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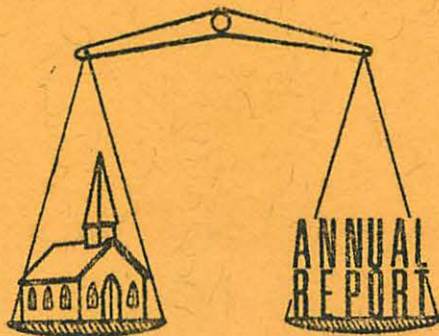
REPORTS

Congregational

Church

of

Austin



AGENDA

ANNUAL MEETING

January 16, 1972

DEVOTIONS-The Pastor

Election of Moderator

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Review of Reports (Any questions, differing opinions, statements etc.)

Report of Organization or Activity Omitted in printed reports.

Old Business- (Any business from 1971 Annual Meeting or meeting during the year that is incomplete?)

New Business

1. Constitutional Amendments.
By-Law Amendments
2. 1972 Election of Offices and Committee Members
3. 1972 Budget.
4. Other?

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1971		\$1,125.24
General Fund	\$337.99	
Withholding Tax	83.70	
Social Security	40.59	
R. Blackburn Fund	183.30	
Memorial Fund	140.00	
Legacy	100.00	
Neighbors in Need(70)	193.31	
Veterans of the Cross	46.35	

INCOME

Gifts and Contributions, Pledged & Unpledged		\$26,555.70	
Loose Plate Collection		650.99	
Church School (Local-99.11, OCUW 8.85)		107.96	
Reimbursed for Envelopes		3.50	
Payments by R. Blackburn for 902 Houston St.		1,665.00	
Fees from Day Care		16,135.70	
Transfer from Memorial Fund		108.29	
Sale of Air Conditioner		90.00	
Sale of Piano		20.00	
Loan from University State Bank	\$2,500.00		
Less cost of Air Conditioning	2,011.50 =	488.50	
		<u>\$45,825.64</u>	46,950.88

EXPENDITURES

Pastoral Leadership		\$11,789.92	
Local Church Programs		4,391.48	
Larger Responsibilities		142.40	
Payments on New Educational Wing		9,608.64	
Ramon Blackburn Taxes (902 Houston), 1970		179.40	
" " & Ins., 1971		238.72	
Undesignated O. C. W. M.		2,000.00	
Operation of Eden Home		250.00	
Crisis in the Nation		150.00	
One Great Hour of Sharing		213.00	
Neighbors in Need, 1970		193.31	
" " " , 1971		52.00	
Veterans of the Cross, 1970		46.35	
" " " , 1971		45.50	
Transferred to Memorial Fund		185.00	
Purchases & Services Paid for by Special Contributions	1,283.17		*see following list
Operating Cost of Day Care		15,842.26	
1970 Taxes (W.H. & S. S.) for Day Care		164.88	
		<u>\$46,776.03</u>	(46,776.03)
Balance in Bank Jan. 1, 1971			174.85

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Pastor's Salary	\$7,700.00
Annuity Fund	1,016.40
Disability & Health Ins.	290.40
Car Allowance	540.00
Pulpit Supply	0.00
Utilities & Telephone, Parsonage	783.76
Carpet in Parsonage	457.00
Payments on Parsonage	<u>1,002.36</u>
	\$11,789.92

Local Programs

Music	\$582.00
Christian Education	202.21
Office Supplies & Dis.	551.77
Publicity	45.20*
Utilities	1,136.56
Maintenance	853.66
Janitor Supplies	1.87
Church Telephone	131.05
Insurance (Liability & Medical)	380.00
Delegates to Assoc. and Conf.	91.96
Nursery Attendants	137.00
Camps & Institutions	0.00
United Church Herald	27.00
Safe Deposit Box	17.00
Security Bond (Treasurer)	63.00
Miscellaneous	<u>171.20</u>
	\$4,391.48

Special Purchases and Services Paid for by Special Contributions

Paneling for Parsonage	123.60
Payments on Air Conditioning	371.91
Hymnals	147.98
Tables and Chairs	208.29
Alley Cleanup and Improvements	362.68
Christmas tree (1970)	10.00
Halloween Party	8.71
Emergency Trip for Pastor	<u>50.00</u>
	\$1,283.17

Our Christian World Mission Account

Received, Pledged and Unpledged		\$2,637.30
Paid to OCWM, undesignated	2,000.00	
Eden Home	250.00	
Crisis in the Nation	<u>150.00</u>	
	2,400.00	<u>(2,400.00)</u>
Balance on hand, for Undesignated.		237.00

Responsibilities in Cooperative Work

Brazos Assoc. Dues	\$51.30
Austin Council of Churches	20.00
Texas Conference of Churches	6.10
National Council of Churches	10.00
World Council of Churches	5.00
Capital Funds Drive	<u>50.00</u>
	142.40

Miscellaneous Item in Local Program

Air Conditioner for Study	79.20
Contrib. to Rev. Burkle's Gift	20.00
Collection Plates	23.00
Retreat Leadership	48.00
Fee to Notary Public	<u>1.00</u>
	171.20

Blackburn Reserve Account (on purchase of 902 Houston St.)

Balance Jan. 1, 1971		\$183.30	
Payments		<u>285.00</u>	468.30
Expenses-State & Co. Taxes	\$20.74		
City Taxes (1970)	179.40		
Insurance	32.15		
City Taxes (1971)	<u>185.83</u>		
	\$418.12		(418.12)
Balance Jan. 1, 1971			50.18

Pledged for 1972

56 Units	Local-\$19,679.60	OCM \$2,553.60	Total \$22,233.20
Indebtedness on Property	<u>20,389.60</u> <u>2,605.60</u> 22,994.20	<u>2,605.60</u>	22,994.20
Note to Franklin Federal Savings and Loan payable monthly at 6 3/4% annual interest. Payment of \$800.72 includes insurance. Escrow account balance is \$263.00			23,000.00
Total Owed Jan. 1, 1972		\$95,105.10	

Austin Savings and Loan note on 1421 Ridgehaven Dr. First Mortgage. 5 1/2% interest payable at \$83.53. Total Owed Jan. 1, 1972 \$8,104.43

University State Bank, Loan of \$2,500 for 5 years at 5% add-on or 11% interest payable at \$53.13 monthly \$2,318.34

Assets of the Church

Ramon Blackburn note on 902 Houston St. (former parsonage) Payable at \$65. a month at 6% interest. Owed on Jan. 1, 1972 \$4,476.98

DAY CARE OR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

	Expenses	Income	
January-Fees Received		941.70	
Permit to operate	15.00		
Supplies (food)	80.00		
Telephone, extra cost	19.60		
Health Lectures for Director	4.60		
Payroll	859.75		
Paint brushes	2.52		
Social Security by Church	<u>44.70</u>		
	1,026.17		(\$ 84.47)
February fees received		1,396.00	
Supplies (food)	180.00		
Telephone, extra expense	19.60		
Payroll	877.50		
Publicity	69.60		
Social Security by Church	<u>45.64</u>		
	1,192.34		203.66
March fees received		1,627.00	
Supplies (food)	100.00		
Telephone, extra expense	19.60		
Payroll	994.00		
Equipment painted	50.00		
Social Security by Church	<u>51.70</u>		
	1,215.30		411.70

April fees received		\$1,384.00	
Supplies (food)	\$100.00	<u>(51.00)</u>	Bad Check
Telephone, extra cost	19.60	1,333.00	
Payroll	981.25		
Social Security by Church	<u>51.04</u>		
	\$1,151.89		\$181.11
May fees received		\$1,110.00	
Supplies (food)	100.00		
Telephone, extra expense	19.60		
Payroll	825.25		
Transportation for Cook	16.40		
Social Security by Church	<u>42.91</u>		
	\$1,004.16		\$105.84
June fees received		\$1,258.00	
Supplies (food)	\$100.00		
Telephone, extra expense	19.60		
Payroll	973.75		
Equipment	12.27		
Social Security by Church	<u>50.63</u>		
	\$1,156.25		\$101.75
July fees received		\$1,220.00	
Supplies (food)	\$100.00	<u>(30.00)</u>	Bad Check
Telephone, extra expense	19.60	1,290.00	
Payroll	1,063.00		
Parking for Cook (2 mos.)	30.00		
Social Security by Church	<u>55.28</u>		
	\$1,267.88		\$22.12
August fees		\$1,117.50	
Supplies (food)	\$200.00		
Telephone, extra expense	19.60		
Payroll	1,299.75		
Publicity	18.70		
Social Security by Church	<u>67.59</u>		
	\$1,605.64		(\$488.14)
September fees received		\$1,050.00	
Supplies (food)	\$150.00		
Paint	17.24		
Telephone, extra expense	19.60		
Payroll	1,291.00		
Social Security by Church	<u>67.15</u>		
	\$1,544.99		(\$494.99)
October fees received		\$1,372.50	
Supplies (food)	\$200.00		
Supplies (educational)	23.49		
Telephone, extra expense	19.60		
Equipment	18.56		
Payroll	1,243.00		
Social Security by Church	<u>64.64</u>		
Transportation for cook	<u>7.50</u>		
	\$1,576.79		(\$204.29)
November fees received		\$1,875.00	
Supplies (food)	\$100.00	<u>(120.00)</u>	bad checks
Telephone, extra expense	19.60	<u>(60.00)</u>	fees for January
Payroll	1,275.00	1,695.00	
Transportation	15.00		
Publicity	69.60		

Social Security by Church	5. <u>66.31</u>		
	\$1,545.51		\$149.49
December fees received		\$2,005.00	
Supplies (food)	\$100.00	<u>(60.00)</u> bad check	
Supplies (educational)	12.87	\$1,945.00	
Telephone, extra expense	19.60		
Payroll	1,256.50		
Transportation	11.25		
Insurance	62.00		
Publicity	27.84		
Social Security by Church	<u>65.28</u>		
	\$1,555.34		\$389.66
Day Care Income for the year		\$16,135.70	
Expenses Totaled by Items			
Supplies (food)	\$1,510.00		
Supplies (educational materials)	38.88		
Permit to operate	15.00		
Telephone, extra expense	235.20		
Health Lecture for Director	4.60		
Payroll	12,939.75		
Equipment	80.83		
Publicity	185.74		
Insurance	62.00		
Transportation & Parking Exp.	80.15		
Paint	17.24		
Social Security by Church	<u>672.87</u>		
	\$15,842.26		\$293.44

(Editor's note-Approximately \$95 of the December payroll was not reported to the Treasurer in time to pay during 1971; therefore, \$95. of the December payroll is not reported, and the \$293.44 figure should also be reduced by \$95.00)

Mrs. Stella Morrison, Treasurer.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Throughout the year the Board carried out its routine function of overseeing the expenditures of the church.

Church members made a special offering in the spring to contribute to the alley beautification project sponsored by the Castilian Student Government.

The Board recommended that the church day care program set itself up in a financially independent structure with its own book-keeping system and records.

The Board also recommended that the position of Financial Secretary be established to divide up the burden which presently falls on the Church Treasurer. It also conforms to better business practise of having money deposited by a different person.

The Board appointed a Constitutional Revision Committee, which had the responsibility for drafting proposed changes in the church constitution for submission to the congregation at the Annual Meeting in January of 1972.

During the first part of the year, the church suffered from a rash of break-ins and malicious destruction of property. Whatever the cause of these unpleasant events, they seem to have stopped, and we hope that they do not recur.

This has been a year of financial crisis. The impact of a large monthly mortgage payment has been to demolish the reserve funds of the church. However, in November and December, when the financial situation became most critical, and it looked as if we would not be able to meet all of our obligations, the members of the church rallied to its support. It is a pleasure to be able to report that the church finished the year able to meet its obligations.

This does not mean that our difficulties are solved. This Board has a heritage of problems to pass on to its successor and to the congregation. These

problems are summed up in a budget that exceeds the amount pledged for the support of the church by a considerable amount. The congregation has been made aware of this situation and must put some hard thought into finding a solution. Some possible alternative solutions to our financial problems have been prepared for distribution to the congregation, and I suggest that church members obtain copies and study them. They are not recommended alternatives but possible ones.

I fear that this report has had a pessimistic tone, and this is not really the impression that I would convey. My real feeling is one of guarded optimism. I believe that we have surmounted the worst, and I would like to thank the members of the Board of Trustees--Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Appel (Secretary), Mr. Walton, Dr. Perkins, Dr. Rase, Miss Mueller, Mr. Van Pelt (until June), Mrs. Morrison (Church Treasurer), and Mr. Everett (Church Clerk)--for their devoted service during the past year.

-Doyal Pinkard, Chairman.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

During the year 1971 the elected members of the Religious Education Committee have been: Hildegard Everett, Superintendent of the Church School, Light German, Jeanine Neuse, and Vic Appel, Chairman. This group has been augmented by Pat Oakes, Sara Ross, and the Director of the child care facility. During the first half of the year this was Gertrude Andl, and since August 15th has been Judy Cecil. Special thanks are due to the church treasurer, Stellas Morrison, whose work load we substantially increased.

The Religious Education Committee is charged with the responsibility for overseeing the operation of the church school program and the child care center. Because of the extended nature of this report, a separate statement is being submitted by Hildegard regarding the church school operation. She has, in fact, handled virtually alone that facet of the Committee's responsibility. This report will deal exclusively with the child care center.

Over the past year the church's child care facility has undergone major changes in almost every regard. At the outset of the year the Center was operated by the Director, Gertrude Andl, a single professional level staff member and two part-time college students. By the close of the year there was a complete change in the staff of the center. In addition to the new Director, Mrs. Judy Cecil, there were three professional staff persons and a cook-housekeeper employed. While the number of students enrolled varied somewhat during 1971, we started the year with 18 youngsters, 8 of whom were part-time. We ended the year with 32 students, of whom 4 were part-time. The number of students enrolled showed a steady rise through the winter and spring (thanks to the diligent efforts of Gertrude and her staff), and then declined during the summer, especially in August and September (to a low of 18). Enrollment rose again through the fall to a point of full capacity.

During the first half of the year the children were taught in a single class unit. With the addition of a larger staff in September, it was possible to separate the children into two, more homogeneous sub-groups: one of predominantly 3 year olds, and a second of 4 and 5 year olds. This division required also the physical expansion of the Center to incorporate the basement portion of the Education wing which formerly had been used exclusively for a resting room. More importantly, we feel the overall quality of the nursery experience available has risen especially in the afternoon.

The major effort of the Religious Education Committee occurred during and just prior to the summer, when it was necessary to make a basic decision regarding the long term direction which the Center would take. The decision made was to pursue our commitment to quality by the employment of an all professionally trained staff. Fully the entire summer was consumed in the recruitment and selection of four new staff members and in planning with them for the

expanded operation. The time investment and cooperation of both the Committee members and the outgoing staff in this endeavor has been unmatched in my church experience.

To more appropriately reflect the philosophy of the Center as a developmentally oriented, learning setting, the name of the facility was changed to the Child Development Center in October. A number of programmatic features were added including monthly meetings with parents to increase communication and feedback about the Center's program. Parents were given a written statement of the Center's philosophy and operating procedures. Two parents, elected by that group, were proposed as voting members of a suggested new Board of Directors.

A comparison of the overall growth of the Child Development Center from 1970 to 1971 can be seen in the comparison of the gross receipts from the operation of the Center for each year. In 1970 the income was \$8,609.00 as contrasted to \$16,135.70 in 1971. Expenses went up in a comparable fashion from \$9,419.54 in 1970 to \$15,842.26 in 1971. In short, there has been a doubling of both expenses and income for the Child Development Center in just one year. A projection for 1972 suggests the likelihood of another rise, though proportionately smaller.

With an operation of such magnitude it seemed grossly inadequate for the four member Religious Education Committee to serve as the governing body. As a result, the Committee proposed to the Board of Trustees the establishment of a separate Board of Directors for the Child Development Center. This Board would serve as a subordinate unit under the Board of Trustees. Such an arrangement requires a change in the constitution of the church and of its by-laws. These changes will be presented very soon to the church for their consideration and hence need not be detailed here. The Committee feels this change is necessary.

The task of operating the Child Development Center has been confounded by two conflicting concerns. The Religious Education Committee has felt that if the church were to have a child care facility at all, it would want it to be an operation of high quality. We did not think you wanted to sponsor a "baby sitting" service. On the other hand, hanging over every decision we have made has been the spectre of the serious financial crisis of the church, and our fervent intent to assist in reducing the debts, and our desire not to add to them.

We feel we have been successful in dealing with our first concern. We have a facility which we feel ranks competitively with any in Austin. Some validation of this is suggested by the fact that we now have, for the first time, a modest length waiting list. The child development program of the Department of Home Economics at the University has expressed an interest in placing their students in our facility for their "student teaching" experience. We are told that we are well regarded by the county child welfare agency that supervises our facility.

We have not been successful with respect to our second concern: contributing to the alleviation of the church's financial problems. Indeed, we have contributed to them. While it is true, that Stella's ledger shows a net profit of \$293.44 for the year 1971, and hence is a much better showing than some of us feared, these figures do not include any reimbursement to the church for utilities other than telephone, and nothing by way of rent for the space occupied. Some analysis of the reasons for the failure of the Center to fulfill the fantasies of profit some of us held, may be helpful.

Under-utilization of the facility has been our primary problem. We simply have not had as many children as we could handle, especially during the latter half of the year. Further, too many of those who we did have were only with us part-time, and were charged accordingly. Efforts to increase enrollment through advertising both in the yellow pages of the telephone directory and in the Daily Texan contributed expense, and, in the case of the former, little return. The break-down of mechanical equipment used by the Center added to the expenses incurred, as did a rash of "breaking and entering" incidents during early fall. A scheme to raise money, in which our staff volunteered to contribute their time

in caring for children during Saturday football games failed to attract interest and had to be discontinued. What we have needed was to become better known to more people with nursery aged children.

As for the future, it is clear that even with the Center operating at full capacity, it can not be expected to serve as much more than a modest source of relief to the church's financial obligations. It will, however, be able to pay all of its direct and indirect costs to the church such as rent, utilities, insurance etc. How much beyond that we don't know. At least, the church should be able to reasonably expect that the Center will not be a financial burden to it.

Equally important, we feel that the facility is fulfilling a part of the mission of this church: to render service to the community and especially to the university community. Many of our students are children of university students and staff. There is the possibility we may extend our influence to the disadvantaged segment of this community in 1972. We are exploring the possibilities of obtaining 10 black and chicano youngsters who will be sponsored by child welfare under federal funding and thereby add a multi-cultural experience for all of our children.

-Vic Appel, Chairman.

BOARD OF DEACONS AND DEACONESSES

Members of the 1971 Board of Deacons and Deaconesses were: Bob German, Chairman; Joan Wilson, secretary; Hildegard Everett; Matt Blackstock; Steve Neuse; Rizer Everett; Sally Johnson; Niels Saustrup; and John Towery, ex officio.

A change in the members of a group always results in a change in group character: a common enough truism. But it applies to the difference between last year's board and this year's. And although it is an arbitrary enough observation, it does at least give me a handle on the spoon with which I can serve up for you the essential porridge of what happened, 1971, on the Board. A great deal of wrangling and debate on the Board of 1970; only smidgins of that of last year. Personal relations went smoother -- even without Coke. Perhaps that's not necessarily the best situation. More debate may mean more live ideas being tossed about. The proof is the the drinking of the whiskey, however. (Pardon the pun.) So let's look at the particulars of what happened.

What was actually accomplished? It was a mixed bag, naturally. Any group seems to handle best what it can best institutionalize. Communion, for instance.

We began having communion services once a month (except in the summer) as of last year; this year saw an even wider variety of types of Holy Supper experience: the traditional to the very innovative. You get flowers and brickbats any direction you travel here: more Communion, less Communion (at least one member would do away with it altogether); orthodox -- innovative. In the end we have opted for performing the Eucharist once a month and in a variety of forms, hoping to please almost everyone at least a few times a year. My own complaint would be that all the innovative communions have fallen more of less on my shoulders. I like the innovation; therefore, I guide them. But occasionally I would prefer to be participant-observer rather than guide.

Speakers other than the minister. We obtained fewer speakers from outside this year, more speakers from inside. A good thing really, I think. It makes me feel as if we are all participating in the service more.

We were instrumental in organizing the usual potluck suppers, including a marvellous Thanksgiving meal, a Lenten study group, and the traditional Christmas candlelight service. We also organized and brought off our second annual retreat. With Bill Royster and Bob Eberline from Clear Lake as our guides, we learned much about ourselves from outsiders' points of view, and were given many exciting ideas to work with. Hopefully we found out things about ourselves which we would never have learned otherwise. And, yes, we even continued the neighborhood meeting program -- in a way.

At least there were some few of the meetings.^{9.}

What did we do that was new? Well, we helped obtain 26 new Pilgrim Hymnals for the Church (courtesy of Carrie Coleman) and two new types (100 each type) of folk hymnal (pamphlets, really -- hymnets, maybe?) We began a visitation program. Part of that program was to have a visitation Sunday (February 21) on which we simply went 'round and visited each other -- in order to get to know ourselves better. No pledging or other ulterior motives involved. 45 homes were visited. To judge from feedback, it was a qualified success. We also installed a new, big bulletin board (courtesy of Rizer Everett), the purpose being to encourage inner-member exchange, service and communication. And we re-did the map of the city, dividing the congregation into smaller and more workable groups. The latter directs us to the future and to the areas where we had lots of good intention and less action.

We did do something about delegating certain of our duties to permanent, standing sub-committees. We now have ushering, visitation and Communion chairmen, but there has been some difficulty in getting these activities functioning and integrated into the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses. We have plans for sending visitors and possible interested parties letters and placing mimeographed visitor's cards in the pew racks, but these things have yet to manifest themselves. We have plans for publishing an interview with every new member, but they have yet to reach fruition (mea culpa -- sorry). We talked over an inner church ministry to our members with special problems, using our own members who have had similar problems. So far we haven't done much in that direction.

Otherwise in our Board meetings, we heard a good deal of concern expressed for and no little debate about the street people, unmarried pregnant women, people with drug problems, and homosexuals (we spent a hum-ding-daddy of an evening talking over the possibility of formalizing homosexual marriage), but few conclusions were reached except in a personal way.

The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses is supposed to give spiritual advisement to the Church, but as you can see, this ambiguously covers a Brittainica of sins, concerns and involvements. We have had certain successes to our credit this year; many other things are either in abeyance or have been failures. I pray in Christ's name that we may continue struggling and striving to accomplish God's will in this church.

Special tribute should be given to John Towery, the only constant member of imperfect, little, offkey band. To those who hosted the Board this past year, we also say thanks. You warmed our hearts and tum-tums.

Robert German

BUILDING USAGE

Jan. 20-Veterans Administration and wives to hear Carol X present her bad experiences with drugs.

Spring Semester-Large classroom on second floor was used by an English class. Regular usage of the premises was made by the following:

People's Free Clinic-Tuesday nights & some Saturdays with a Marathon in October raising money for their program.

Narcotics Anonymous-Thur. at first and then Monday nights.

Ruhani Satsangi-Started on 9/23. Meets on Sunday nights. Worship group.

March 27 Architect's wives held an Antique & Junque Sale.

Sept. 19 Installation of Rev. Mr. T. Douglas Sanders as Campus Minister.

Sept. 21 A Univ. psychology class used the Clinic area for a meeting.

In October the Wellesley Club held a book sale to raise scholarship money.

In Nov. the local rugby club asked to use the building but did not.

A request was made by the Voter Registration group for sleeping space on Aug. 7; however a wedding was scheduled. Several weddings were held in the church.

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Pastor's Report

1971 was a puzzling year in many ways. We increased the membership of the church to a new high total, continued good attendance at worship services, increased our giving to the church; however, we did not work in committees as we could have, failed to increase our number of units pledging financial support, had less participation in the retreat, struggled to pay our bills, and did not get our "neighborhood house" churches in operation. Some of our members have complained about our lack of involvement in service or mission projects.

Our concern about our increase in numbers is that we must also be aware of our need for mental and spiritual development. We rejoice in the new members whom we have, but we also need to find ways in which we share our affirmations and our doubts to help each other grow in understanding of the Christian life which we strive to live. We might be like a person who discovers more work to do but neglects the diet and life habits to increase physical and mental abilities to accomplish that work. We do show an awareness of some of these difficulties in our desire to know one another better and to let each other know what we can do and/or have to sell. We hope that we see more "small group" activity in discussions and/or prayer cells within the church.

Our struggle to pay bills may well have created the feeling that one member portrayed in a drawing at our first retreat that we were a sinking ship. We have had our anxieties this past year, but we have managed to meet our obligations and are now in much better condition than we thought just one month ago. Our difficulties arose in an unexpectedly high maintenance cost (some of which may be permanent for us), a period when our Day Care or Child Development work was losing money, and the problem of no reserves on hand for the period. By the time of the Annual Meeting the generous response of members and friends has enabled the Treasurer to pay all bills and to have enough money on hand to enable the child care operation to start on its own toward its own success or failure. We do need to explore ways in which we can do a better job of sharing our concerns for what we do in the church because too few of our young people make pledges for financial support. In fact our percentage of pledging from potential donors shows a drop from last year.

Some members of the church have complained that we do not do enough in mission type projects. Very likely that is true if we are talking about our involvement as people in a project which takes of our time as well as our money. We certainly could have a party for a ward at the State School, State Hospital, or a Rest Home once a month. We have done so in the past. All it takes is one person who can spend the time to organize the affair each month. We serve more than we might think. Our facilities are used by the People's Free Clinic, Narcotics Anonymous, various groups for sales, and by the Child Development Center. Providing excellent child care is a service which we subsidize whether we like to think of it that way or not. The use of our facilities is a way of aiding others. Two churches in this community, both now larger, had their beginning in our building in previous years. This past year we had an English Class, a psychology class, and a religious group called Ruhani Satyani use our building. We were also available for a rummage sale and a book sale. Our chapel

is open for personal worship most of the time, and we do not charge others for the use of the chapel for a wedding. (We are unique here.) A dancing class used our Fellowship Room for rehearsal.

The pastor has spent a good deal more time in counseling this year than in previous years. His involvement with Problem Pregnancy Counseling accounts for some time usage, but more students and/or adults come in to ask questions and to talk about problems than in previous years. Rev. Miss Leila Anderson indicated this past year that when we send money for missionaries they are doing what we are unable to do ourselves. In a real sense your minister is you on many occasions.

Last year we gave you a summary of recent years in finances. Here is another table of comparison for you.

	1961	1964	1968	1970	1971
Local	\$7,053.36	\$8,939.50	\$11,883.45	\$22,002.14	\$26,555.70
OCWM	776.20	1,989.60	2,092.92	362.48	2,637.30

We have become even more aware of differences among us in theology, social outlook, and the ways that we would spend the resources of the church; however, we hope that we reach the test of recognizing that true love comes when we are fully aware of each other, accept each other, and find strength and vision to work together in humility.

John C. Towery, Minister

Sunday School

This year we have two teachers for each of our six classes. In some classes they work together each Sunday. In other cases they alternate either Sundays or Units. This arrangement has worked out very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Appel are in charge of the nursery class. Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Riley are in charge of the kindergarten class. Mr. and Mrs. Cawden teach the primary class. Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Chial lead the Lower Juniors while Mrs. Oaks and Mrs. Antoniwicz lead the Upper Juniors. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olson lead the Seniors. Rev. Towery leads the discussion in the Adult Class.

This year we have had three teacher's meetings, one of which was led by Rev. Frank Dietz from Bryan and was a Parent-Teacher's Meeting. All three meetings had very poor attendance.

Our Halloween Party, in cooperation with the Child Development Center, was a success. Our Christmas Party which consisted of a family-nite supper and an appearance of Santa Clause, was also very successful. Mrs. Appel was coordinator with Mrs. Antoniwicz who was in charge of the Christmas tree. Mrs. Ross, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Olson furnished the music. The Senior Class, under the guidance of the Olsons, were in charge of the supper. The pupils of the Sunday School made the decorations for the tree and also decorated the tree.

Your Sunday School Superintendent wants to thank each and everyone for their cooperation in the past year.

Hildegard Everett
Sunday School Superintendent

Advisory Council

Members of the advisory council include the Minister, the Church Moderator, the Church Clerk, the Church Treasurer, the Superintendent of the Church School, the Director of Christian Enlistment, the Church Historian and Archivist, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Chairman of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses, the President or an elected representative from each of the Church Organizations, the Chairman of all standing committees, and four members-at-large, two men, and two women, elected annually at the Annual Business Meeting. Furthermore, any member of the church may attend the sessions of the Council and participate in the discussions.

The work of the Council is to study and make suggestions for coordinating the aims and undertakings of the several organizations of the church and to make recommendations to the church and to the various societies and organizations of the church.

The Advisory Council held two meetings during 1971.

At the meeting held on 18 April, nine members were present. Marie Clark was elected as chairman and Rizer Everett was elected as secretary. The month of October was selected for holding a two-day retreat at the Lake Travis home of Dr. Mathis Blackstock. Reverend William Royster and Mr. Robert Eberline of the Clear Lake Church near Houston would be contacted to determine if they could serve as leaders of the retreat. A motion was made and carried that a report be made to the next meeting of the Advisory Council on the equal opportunity project.

At the meeting held on 17 October, nine members were present. October 30 and 31 were designated as the dates for the church retreat. Reverend Royster and Mr. Eberline planned to arrive in Austin of 29 October. Mr. Doyal Pinkard gave a review of the plans of the United Campus Ministry. Mr. Van Walton reviewed the progress of the committee working on changes in the constitution and by-laws. By consent of Council members literature on the equal opportunity project will be submitted to members of the congregation.

Rizer Everett, Secretary

Pilgrim Guild

In February, Betty Jane Whitaker, a former worker with the Council of Church and migratory workers, and now a candidate for Place 1 on the City Council, brought a very interesting program on her views and plans for improvements for the city, if elected.

In March, the Guild again paid \$10 in annual dues to the Community Development Corporation, which money is to be used for rehabilitation of homes for lower income families.

Several members of the Pilgrim Guild, along with members of the Women's Fellowship, joined with the women of St. James Episcopal Church in preparing and serving Easter dinner at the USO.

In October, Miss Leila Anderson, retired Christian Education worker with the United Church of Christ, visited the Guild and gave an interesting and informative talk, along with a slide presentation, of her work both in the States and overseas.

Members of the Guild assisted the young people of the church in their bake sale. They also assisted in gathering and shipping clothing for the annual Church World Service Clothing drive. In November, the Guild donated \$30 to the church to be used as appropriate.

Members of the Guild, along with other members who joined us, met at the church on December 20th and went Christmas caroling to the homes of shut-ins from our congregation. Potted poinsettias were presented to those regularly confined to their homes. This was one of the most rewarding activities of the entire year for the members and one which we hope will become an annual custom.

Mrs. Carrie Coleman
Secretary Pilgrim Guild

Clerk's Report

Membership at the beginning of 1971 was 122. During the year two members were lost by death. Sixteen new members were added by transfer and statement of faith. Therefore, the membership of the church as of 31 December 1971 was 136.

The average attendance at church services for the ten months of highest attendance during 1971 was 62.7.

Rizer Everett, Clerk

PEOPLE'S FREE CLINIC

1. What is the People's Free Clinic? The People's Free Clinic is an association of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, lab technicians, and laymen dedicated to provide medical care to those people who can not afford it elsewhere. It is a non-profit organization that receives no federal funds, operating entirely on donations. It was established in April of 1970 by Dr. and Mrs. John J. Whitaker and Dr. Fay Mott.
2. What does the People's Free Clinic do? Located in the basement of the Congregational Church, the first night the People's Free Clinic opened, thirty-three patients were treated; now an average of 125 patients are treated every Tuesday night. The clinic has approximately 8,000 individual patient charts and has treated many of these patients several times.
3. Who is responsible for the People's Free Clinic? Some of the personnel who donate their time to the People's Free Clinic include Dr. Fay Mott, President of the Board of Directors, Dr. Richard J. Alexander, Dr. Pruitt Watkins, Dr. Tom Faschinell, and Dr. John J. Whitaker. Heading the volunteer nursing staff are Van Chauvin and Mary Cox, who are also instructors at the University School of Nursing. Another nurse from the Public Health Department gives vaccinations and immunization shots of all kinds.
4. What are the needs of the People's Free Clinic? The cost of operating the clinic is estimated at \$700 a month. The main expense is drugs, which are bought at cost plus 10% and dispensed to patients free of charge. Lab expenses and other essential operating expenses consume the rest of this amount. Because of a lack of funds, a thirty-two hour radio marathon was held October 30 and 31, 1971, with the co-operation of KHFI television and KTAP radio stations. With

the support of local musicians and concerned members of the community, a profit of \$4,500.00 was made, in the form of hundreds of donations. More donations are needed to help the People's Free Clinic achieve their goals. The People's Free Clinic hopes to be able to open a second night each week and include the following services in the future: (1) Dental Care--Portable equipment is needed. (2) Maternal Health Care (3) A complete Planned Parenthood Program.

provided by Mrs. Mary Cox, Secretary

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Narcotics Anonymous is patterned on Alcoholics Anonymous approach and strives to provide the same kind of support for drug addicts as AA does for alcohol. They meet in the Fellowship Room of the church on Monday nights with attendance varying from four to fifteen. They do not pay any rent and in fact have no funds that we know of. One doctor from City Health works with them, and they sometimes have patients from Austin State Hospital with them. They wish to give the church a vote of appreciation for the use of its facilities.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Two Social Action programs were held the first part of the year patterning themselves after our old Sunday Evening Forum which was so meaningful to the community in the earlier years of the church. Mrs. E. A. Delco of the Austin Indep. School District enjoyed a good turn-out; however, the presentation of the People's Free Clinic program in slides etc. was not well attended, and the forum approach was abandoned.

The chairman regrets that she has not had time to call together and/or activate the social action committee this past year. The magazine "Social Action" has been enjoyed, and individual members of the committee have been involved in various kinds of social concerns, professionally and/or as volunteers. We feel that the most significant contribution being made by this church to the community we live in is the "People's Free Clinic". Members who have made significant contributions to the clinic are David Kloppe and Van Chauvin.

Mrs. Anders (Billie Bess) Saustrup

MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee worked with Mr. Weldon Scheel, Director of Enlistment, in selecting materials and planning the fall enlistment.

Mrs. Leila Anderson brought to our church in a sermon and two presentations in the parsonage the operation and work which we do in Our Christian World Mission. Mr. Gus Lyons spoke in church about the work being done in Beaumont with the aid of our Mission funds. The committee hopes to activate the monthly report of a "Moment of Concern" to tell us what is happening with our gifts.

-Mrs. James W. (Nancy) Brown and Mrs. Clark (Cathy) Hubbs.

THANKS TO MANY MEMBERS-Much to our surprise we have managed to keep the church clean on a volunteer basis which has amounted to a contribution of \$1,000 or more a year by the members. Work parties have also installed new cord in our window sashes. We hope to see some painting in the Fellowship Room, and a monthly waxing of the floors of the new wing on a volunteer basis. Thanks to so many of you for time and energy given.