all present church members.
2. Support our denomination's world wide evangelical program as well as local community programs.
3. Direct each member toward personal witness; that is: demonstrating by action and through concern our Christian commitment and faith.
4. Achieve a membership small enough for intimacy, large enough to be self-sustaining.

Area Four: SOCIAL ACTION

- Goals: 1. Render service to persons in need to the extent of our available resources.

Area Five: YOUTH AND EDUCATION

- Goals: 1. Make our youth Biblically literate and enable them to translate the Bible's essential teaching into action.
2. Take steps to supply an adequate number of teachers for our church school.
3. Provide a training program for future teachers.
4. Provide an opportunity for all young members to assume a maximum degree of responsibility for their own religious education.
5. Provide an opportunity for youth to participate in the governance and worship of the church.

Area Six: YOUTH AND THE UNIVERSITY

- Goals: 1. To support the efforts of the University Campus Ministry in its ministry to University age youth in the University area.
2. Develop programs relative to the above using our own church members.
3. Provide opportunity to all University age youth to contribute to the church and its programs.

1971 BUDGET

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	1970	1971
Pastor's Salary	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00
Pastor's Annuity	884.40	884.40
*Pastor's Disability & Health Insurance	160.00	225.00
Pastor's Car Allowance	540.00	540.00
#Pastor's Parking Space	100.00	- - -
Pulpit Supply	100.00	100.00
Parsonage Utilities & Telephone	650.00	650.00
Parsonage Payments	1,002.36	1,002.36
	<u>10,136.76</u>	<u>10,101.76</u>
 LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAMS		
*Music for Worship	650.00	700.00
Christian Education Materials	300.00	300.00
Church Office Supplies and Postage	600.00	600.00
Church Secretary (Part Time)	200.00	200.00
Publicity	200.00	200.00
Church Utilities	1,000.00	1,000.00
*Janitorial Service & Supplies	1,050.00	1,200.00
*Church Telephone	120.00	370.00
#Insurance (Parsonage & Liability only)	550.00	150.00
Expenses, Delegates to Conf., Assoc. etc.	125.00	125.00
Nursery Attendants	150.00	150.00
Expenses to camps, institutes etc.	200.00	200.00
UNITED CHURCH HERALD for new members	60.00	60.00
Safe Deposit Box	17.00	17.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
	<u>5,812.00</u>	<u>5,872.00</u>
 RESPONSIBILITIES IN COOPERATIVE WORK		
*Brazos Association Dues	54.00	55.00
Austin Council of Churches	20.00	20.00
Texas Conference of Churches	6.00	6.00
National Council of Churches	10.00	10.00
World Council of Churches	5.00	5.00
Conference Capital Funds Drive	50.00	50.00
	<u>145.00</u>	<u>146.00</u>
PAYMENTS & INSURANCE ON NEW WING	9,124.80	9,608.64
Other Income (see other page)	-2,480.00	2,480.00
NEEDED IN LOCAL SUPPORT PLEDGES	\$22,738.56	\$23,248.40
 Total Budget	25,218.56	25,728.40

OTHER INCOME

Sale of 902 Houston St. parsonage	\$780.00
Day Care Center	1,200.00
Loose Plate Offering	<u>500.00</u>

* - Increase in amount from 1970 to 1971 Budget

- Decrease in amount from 1970 to 1971 Budget

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

O. C. W. M. (undesignated)	2,000.00
Eden Home (Operating Expenses)	250.00
Crisis in the Nation	<u>150.00</u>
	<u>2,400.00</u>

The Budget which we are presenting to you has been approved by the Board of Trustees but has not been approved by the congregation. Final approval will be by members of the congregation on Jan. 17, 1971.

This Budget is again a survival budget, and it does not provide for any new equipment. We need about three hundred dollars worth of chairs and tables for the church school. We need some new hymnals. The choir could use a new robe, and the church office needs a new electric typewriter. We probably should have some local projects listed which reveal our concerns such as scholarships for minority students at Huston-Tillotson College or the University of Texas. Further this Budget actually decreases the minister's salary by 5% which was the inflation rise during the last year.

Last year we pledged \$16,649.00 to local expenses and \$2,539.20 to Our Christian World Mission Budget. We overpledged our Mission Budget but missed our local Budget by \$6,089.56. This year we do not have any reserve funds to use up. Further we have been losing money each month on the Day Care operation in addition to not receiving our hoped for \$100 a month to help.

Income, January 1, 1970 thru Dec. 31, 1970

Balance on Hand January 1, 1970		\$5,040.52
General Fund	\$4,439.73	
Blackburn Fund	194.29	
Fed. W. H. Tax	291.40	
Soc. Sec. Tax	<u>115.10</u>	
	5,040.52	
Receipts		
Contributions, Pledged & Unpledged	22,002.14	
Reimbursements	627.92	
Loose Plate Offering	688.82	
Church School Contributions	96.29	
Contributed for Envelopes	2.35	
R. E. Blackburn, Payments Princp & Int.	1,060.00	
Fed. Inc. Tax withheld	800.40	
Soc. Sec. Tax withheld	<u>410.61</u>	
		25,688.53
Income from Day Care Center		8,714.00
Refund from Escrow Fund	50.00	
Balance of Loan Fund	821.09	
Cashed Certificate of Deposit	1,000.00	
Transferred from Memorial Fund Savings	<u>1,128.37</u>	
		<u>2,999.46</u>
TOTAL Income		42,442.51
Expenditures		
Operation of Day Care Center	\$9,419.54	
Paid for Day Care Equipment	1,501.53	
Pastoral Leadership	9,970.55	
Local Church Programs	4,428.52	
Larger Responsibilities	142.30	
Payments on New Wing	9,608.64	
Taxes & Ins. on Blackburn Acct.	190.99	
Payment to A. W. Bryant on Repairs	930.00	
Brown, Erwin, Maroney & Barber	877.10	
Transferred to Memorial Fund	147.50	
Undesignated OCM	2,040.00	
Operation of Eden Home	250.00	
Veterans of the Cross	10.00	
Christmas Bonus to Minister	150.00	
Special Gifts for Minister's Emerg. Trip	140.00	
One Great Hour of Sharing	176.07	
1969 W. H. Taxes Pd. in 1970	291.40	
1969 Soc. Sec. Tax " "	330.21	
Austin Conference of Churches Canvass	10.00	
Reimbursement for telephone, supplies, and misc. for non-church use	627.92	
Debit for Bad Checks Received	<u>75.00</u>	
		41,317.27
Bank Balance, January 1, 1971		1,125.24

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Balance in Bank, Jan. 1, 1971		1,125.24
General Fund	297.40	
W. H. Tax Fund	83.70	
Soc. Sec. Fund	81.18	
Blackburn Fund Reserve	183.30	
Money to transfer to Memorial Fund	140.00	
Trenckmann Legacy	100.00	
Crisis In Nation	193.31	
Veterans of the Cross	<u>46.35</u>	
		1,125.24

MISSION FUND

Contributions to OCWM, undesignated		2,362.48
To Undesignated OCWM	2,040.00	
Eden Home Operation	250.00	
*Crisis in Nation	193.31	
(Crisis in Nation giving came from: OCWM 72.48, Special Contribution 30.00, Neighbors in Need offering 90.83 for a total of \$193.31)		
Veterans of the Cross (\$10 pd. 46.35 given)		56.35
One Great Hour of Sharing		<u>176.07</u>
Total to Service Giving		2,594.90

DAY CARE CENTER

Income from Day Care Center		8,714.00
(debit bad Check at 60.00 and Refund at 45.00)		<u>(105.00)</u>
Total Income		8,609.00

Expenses of Day Care Center

Food and Supplies	920.00	
Other Supplies	51.68	
Public Liability Insurance	19.00	
Health Permit	15.00	
Salaries	8,028.25	
Social Sec. Tax, Employer's Share	<u>385.61</u>	
	9,419.54	9,419.54
Net Loss in 1970		(810.54)

Day Care Center Equipment

Memorial Fund (by church action 8/10/69) for Equipment	2,078.37	
Interest on Certificate of Dep.	50.00	
Special Gifts by Member & Friends	<u>1,455.43</u>	
		3,583.80
Paid for Equipment to date		<u>3,614.19</u>
Net Loss to date		(30.39)

MEMORIAL FUND

Balance, Jan. 1, 1970		2,323.85
Withdrawal for Equipment for Day Care Center 8/2/70		<u>2,128.37</u>
Interest from Sept. to Dec. 31	4.32	195.48
Designated Funds in Banking Account	<u>140.00</u>	
		144.32
Total of Memorial Fund, Dec. 31, 1970		339.80
(On August 10, 1969 the Congregation voted to use the funds in the Memorial Fund to buy equipment for the Day Care Center. The amount was \$2,078.37 with \$50. interest from the Certificate of Deposit added.)		

Blackburn Account

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1970		194.29
Monthly Installments of \$15. during 1970	180.00	
Payments on Insurance	(32.15)	
City of Austin Taxes	(138.10)	
State & County Taxes	(20.74)	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1970		183.30

Blackburn Note Receivable on property at 902 Houston St.,
old parsonage, payable on principle and interest at \$65. a month 5,562.19

Itemized Expenditures Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1970

	Budget Allowance	Amount Spent
FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP		
Pastor's Salary	6,700.00	6,700.00
Pastor's Annuity	884.40	884.40
Pastor's Disability & Health Ins.	160.00	180.20
Pulpit Supply	100.00	25.00
Pastor's Car Allowance	540.00	540.00
Pastor's Parking Space	100.00	0
Parsonage Utilities and Telephone	650.00	638.59
Parsonage Payments to Austin Savings & Loan	1,002.36	1,002.36
	<u>10,136.76</u>	<u>9,970.55</u>
LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAM		
Music for Worship	650.00	541.50
Christian Education	300.00	140.21
Church Office Supplies and Postage	600.00	641.26
Church Secretary	200.00	0
Publicity	200.00	140.00
Church Utilities	1,000.00	1,002.03
Church Telephone	120.00	129.24
Janitorial Service and Supplies	1,050.00	993.29
Maintenance-Building and Grounds	500.00	354.49
Insurance, Church and Parsonage	550.00	172.00
Delegates Expenses, Conf. and Assoc.	125.00	89.00
Nursery Attendants	150.00	98.00
Expenses to Camps, Schools, Institutes etc.	200.00	28.50
United Church Herald for New Members	60.00	13.00
Safe Deposit Box	17.00	17.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	69.00
	<u>5,822.00</u>	<u>4,428.52</u>
Larger Responsibilities		
Brazos Association Dues	54.00	51.30
Austin Conference of Churches	20.00	20.00
Texas Conference of Churches	6.00	6.00
National Council of Churches	10.00	10.00
World Council of Churches	5.00	5.00
Conference Capital Funds Drive	50.00	50.00
	<u>145.00</u>	<u>142.30</u>
Total Expenditures	16,103.76	14,541.37
Special Income		
Profit from Sale of Candy Apt. 12, 1970		161.25
Profit from Bazaar in December, 1970		161.89

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NOTES PAYABLE

Austin Savings and Loan, first lien mortgage on parsonage at 1421 Ridgehaven, Principle & Interest in monthly amounts of \$83.53 \$8,644.80

Franklin Federal Savings and Loan, first lien mortgage on property at 408 W. 23rd. Principle & Interest in monthly amounts of \$800.72 \$97,641.84

Amount of Money Pledged for 1971 Budgets

For Local Budget	\$22,149.40	(by Mrs. Stella Morrison)
For OCM	2,532.40	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members of the board of trustees include Mmes. Stella Morrison (treasurer), Effie Wiley, and Victor (Jean) Appel (who replaced Dr. David Ross upon his departure on an overseas assignment); Messrs. James Perkins (secretary), Rizer Everett (chairman), Doyal Pinkard, Howard Rase, Van C. Walton (clerk), and John Towery (ex-officio) Mr. Niels Saustrup and Miss Ann Mueller were the one year term youth members of the Board.

Mortgage payments for the new wing of the church began early in the year. Final payment was made to Mr. A. W. Bryant, the contractor, for repairs to the old building.

Through the cooperation of church members and friends stones were installed in the church school playground. Church members also cooperated in taking over the janitorial work in the church. Unsatisfactory janitorial service was previously performed by a maintenance company and by a professional janitor.

Approval was granted by the board for weekly use of the basement of the church for a medical clinic. Medical treatment is given by volunteer workers in the clinic to people who cannot afford or cannot obtain medical services from other facilities in the city.

A number of requests were made to the board during the year for use of various parts of the church. Approval was given to most requests but was denied to some requests which the board felt would be detrimental to the operation of the church facilities.

Rizer Everett, chairman.

DAY CARE CENTER

I. INCOME

Jan.	\$494.75	July	400.87
Feb.	649.25	Aug.	300.74
March	713.00	Sept.	800.00
April	907.50	Oct.	840.00
May	800.15	Nov.	799.00
June	867.00	Dec.	922.50

\$8,669.00

II. OPERATING EXPENSES

A. Salaries	\$8,028.25
B. Social Security	385.61
C. Food and Supplies	971.68
D. Insurance	19.00
E. Health Permit	15.00
	<u>\$9,419.54</u>

III. This gives us a total operating loss of \$750.54 for the year of 1970 or \$62.54 monthly. If we had had only one more child throughout the year just past, there would have been no loss.

IV. EQUIPMENT

All but \$65.00 worth of equipment has been covered by member's contributions to the center.

V. TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN CARED FOR

Jan.	9 children	July	10 children
Feb.	11 "	Aug.	10 "
March	13 "	Sept.	14 "
April	16 "	Oct.	15 "
May	15 "	Nov.	14 "
June	14 "	Dec.	16 "

Enrollment averaged 13 children a month.

VII. By January 4, 1971 we expect 19 to 20 children, which will allow us to meet our operating costs from this point on. We have now finished the first and most difficult year in the progress of our nursery. Our goals for the coming year are to a) clear a monthly profit, b) provide progressive day care service to the Austin community, and c) maximize the use of the new building. We have learned a great deal in the past year and will take full advantage of our experience in the next year.

G. Andl, Director.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

During the past year, the Religious Education Committee was composed of Mrs. Russel (Helena) Mueller, Mrs. M. E. (Ester) Patridge, and Mr. Victor Appel, chairman. During the year Mrs. Patridge had to resign because of her health and was replaced by Mrs. Rober (Light) German. In addition the committee was aided by five ex-officio members: Mrs. John (Eleanor) Towery, Mrs. Effie Wiley, Mrs. Melvin (Pat) Oakes, Mrs. Gertrude Andl, and Mrs. Sybil Holland.

This has been a tumultuous year for the Religious Education Committee. At the outset of the year, the committee was confronted with the recognition that overseeing the newly established Nursery and Day-Care Center was not a small additional activity which could be easily accommodated. It would have to be incorporated in addition to the traditional responsibility of the committee in overseeing the Church School Program. We found we had a monster on our hands! It consumed endless hours of planning sessions and demanded the making of major decisions which we felt ill-equipped to decide. The year has been spent largely in efforts to tame this monster, and I fear the amount of attention devoted to the Church School operation has suffered in the process. Mrs.

Towery, as Church School Superintendent, has had to operate with less than usual amounts of assistance from this committee. It is a tribute to her virtually, single-handed effort that the Administration of the Church School has managed so well.

A great deal of the effort of this committee during the spring and summer of this year was devoted to organization efforts relative to the Day-Care Center. It was necessary to determine staff needs and subsequently to interview and hire additional staff; to formulate policy guidelines and job descriptions for the director and head teacher, develop and disseminate appropriate advertising and contact appropriate referral sources in an effort to insure an adequate number of students to make the operation at least self-sufficient. In the latter endeavor, we were unsuccessful; though our efforts are expected to come to fruition this year. By February, 1971, we hope to have hit a break-even point and by June, 1971, to have paid off some, if not all, of the accumulated deficit of that operation.

In the fall of this year, our panic having receded, and for reasons all probably having something to do with raising money, we embarked upon a number of extra-curricular ventures which included sponsoring a Halloween party, a Church supper, a rummage sale and a Christmas party. Several of the committee members were also particularly involved in the annual retreat which yielded some recommendations bearing directly on the Church School. We are pleased to report that our Church School attendance has blossomed. We currently have forty-five students spread throughout six classes. We acknowledge gratefully the contribution of these teachers. They are Mrs. Paul (Susan) Szaniszlo, Mrs. Rizer (Hildegard) Everett, Mrs. Dennis (Nancy) McCormick, Mrs. Robert (Light) German, Mrs. Mel (Pat) Oakes, Mrs. Peter (Susan) Antoniewicz, Miss Sally Towery, Mrs. Victor (Jean) Appel, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Leslie) Van Pelt. The Van Pelts have also organized an enthusiastic Youth Fellowship which has lead worship and works to keep the church premises picked up.

It should be clear from the above why the need for the five ex-officio members listed previously. We could not have handled the job with the three members usually appointed. To them and to the other regular members, my deepest gratitude. I am sure they would not have volunteered had they known in advance what they were getting into.

It is our recommendation, and we will so formally propose to the congregation next year, that a separate "Board of Directors" be appointed with limited fiscal and administrative autonomy to operate, in consultation with the Board of Trustees, the Nursery and Day-Care Center. This action, in that it requires a change of the Constitution, will be duly presented for the congregation's consideration.

Victo H. Appel, Chairman.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Action Committee consists of Bob and Light German, Beth Mitchell, and Russ Mueller. It had one lone meeting. In the light of the recent attempts toward renewal, the committee got off its duff and drew up a long list of possible social action programs. These programs will soon be investigated, posted in the church and talked over. The Social Action Committee will get church members more actively involved in social issues.

Bob and Light German, Chairmen.

CLERK'S REPORT

Our membership at the beginning of last year was 114. In the course of the year we lost two by death and two by transfer, but gained 10 new members, bringing our present membership to 120.

Our average attendance for 1970 was 60.

Van Courtright Walton, Clerk.

BOARD OF DEACONS AND DEACONESSES

Members of the 1970 Board of Deacons and Deaconesses were: Bob German, Chairman; Dorothy Lay Secretary; Hildegard Everett; Matt Blackstock; Vic Appel; Gertrude Andl; Wendy Mueller; Ches Towery; Van Walton; and John Towery, ex officio.

It has no doubt been a crucial and turbulent year for our church, relatively speaking, and no less so for the Board (if I am any judge). This was my first year as a Deacon, and at my first attended meeting, I was railroaded in as Chairman, an event which no doubt added, by six feet one inch, to the confusion. It took me some four months to grasp and help control what was going on.

Our Board is supposed to form the homey path of spiritual advisement to the church. Rather I found it to be a cobblestone road of good intentions, too much talk, not enough action, rutted throughout with petty division and all lined with the curb of forgetfulness. But if there is guilt to be levied, then certainly I must shoulder my share. My complaint is perhaps the human condition.

If I were to try and sum up the year for us, I think I would have to say that 1970 has been a year of attempted renewal. Relative to this, there have been certain accomplishments, the greatest being the church retreat held early last fall.

Vic Appel was the guiding force behind the retreat and to him the greatest credit is due. It was his original idea. He drew up the questionnaire which provided us with the program for the retreat. He got Dr. Helmich as speaker for the retreat. However, the Board did plan the retreat and then helped things come about in many ways, and for once John and Eleanor did not have to do it all. At the retreat, and later through the advisory council, certain goals for our church were decided upon. At least a dozen programs and recent changes in worship and recent changes in church procedure have taken place and are directly traceable back to those goals and what went on at the retreat. Hopefully all members of the church have taken notice.

The retreat was the centerpiece of our effort, but there were other accomplishments. We have continued to help find speakers for the pulpit. Our ushers and greeters committee which derives its institution from the Board seems a trifle better organized this year. The Board has helped the pastor with the Lenten period and Christmas Candlelight services. We have authorized communion more frequently: at least once a month during the school year.

We have, in addition, tried to reorganize ourselves, dividing the Board into sub-committees, all for greater effectiveness. We have a newly formed visitation committee whose job it will be to go and see prospective members, visit ailing church members and enable all members to go and see each other more frequently. We are attempting to resurrect the House Church program with informal, neighborhood get-togethers. We have a new communion and worship committee in the works. In the coming year, the board hopes to get all of these committees more solidly organized and working.

The difficulty with the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses is the same difficulty our church (maybe any church) has. We come from several different walks; we lead many different lives; we tend to meet only at regular intervals

for rather circumscribed purposes. Many of us would not choose the others of us as friends were we to meet socially. Yet, as followers of the Christ, we do meet, hopefully, in the atmosphere of Christian Love. We do meet, make somewhat minor decisions, and then tend to forget all about them between meetings, leaving the minister and his wife to carry out whatever plans we have made. 'Tis a dilemma.

The Board can commend itself for starting down the path of renewal and encouraging the church to come along. But we should remember, all of us, that we have just begun. I pray in Christ's name that we, the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses, may continue striving in this direction.

Special tribute should be given to John Towery. Without him our little clockwork would stop like a dollar watch thrown into four fathoms. Other thanks go to those who hosted the Deacons and Deaconesses, plying them with warm fires, goodies and cheer.

Bob German, Chairman

PASTOR'S REPORT

Without really noticing it, some movement is beginning to occur. Our church is like a ship which is getting underway. You can sense that we are beginning to "get with it". We still talk of ourselves as a 100 member church, but we are now up to 120. We can easily be over 150 before the end of this coming year. We have virtually pledged our local budget for the coming year. We are grappling with some of the institutional survival problems successfully. We are now grappling with what it means to be the Christ-followers in this age. None of us pretends to know all of the answers, and we share with our neighbors and friends the phobias and anxieties of our age. It is quite possible that we can fail, but it has always been possible and at times almost probable.

We are still trying to get going on visiting and relating to one another. More of us are having personal problems and need one another more than ever before. We need one another's support and encouragement just to live life. The particular pattern which we have tried to envision in meeting in neighborhoods may well get changed, but we do need to find ways of assisting each other.

Worship at times during the past year has been an exciting and "alive" matter. "Going to church" often seems so dreary, and to push "church going" as obligation seems self-defeating. To say that it should be exciting means that we have feelings of anticipation. We have had members share in more personally revealing ways which include each of us in their faith vision than ever before. We are searching for ways of worship which are not gimmicky but do free us to participate more fully. Dialogue and interaction seem to be the way in which the Ultimate will be revealed in our era rather than as an infallible word from any pulpit. Some of the services will not work in the way that we hope, and they will be failures, but we feel that we are deepening our worship experience most of the time.

The building program almost halted our endeavors to work together on other ways of serving. We will have an opportunity of cleaning the building together and of making some needed repairs etc. Many of us find that work together is a help to knowing one another and a different kind of accomplishment for us. We were becoming rather good at moving the large stones. Who would have thought that you would have found that many of us there. Some of us discovered a sense of accomplishment in selling candy and making things for the Bazaar. When we do these things together in enjoyment, it is good. When we only feel obligation with resentment, it would be bad.

A swimmer who is struggling in an eddy to stay afloat will not rescue anyone or get anywhere. We have neglected service projects and our mission

education because we were fearful that we might not survive. We need to experiment in some new organizations or to provide facilities for them. In 1965 an urban minister suggested that a church could form Divorce Anonymous. Our problems with the RAFT and PEOPLE'S FREE CLINIC come from the fact that we are not present at the meetings. If we had had someone at the Women's Liberation meeting, they might not have left things in such a mess. The RAFT created a lot of problems for us, but the police wish that they were operating now. A half-way house for young people who want to work but need guidance is needed in the city. Too few of us have participated to even know what the problems are. We need to find ways of facing social problems such as police treatment of minority groups, school integration, housing for low and middle income groups, and other matters of concern in more informative and action orientated ways. To do so involves risk of dissention among ourselves and with others. Not to do so is to say that religion has nothing to say in life's important areas.

Just as a matter of records etc., we thought that you might like to look at the following

	1961	1964	1968	1970
Local Budget	\$7,053.36	\$8,939.50	\$11,883.45	\$22,002.14
OCWM	776.20	1,989.60	2,092.92	2,040.00
Loose Plate	512.29	706.28	517.92	688.82

In 1964 we also gave \$512.88 to special causes over and above our regular giving.

We have some failures to face in the area of work with college students and faculty. We know what doesn't work, but we may have to find new ways of relating if we are serious. We need to educate ourselves more seriously if we are to truly be Followers of the Way. A stance of accepting each other's insights does not free us from the need to study and think together. Your minister needs support in thinking and praying together. Leeds Culick suggested a group meeting together once a week. We will be trying a sandwich or sack lunch gathering once a week during Lent.

This church exists because of individuals who have cared through the years, and this past year was no exception. Our young people have assisted in watching and helping the even younger during worship services. The hours given willingly and gladly by many different ones deserves our gratitude. The main difficulty is that we are thanking one another.

Pastor John Robinson told the Pilgrims before they departed for America that "God had more truth and light yet to break forth out of his holy Word." which could give us courage for our faith in these times. In relating to one another we might remember that he also said, "Men are often accounted heretics with greater sin through want of charity in the judges than in the judged through defect of faith." Let us be glad and rejoice together.

John C. Towery, Minister

YOUTH REPORT

The youth after a rather rapid and disorganized beginning became quite active in the church. Officers elected by the members were: Claudia Tarvin, President, and Si Blackstock as Vice-President. Immediately upon formation the group wrote and presented the church worship service on Youth Sunday., which received many compliments, which were deserved as they met sometimes three to four times a week for rehearsals, etc. displaying much co-operation and enthusiasm.

In October the group participated in a retreat at Bastrop State Park

on what turned out to be the coldest night of the month. It was enjoyed though by all, and it is hoped that the experience will be repeated soon.

In the interest of contributing to the church the youth also volunteered to clean the church grounds weekly and while attendance at this function varies, it is hoped that in the spring and summer it will be of more value in taking care of the lawn, etc. The sponsors wish to thank the parents at this time for their cooperation with us meeting weekly and sometimes two or three times puts a strain on more than a few parents, and we appreciated this help. Also we would like to extend ours and the groups thanks to Carl and Betty Franklin for their help in the past year. We acknowledge not only our thanks but also the usefulness of your suggestions and time.

I forgot that we also traveled to New Braunfels in the fall to see a mass media presentation on the U. C. C. Statement of faith which was presented by three Eden Seminary students at First Protestant U. C. C.

We want to thank Dennis Flinn (a non-member) who assisted us many times and in many ways.

Mike & Leslie Van Pelt, Sponsors.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The fiscal year of the Women's Association is from October through June. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month. A luncheon at Wyatt's C Cafeteria in October is followed by the business meeting at the home of Mrs. Erna Seeliger. The last meeting in June is usually held at the Lake Travis cottage of relatives of Mrs. Roberta Winkler. The May meeting always features the evening meal at the home of Mrs. Josephine Trenckmann. Other members host the other meetings in their homes.

The group has decreased to an average monthly attendance of 10 or 12 due to members in rest homes and hospitals and some shut-ins at home. One member, Mrs. Verna Lampman, died recently--a sad loss--following a long illness.

Expenditures this past year were:

Church Dues	\$50.00
Freight for Church World Service Clothing	11.80
Donation for TV for the Kindergarten	50.00
Donations for the Leprosy Colony in Louisiana are made when a useful amount has become available.	
The present bank balance is	\$116.57

Roberta Winkler, Vice-President.

PILGRIM GUILD

Pilgrim Guild women held meetings each month of the school year. We heard a number of speakers, such as Nancy Wood of the Speakers Bureau of the Community Development Corporation

We enjoyed the fellowship of these monthly meetings as well since this seemed to be another need of our group!

As for "worthwhile projects", the Pilgrim Guild women served at the U.S.O., contributed financially to the Community Development Corporation, aided in buying pots and pans for the Day Care Center and contributed to the Travel Fund for the minister in the emergency.

We take this opportunity to welcome additional members to our group. Most of us are employed outside the home so that our meetings are held in the evenings. As the report indicates our reason for being an organization helps in filling our need to learn, to communicate, and to serve.

Mrs. Russel (Helena) Mueller.