

1972

ANNUAL

REPORTS

Congregational Church of Austin



AGENDA

ANNUAL MEETING

January 21, 1973

Devotions-The Pastor

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

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

Any Reports from Organizations omitted or overlooked in Annual Reports?

Old Business-(Any business from 1971 Annual Meeting or meeting during the year that has not yet been completed?)

New Business

1. Election of Officers and Committee Members for 1973 etc.
2. 1973 Budget. Adopt, Amend, or postpone action. The trustees have a recommendation for the church.
3. Application for membership in the church. Don and Sarah Reed

CLERK'S REPORT

Membership at the beginning of 1972 was 136. During the year one member was lost by death and four were lost by transfer. Fourteen members were declared inactive. Three new members were added by statement of faith, two by transfer, and one by confession. Therefore the membership of the church as of 31 December 1972 was 123.

The average attendance at church services for the ten months of highest attendance during 1972 was 54.5.

-Rizer Everett, Clerk.

CHURCH SCHOOL

We started the year with five classes: (1) Nursery - Kindergarten led by Mrs. Carolyn Chial; (2) Primary - led by Mr. and Mrs. John Camden; (3) lower Juniors - led by Mrs. Carrie Coleman; (4) Upper Juniors - led by Mrs. Pat Oakes and Mrs. Susan Antoniewicz; and (5) High School - led by Tommy and Sally Johnson and Ron and Linda Dildine.

Up until June Mr. and Mrs. Vic Appel led the nursery-kindergarten with Mrs. Sara Ross and Mrs. Eva Riley alternating Sundays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olson led the senior high school group the first part of the year.

The Sunday School had their annual Spring Picnic at the Saustrups. Many thanks to the Saustrups!

At Easter we had an Easter egg hunt at the home of the David Rosses. Many thanks to the Rosses!

Instead of a Christmas party we had a Christmas worship service during Sunday School. George Coleman read the scripture lesson. Beth and Sara Oakes sang a duet, and everyone sang Christmas carols. Mrs. Everett read the story "Why the Chomes Rang". During the church worship hour the children finished decorating the Christmas tree. The decorations included those made by the children and cookies made by Mrs. Everett. Mrs. Oakes had baked a birthday cake for Jesus. During the coffee hour after church services everyone sang "Happy Birthday to Jesus". Everyone enjoyed the Birthday cake, and the children ate the cookies from the tree.

The senior high class had several projects. A rummage sale at an East Austin Safeway store was very successful. The Christmas party for some of the young people from the State School was also very successful. In the fall the group went on a camping trip.

I want to thank everyone who helped in the Sunday School this past year. Your cooperation and faithfulness is very much appreciated.

-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 Financial Secretary, 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 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 session 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 1972

At the meeting held at the Day Care Center at 7:30 p.m. on 21 May, nine members were present. The question of the best method for visitation of church members, especially new members was discussed. The question of how best to encourage new members to participate in church activities was also discussed. The group was advised that Trinity church has suggest a joint picnic with members of their church. In the discussion that followed 11 June was selected as the date for having a picnic for members of our church. A joint picnic with members of Trinity Church would be considered at a later date. Dr. Blackstock suggested that the 11 June picnic be held at his Lake Travis home.

At the meeting held at the Child Development Center at 10 a.m. on 2 December, seven church members were present. The question was raised whether the Advisory Council should continue with its present composition and responsibilities, but no conclusions were reached by the group present. The question of how we can have better communication between church members so that we are aware of prospective and existing family crisis was discussed. Perhaps we should have friendship areas as well as geographic areas in the church. Perhaps members within a single friendship area should meet in each others' home on a regular basis. Visitation responsibilities were discussed. It was the feeling of the group present that the Board of Deacons and Deaconess should be responsible for selecting the visitors and those to be visited in the church. Concern was expressed by the group about the best way we can give recognition to non-members who do good work for the church. The suggestion was made that it behooves all of us to express our appreciation to all who do good work for the church.

-Rizer Everett, Secretary.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Under the direction of Ron and Linda Dildine and Tommy and Sally Johnson, we met every other Sunday. In October we led church worship with a play entitled "The Big Scoop". The play led to a good deal of discussion in church.

In November we had a rummage sale in which we made around \$150.00 for the church. The members of the church donated the Articles for the rummage sale. We also went on a camp-out to in Buescher State Park near Bastrop and stayed one night and two days. We all had a lot of fun playing games, singing around the camp fire, going on hikes, playing football, and doing what everyone wanted to do.

In December we had a Christmas party for nine retarded young people from Austin State School. The party was held at the parsonage and was a huge success even including a visit by Santa Claus which thrilled the visitors. Games and refreshments were shared together. We then dismissed until after Christmas holidays.

-Sally Johnson

ENLISTMENT

In 1971 our enlistment efforts were concentrated on a distribution of materials, a guest appearance in the pulpit by Rev. Miss Leila Anderson who spoke eloquently about missions; a straightforward presentation by Rizer Everett of the tentative budget; and the routine appeal for generous contributions of time, "talkent," and money for the support of the church.

Most members responded with their pledges on the designated Sunday. The others were visited or contacted by volunteers.

Many of you will recall that when the enlistment smoke cleared, at a time when our financial reserves were gone, and we were faced with pressing debts, we found ourselves alarmingly short in our money-pledging to meet the tentative budget.

We had two special meetings to cope with this emergency. The congregation was given the facts of life, and budget cutbacks were instituted immediately, based on suggestions by Van Walton.

3.
Meanwhile, Dr. Blackstock and I sent out a letter asking members to review their pledging and if possible to increase their giving.

And of course there was that classic letter from Doyal Pinkard concisely explaining the situation and eloquently appealing for special Christmas gifts to the church.

Many members responded, and the crisis subsided.

Subsequently, a few key people felt that the congregation was about due for an every-member canvass. Teams should visit every family unit--to garner directory information, time-and-talent commitments, and a pledge of money. But even more important in John's view, to talk church and to bring back comments about our programs and activities, with definite suggestions.

The Christian Stewardship Committee, after a preliminary meeting with the pastor, by telephone contacted the members in search of Volunteers-to-be-Visitors in Nov.

We "wound up" with 16 people at the orientation or training meeting, and lost two on the "day of decision" because of emergencies.

Consensus among the 14 visitors was that they would not visit each other. Another idea presented was that there should be during the year, TWO visits--one social and informal, to talk church, among other things; and the other in November, to be concerned more with the traditional fall business.

Anyway, eight teams went out Sunday Nov. 12 including two singles.

And next day, these facts were surveyed:

1. A surprising number of people were not at home, nor had they bothered to call in as requested to indicate that they would not be at home.
2. A substantial number of people, for a variety of reasons declined a visit.
3. Some few asked for a visit at a more convenient time or for a mailing of materials.
4. The results, based on a not-quite-complete roster of potentials: 30 directory sheets (49%); 17 time-and-talent (28%); and 29 pledges 47½%. Since then an inconsequential number of items have dribbled in.

The pastor in the December newsletter stated that he was "discouraged and disheartened...after the recent enlistment effort." If you still have that newsletter, please read his assessment again.

Actually, "Our Christian Enlistment" of November is not yet completed! Some member have not yet responded. Some very few people--for a variety of reasons--do not have the materials.

During the week-of-the-ice I sent out mailings, hoping that some of the "loose ends" might be brought together. The responsibility is mine, and I personally expect to help "run down" or check out, information for the new directory. How good it would be if every detail of the enlistment campaign were accomplished, and we might have feelings only of satisfaction, even elation!

Earnestly I suggest that if YOU have the zeal, and an approach and a method that can get this job done thoroughly and efficiently next season, please come forward at this annual meeting.

In conclusion, I want to express gratitude to the pastor for his occasional nudgings, his encouragement, and his help; to the members of the stewardship committee; to the visitor-volunteers; and to those members who responded early to these appeals that MUST be made if we are to keep the concern going!

-WELDON SCHEEL, Enlistment Director.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our proposed budget for 1973, \$25,658.23, essentially the same as in 1972 includes primarily a \$200. increase in the Pastor's basic salary, about half the annual inflationary increase.

Proposed increases in non local giving consist of increasing OCWM (undesignated) from \$2,300 to \$2,500 and Eden Home from \$250 to \$400:

Non pledged giving remains a serious problem in terms of planning the budget. Members who have not yet indicated their support are urged to pledge if at all possible, to help the Budget Committee in its work.

Enlistment was disappointing because some who were committed to visiting were unable to do so when the time came, and the burden of visitation fell on certain women members. The reluctance of some families to be visited was also disappointing.

In March of 1972 the annual budget appeared to be an estimated \$1,875 short. For various miraculous reasons this shortage has not materialized, and the church's operation has progressively improved in the succeeding nine months.

A note of approximately \$2,150 incurred in the purchase of parsonage air conditioning, was paid out of Mrs. George Waverly Briggs' gift of \$5,000. in June 1972. The true interest on the note was approximately 9.75% causing anxiety on the part of some to pay off the note as soon as possible. However, there has been considerable reluctance to use a gift from a non-member for operating expenses, and the appropriate use of the rest of the gift has yet to be resolved.

Certain important budgetary items include monthly rental income from Child Development: \$170, monthly mortgage payment has increased slightly to \$815 a month because of an increase in the amount of insurance carried on the church building. Insurance on the parsonage has also been increased from \$15,000.00.

The total indebtedness of the church has continued to decrease as payments have been made promptly all year in contrast to 1971. The Treasurer's report will indicate the exact amount owed at the completion of the year.

Through conscientious effort of many men and women, improvements, cleaning, and maintainance on the plant have been accomplished, including painting in various places, protective bumpers on the outside of the building, and many other things. These workers have the sincere appreciation of the Trustees. I add my personal thanks to my fellow Trustees: Mesdames Appel, Brown, and Olson; Dr. Perkins, Mr. Dildine, Dr. Ross; and ex-officio members: Rev. Mr. Towery, Mrs. Morrison, Messrs Tillotson and Everett plus Dr. Riley and co-chairman Mr. Swallow.

We regret having lost the services of Mr. Walton as Trustee, through resignation in November effective at the Annual Meeting. He will be missed in 1973. A high priority consideration for the current year is stained glass window repair.

-Mathis Blackstock, Chairman.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Bank Deposits for 1972: \$35,940.50 (including \$150 of 71 pledge and \$450 of 1973,
it totals: \$36,540.50

Collection:	Pledged	Given	
(62) Local	\$20,626.00	\$20,178.69	(98%)
(35) OCWM	2,615.50	\$2,492.80	(95%)
Other:		Totals	
Local	\$7,472.56	\$27,651.25 + \$5,000 =	\$32,651.25
OCWM	8.37	2,501.17	
Designated Gifts:		Memorial Fund in honor of:	
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$128.91	Helen Lee	\$84.00
Neighbors in Need	110.05	Toni Tate	30.00
Veterans of the Cross	61.50	Sybil Kuehne	10.00
American Indian	20.00	Dunn/Cummings	20.00
		Total	\$464.46

TREASURER'S REPORT

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Pastor's Salary.....	\$7,700.00
Annuity	1,016.40
Disability & Health Insurance	344.40
Car Expense	540.00
Telephone	181.18
Water, Light and Power	468.59
Gas	86.66
Parsonage payments	1,002.36
Central Air Conditioner payments	2,410.21
	<u>\$13,749.80</u>

LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAMS

Music	\$577.50
Christian Education	103.68
Office Supplies and Postage	739.57
Publicity	31.14
Water, Light and Power	927.05
Gas	262.30
Telephone	393.49
Maintenance	786.40
Janitor Supplies	136.38
Insurance	293.00
Association, Conference, etc.	21.00
Nursery Attendant	162.00
Camps and Institutions	0.00
United Church Herald	14.00
Safe Deposit Box rent	17.00
Treasurers' Bonds	92.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
	<u>\$4,556.51</u>

RESPONSIBILITIES IN COOPERATIVE WORK

National Council of Churches	\$10.00
Texas Conference of Churches	6.80
Brazos Association Dues	61.20
Austin Council of Churches	20.00
World Council of Churches	5.00
Regional Seminary Support	25.00
	<u>\$128.00</u>

January 1, 1972 Balance in the bank

Deposits during 1972

Expenditures:

Total-

1971 O. C. W. M. (Undesignated).....	\$ 237.00	
Paid to Child Development.....	1,413.51	
Transferred to Franklin Federal Savings Account.....	2,855.44	
Taxes and Insurance on Houston St. Property	257.17	
Transferred to Memorial Fund (N. B.).....	114.00	
Pastoral Leadership.....	13,749.80	
Local Church Expenses.....	4,556.51	
Responsibilities in Cooperative Work.....	128.00	
O.C.W.M. 1972 (Undesignated).....	2,101.17	
Eden Home.....	250.00	
Crisis in the Nation.....	150.00	
Veterans of the Cross.....	61.50	
Neighbors in Need.....	60.05	
American Indians.....	70.00	
One Great Hour of Sharing.....	128.91	
Payments on Educational Wing.....	9,666.48	(35,799.54)
Balance in the bank January 1, 1973		<u>\$ 915.81</u>

Paid to Child Development in 1972

Salaries.....	\$477.63
Permit.....	15.00
Publicity.....	20.88
Supplies.....	100.00
Transferred to Operating.....	800.00
	<u>\$ 1,413.51</u>

ASSETS

Franklin Federal Savings Account

Deposit.....	\$ 2,855.44
Interest.....	114.59
Balance, Dec. 31, 1972	<u>\$ 2,970.03</u>

Memorial Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1972	\$295.09
Deposits	114.00
Interest	9.25
Balance Jan. 1, 1973	<u>\$418.34</u>

Houston St. Property (old parsonage)

Balance on note receivable, Jan. 15, 1972	\$4,465.81
\$1,460.00 received from Blackburn of which	
(180.00) went into escrow for insurance and taxes	
(235.31) interest paid on note	
\$1,044.69 applied to reduce principal	<u>1,044.69</u>
	3,421.12
Interest Dec. 15 to Dec. 31	+8.55
Balance due Jan. 1, 1973	<u>\$3,429.67</u>

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable

Franklin Federal Savings & Loan on Educational Wing at 6.75% \$92,074.81
(Payments now at \$815.18 a month. Originally at \$800.72. Increase is due to increase of the amount of insurance on the church.)

Austin Savings & Loan on 1421 Ridgehaven Dr. Parsonage

Balance on note Jan. 1, 1972	\$8,104.43
We paid \$1,002.36 of which	
431.49 was interest on note	
\$570.87 was applied to the principle	
	<u>\$7,533.56 Bal.</u>

-Stella Morrison, Treasurer

CHILD DEVELOPMENT FINANCES

	Bank Deposits	Tuition	Expenses	Net Loss or Gain	Sum
Jan.	\$1,055.00		\$1,033.32	\$21.66	\$ 21.66
Feb.	2,092.50	2,092.50	1,742.83	349.67	371.33
March	1,798.00	1,798.00	1,843.07	(45.07)	326.26
April	1,687.70	1,780.00	1,434.83	252.87	579.13
May	1,865.00	1,800.00	2,142.19	(277.19)	301.94
June	1,406.75	1,463.75	1,436.29	(29.54)	272.40
July	1,640.00	1,635.00	1,351.47	288.53	560.93
August	1,347.34	1,443.50	1,879.85	(532.51)	28.42
Sept.	1,776.85	1,756.35	1,647.99	128.86	157.28
Oct.	1,757.50	1,810.50	1,683.47	74.03	231.31
Nov.	1,890.00	1,701.50	1,684.98	205.02	436.33
Dec.	1,736.60	1,865.90	1,572.68	163.92	600.25
	<u>\$18,998.24</u>	<u>\$19,156.00</u>			

+129.30 (Dec. tuition paid in Jan.)

\$19,127.54 + 25.00 (cash to directors) = \$19,152.54 income for year.

-Sara Ross, Treasurer.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

1972

- Janusry CDC Board of Directors established at annual meeting. Ten members to operate as an autonomous group to handle affairs of CDC.
- February Board members meet to elect officers: Jeanine Neuse, Chairman; Donna Edgar, Secretary; Sara Ross, Treasurer; Doyal Pinkard and Mike Chial, elected board members; Dr. James Perkins and Ron Dildine, representatives of Board of Trustees; Sylvia Gonzales and Donna Edgar, parent representatives; Jean English, community member; John Towery, ex officio. Tuition increased to \$65.00 per month. 1972 Budget approved. Recommendations for playground adjustments sent to Board of Trustees. (Block edges rounded and lower blocks removed for safety.)
- March Board begins process of writing staff contract, child-care agreement; philosophy and policy statments, and job descriptions.
- April Board begins process of interviewing applicants for afternoon teacher and cook positions.
- May Work completed on policy statements, child-care agreement, job descriptions, etc. Doyal Pinkard, Mike Chial, and Donna Edgar (non church member) comprise group to interview applicants for jobs and make recommendations for further interviewing.
- June Salary adjustments effective Sept. 1 were approved. Afternoon and morning teacher plus cook hired for summer and fall. Improvements, additions, and adjustments to building and grounds requested by morning teachers were considered and sent to Board of Trustees.
- July Board met to interview applicants for director-teacher position. Applicant approved and hired effective August 1.
- August Board confronted with replacement of director-teacher after previously hired candidate resigned. After careful consideration Sharon Glover (who was an afternoon teacher) was hired for a three month trial period. Things begin to improve!
- September New staff met with board to exchange expectations and information. Requests for outdoor equipment were made. Statement concerning religion and the part it should take in the CDC program was discussed. Board met twice to interview and hire Nancy Atwood as director-teacher to replace Sharon Glover who accepted a proposal for marriage and planned to move to Victoria.
- October Religious statement approved. Enrollment up to 25 tuitions. Sick leave for employees was adjusted to personal or family illness and/or death. Expansion of playground and street vendors discussed. Pi Phis welcomed as volunteers.
- November Treasurer's report indicated a \$534.21 surplus. Purchases of equipment delayed by 8 month granted! Statement to delinquent parents drawn up. Enrollment 271/2.
- December No meeting due to late November meeting date.
- January 1973 Budget adjustment approved. New parent representatives welcomed. Yard expansion work day, equipment purchases, making of cot sheets discussed. (Shortest meeting the entire year... 1 1/2 hours!!)

We owe our thanks to so many of you for your assistance as treasurer, carpenter, laundress, plumber, painter, cook, teacher, etc. Many thanks for making the fourth year of our day care experience a challenging, rewarding, and successful adventure.

Jeanine Neuse, Chairman

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER BUDGET
January 1, 1973-December 31, 1973

	PER MONTH	TOTAL
INCOME: Based on average enrollment of 28 children @ \$65.00/month	\$1,820.00	\$21,840.00

EXPENDITURES:

I. STAFF SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS								
A. Director	400.00	4,800.00						
B. Morning Teacher	260.00	3,120.00						
C. Afternoon Teacher	210.00	2,520.00						
D. Afternoon Teacher	200.00	2,400.00						
E. Cook-Housekeeper	185.00	2,220.00						
F. Vacation/substitute salaries	34.00	408.00						
G. Emergency/substitute salaries	35.00	420.00						
H. Fringe Benefits(OASDI)	70.00	840.00						
	\$1394.00	\$16,728.00						
 II. EQUIPMENT								
A. Permanent	25.00	300.00						
B. Consumable Supplies	25.00	\$600.00						
	\$50.00	\$600.00						
 III. FOOD, MILK, AND CLEANING SUPPLIES								
	180.00	\$2,160.00						
 IV. SPACE COSTS AND UTILITIES								
A. Allowance to defray expenses for use of space	100.00	1,200.00						
B. Telephone	20.00	240.00						
C. Utilities	50.00	600.00						
	\$170.00	\$2,040.00						
 V. OTHER EXPENSES								
A. Transportation for Cook	15.00	180.00						
B. Liability Insurance(pro-rated)	7.00	84.00						
C. Miscellaneous(City Permit, etc.)	\$ 4.00	48.00						
	\$26.00	\$312.00						
<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;"></td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 3px double black;">_____</td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 3px double black;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; padding-top: 10px;">TOTAL EXPENDITURES</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-top: 10px;">\$1,820.00</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-top: 10px;">\$21,840.00</td> </tr> </table>				_____	_____	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,820.00	\$21,840.00
	_____	_____						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,820.00	\$21,840.00						

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Woman's Association held all of its regular meetings during 1972. Although the members had no special project, they paid a pledge to the church budget, continued their contribution to the Leper Fund, collected used postage stamps for a church in India, contributed items for two rummage sales, donated clothing and material for clothing to be sold at a nominal cost to working mothers of children in a low-cost church nursery school, and at each meeting sent appropriate cards to absent members.

-Marie Clark, President.

PILGRIM GUILD

The Pilgrim Guild met only four times the past year, primarily due to the many other activities the members were involved with during the year.

At our first meeting in February, Mr. Rizer Everett gave an extremely interesting talk on energy and power.

In April, our next meeting, Mrs. Nancy Cole, a volunteer worker with the Community Development Corporation of Austin, spoke to us informally about her volunteer service which gave us new insights into the work and aims of the program. We renewed our membership in the Community Development Corporation with a donation of \$10.

A rummage sale was held on April 30, with Eleanor Towery in charge which netted \$78.00.

At the May meeting, a local business woman, Von Nash, gave an informal talk on goal setting and priorities in life, giving examples that have been successful in her growing business and personal affairs.

In May we gave \$75.00 to the church for local expenses.

In October, Cathy Hubbs presented a filmstrip entitled "Laity is Me, With You, in the World" at our first fall meeting.

A number of Guild members assisted with the church rummage sale held in November.

Christmas caroling was the theme in December, with visits to the homes of shut-in church members. Others in the church joined with Guild members for a small but enthusiastic group.

We regret that we have not made more worthwhile contributions this year. We are anticipating new goals, direction, and enthusiasm for 1973 and are hopeful we will have more to report at our next Annual Meeting.

Membership in the Guild is open to all ladies of the church and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend our meetings. (NOTE: Of course, men are always cordially welcome also!)

-Carrie Coleman, Secretary-Treasurer.

NON-CHURCH GROUPS.

People's Free Clinic-This group has been in our basement since April of 1970. This past year they looked for a larger and more permanent location but could not find what they were looking for at a price they could afford. They received a federal grant of (I think) \$48,000 and have been able to pay some of the workers and the doctors. A great deal of the work is still donated. They have two evenings a week when they are open. Tuesday, 7:30-10:30 P.M. is for General Medical problems. Thursday, 6:30-9:30 P.M. is Family Planning, Birth Control etc. A dental clinic operates at both times now that a dental chair is in operation. Facilities have been greatly improved with partitions and new wiring being installed.

Ruhani Satsangi seems to be inactive.

Metropolitan Community Church worships Sunday afternoons at 2:00 P.M. and has Bible Study Wed. nights at 8:30 P.M. Their outreach is to the homosexual community.

A yoga group meets twice a week in the Fellowship Room which UT is in session.

The Rev. Steve Darby will have Assembly of God services on Fri. Sat. & Sun nites.

WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP PASTOR'S SOUNDING BOARD SPIRITUAL LIFE WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP PASTOR'S SOUNDING BOARD

OUR THANKS TO YOU, THE CHURCH, FOR YOUR COOPERATION, AND FOR LETTING US SERVE YOU AND OUR GOD

THE SPIRIT HAS BEEN IN OUR MIDST!

I. A SIGN OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

DON'T LET THE MINISTER DO IT ALL

MANY HAVE SHARED IN LEADING WORSHIP AND SPEAKING THE WORD OF GOD

II. WE FOLLOW THE CHURCH CALENDER— THIS MEANS A RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPECIAL SERVICES

III. WE LEARN FROM THOSE NOT OF OUR FAMILY AND WE SHARE OUR LORD'S HOUSE WITH OTHERS—

IV. BUT WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND COMMUNITY ISN'T ACHIEVED ONLY AT 408 W. 23D! THE BOARD HAS ENCOURAGED SPRING AND FALL AREA MEETINGS WHEREIN WE ALL COME TO A FULLER FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

V. AS ALWAYS, SOME THINGS ARE LEFT UNDONE

VI. FUTURE DIRECTIONS? NEW EXPLORATIONS IN WORSHIP EXPANSION OF OUR THRUSTS TO BECOME A MORE WHOLE COMMUNITY INCREASED VISITATION GREATER CONCERN FOR THOSE IN OUR FAMILY WHOACHE AND SUFFER THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD AND HIS WORLD

VII. VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO SOME OF OUR FELLOWSHIP WHO ENHANCE OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

M. SCHEEL, D. BLACKSTOCK, J. TOWERY

HILDEGARD EVERETT
BOB GERMAN
LINDA DILDINE
RIZER EVERETT
TOMMY JOHNSON
DICK SWALLOW
TOMMIE PINKARD
JOHN TOWERY
JOAN WILSON
STEVEN M. NEUSE (WHO IS RESPONSIBLE SOLEY FOR THIS ANNUAL REPORT)

COMMUNION EVERY MONTH

IV. BUT WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND COMMUNITY ISN'T ACHIEVED ONLY AT 408 W. 23D! THE BOARD HAS ENCOURAGED SPRING AND FALL AREA MEETINGS WHEREIN WE ALL COME TO A FULLER FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

V. AS ALWAYS, SOME THINGS ARE LEFT UNDONE

VI. FUTURE DIRECTIONS? NEW EXPLORATIONS IN WORSHIP EXPANSION OF OUR THRUSTS TO BECOME A MORE WHOLE COMMUNITY INCREASED VISITATION GREATER CONCERN FOR THOSE IN OUR FAMILY WHOACHE AND SUFFER THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD AND HIS WORLD

VII. VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO SOME OF OUR FELLOWSHIP WHO ENHANCE OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

M. SCHEEL, D. BLACKSTOCK, J. TOWERY

THE BOARD OF DEACONESSES

- HILDEGARD EVERETT
- BOB GERMAN
- LINDA DILDINE
- RIZER EVERETT
- TOMMY JOHNSON
- DICK SWALLOW
- TOMMIE PINKARD
- JOHN TOWERY
- JOAN WILSON
- STEVEN M. NEUSE (WHO IS RESPONSIBLE SOLEY FOR THIS ANNUAL REPORT)

I. A SIGN OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

DON'T LET THE MINISTER DO IT ALL

MANY HAVE SHARED IN LEADING WORSHIP AND SPEAKING THE WORD OF GOD

II. WE FOLLOW THE CHURCH CALENDER— THIS MEANS A RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPECIAL SERVICES

A. SANDERSON
B. BLACKSTOCK
C. GERMAN
D. NEUSE
E. TOWERY
F. WUPPERMANN
G. SWALLOW
H. PINKARD
I. NEUSE
J. TOWERY
K. NEUSE
L. TOWERY
M. NEUSE
N. TOWERY
O. NEUSE
P. TOWERY
Q. NEUSE
R. TOWERY
S. NEUSE
T. TOWERY
U. NEUSE
V. TOWERY
W. NEUSE
X. TOWERY
Y. NEUSE
Z. TOWERY

COMMUNION EVERY MONTH

IV. BUT WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND COMMUNITY ISN'T ACHIEVED ONLY AT 408 W. 23D! THE BOARD HAS ENCOURAGED SPRING AND FALL AREA MEETINGS WHEREIN WE ALL COME TO A FULLER FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

III. WE LEARN FROM THOSE NOT OF OUR FAMILY AND WE SHARE OUR LORD'S HOUSE WITH OTHERS—

IN OUR PULPIT THE BOARD RECOMMENDED TO THE TRUSTEES AND TO THE CONGREGATION THAT A YOGA GROUP AND THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH BE ALLOWED TO USE OUR FACILITIES

IV. BUT WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND COMMUNITY ISN'T ACHIEVED ONLY AT 408 W. 23D! THE BOARD HAS ENCOURAGED SPRING AND FALL AREA MEETINGS WHEREIN WE ALL COME TO A FULLER FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

VI. FUTURE DIRECTIONS? NEW EXPLORATIONS IN WORSHIP EXPANSION OF OUR THRUSTS TO BECOME A MORE WHOLE COMMUNITY INCREASED VISITATION GREATER CONCERN FOR THOSE IN OUR FAMILY WHOACHE AND SUFFER THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD AND HIS WORLD

VII. VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO SOME OF OUR FELLOWSHIP WHO ENHANCE OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

M. SCHEEL, D. BLACKSTOCK, J. TOWERY

V. AS ALWAYS, SOME THINGS ARE LEFT UNDONE

THE FALL PLANNING RETREAT EFFORTS FLAGGED

M. SCHEEL, D. BLACKSTOCK, J. TOWERY

PASTOR'S REPORT

This year all of the reports are not only in hand but have already been printed as your minister writes his 14th report to the Congregational Church of Austin. I have wondered several times recently if it might not be my last, and it could well be that. It is rather easy to become stale after that many years, and your minister needs to do more reading and thinking than he has managed to do. If he is to continue, he needs to take a course at a seminary, attend summer school, or establish a reading-dialogue seminar with some of the members, interested persons, or colleagues. The most helpful session personally this last year was participation in Leadership Training Seminar to learn how to enable others to become group leaders in drug abuse programs in communities.

I had intended to place the Deacons report close to the beginning, but the way in which other reports were typed prevented me from doing that. Last year we had finances placed in the front of our reports, and we have done that many times. One of our younger members made certain that he was at meetings when he was a youth member on the Trustees but didn't attend nearly as well as before when he was on the Deacons. We all know something about the importance of money, but we are not certain about the value of worship and the pastoral concerns. Yet our church will be meaningful and helpful for members and community insofar as the minister and all of us are able to realize the goals which the Deacons and Deaconess find in their area of responsibility. We had our largest turn-out for a church picnic, and we had better response at neighborhood gatherings this past fall. We will watch with interest what happens in "get better acquainted" sessions this spring. We will also be examining suggestions collected by Robert German about groups on interest rather than geographic areas. Some suggestions about a "folk dance" group have been heard, and we will be checking into possibilities there. We have a number of bridge players in the church who might welcome an opportunity to gather. We have had some response to a noon study-discussion session at the church, but we need to have more of us involved if we are going to do anything like that this coming year. We had a good "turn-out" for our first work session of the fall but low participation after that. Not only are we able to do good things for our buildings such as painting, but it is very important for us to know one another better as we work together. From those days long ago when we had student suppers, I know that we really learned to know one another and talk with each other as we did the dishes which is low on my activity interest scale and probably on yours. We tried to be "more practical" this year and have a retreat in the Educational Wing, but not enough of us participated. We did get some response, and we will try to develop another "planning session" with the Church Council after the Annual Meeting. The Association will be participating in "Faith Exploration" Seminars under the leadership of Rev. Frank Dietz of Bryan, and our church may decide that our next major retreat type of function will be that mutual exploration. We have some exciting possibilities which 1973 may bring to us.

When I typed Dr. Blackstock's report he indicated wonderment at how we could have been some \$2,000 short in our pledges, spend more than we had planned on spending, and end of with a net gain of more than \$700 in the bank. At Trustee's meeting this past Tuesday we all felt gloomy at the poor response in both number and amount of pledges. (We wondered if it was your way of saying that you wanted new pastoral leadership, but normally people also quit giving) A more careful examination of our pledges reveals that we are indeed still a bit short for we have about \$18,000 pledged while needing about \$22,000. We will have a bit more from the Free Clinic than last year and will be receiving some donations from the two groups using our facilities for worship. We would be in better shape to make a decision if we knew how much some of our non-pledgers were giving on a regular basis. Actually we have enough in the bank in savings and reserve funds to cover our deficit if we had to do so. My concern is now with our reluctance to discuss things person to person and why it is that so many of our members refuse to pledge when we permit any pledge to be changed or cancelled at any time. I must confess that here is my greatest personal frustration so far as the ministry is concerned. We do not and will not require pledges, but I always wonder why a member will not make at least a nominal pledge to say, (cont)

"I'm with you doing what I can." It is also somewhat disappointing to realize that we only have 35 persons pledging support to OCWM. That means in practical terms that we would allow the Conference Minister to starve, wouldn't worry about anyone developing study materials, or support the many programs overseas. Again even a nominal or token amount says that we do what we can and that a part of us serves in so many places and ways.

Our Mission and Stewardship Committee did not meet during the early part of the year but did organize the "Moment of Concern" for us to know a bit more about the many things that we do with our OCWM giving. They were a big help to Mr. Scheel in organizing the Enlistment and securing the Visitors. We feel a bit guilty about Social Action and Religious Education Committees for we did not push them to meet or work with them enough. We hope that we can try some new things such as finding one person to report on events within the city and another to let us know what is developing in the schools. We may even need to experiment with a total group teaching approach in our Church School, and we certainly need to take more responsibility as families in teaching each other about what it means to be a Christian in a day like this. We would also like to see our Church Council become more effective in helping us plan as a total group.

We note that more of our members are wanting to participate in the services on Sunday by preaching, giving a play, or by assisting in worship. As we listen to and respond to one another, we will likely develop a faith that is more knowledgeable plus more motivating toward action.

In many ways 1972 was a good year. It certainly was our best year financially, and we hope that we can work together to accomplish those things that we have neglected and to develop new ways of relating to each other and the world that we serve in the name of Christ.

1972 BALLOT

1 year terms:

Moderator Mrs. Marie Clark _____

Clerk: Mr. Rizer Everett _____

Treasurer Mrs. Stella Morrison _____

Financial Secretary Mr. David Tillotson _____

Church School Superintendent Mrs. Rizer (Hildegard) Everett _____

Director of Enlistment Mr. Weldon Scheel _____

Advisory Council: Mrs. Marie Clark, Mrs. Ralph Bickler, Dr. Clark Hubbs,
Mr. Alfred Wupperman _____

Youth Members - Board of Trustees (2) Mrs. Robert (Jan) Olson, Mr. Ron Dildine _____
Board of Deacons and Deaconesses (2) Mrs. Ron (Linda) Dildone
Mr. Thomas M. Johnson III _____

Committee Chairmen: Music Mr. Alfred Wupperman _____
Publicity Mrs. Carrie Coleman _____

Lay Representatives

Austin Area Conference of Churches (2) Mr. Van Walton, Mrs. Effie Wiley _____
Church Women United of Austin: Mrs. Richard (Gail) Swallow _____

3 year terms:

Board of Trustees: Dr. Mathis Blackstock, Dr. David Ross _____
Incumbents are: (2yrs.) Mrs. James (Nancy) Brown, Mr. Van Walton; (1 yr.) Mrs.
Victor (Jean Appel, Dr. James Perkins; retiring Mr. Doyal Pinkard, Dr. H. Rase.

Board of Deacons and Deaconesses: Uc Appel Carrie Coleman
Mrs. Doyal (Tommie) Pinkard, Mrs. Richard Swallow
Incumbents are: 2 yrs.) Mrs. Richard (Joan) Wilson, Rev. Steven Neuse; (1 yr.) Mrs.
Rizer (Hildegard Everett, Mrs. Robert German, retiring Mrs. Chester (Dorothy) Lay,
Dr. Mathis Blackstock _____

Nominating Committee: Beth Mitchell _____
Incumbents are: (2 yrs.) Mr. Alfred Wupperman; (1 yr.) Mrs. Roberta Winkler

Religious Education Committee: Pat Oakes
Mrs. Russell (Helena) Mueller _____
Incumbents are (2 yrs.) Mrs. Steven (Jeanine) Neuse, resigned. (1 yr.) Mrs. Robert (Light) German

Missions and Stewardship Committee: Carrie Coleman
Mrs. Chester (Dorothy) Lay _____
Incumbents are (2 yrs.) _____ (1 yr.) Mrs. Clark (Cathy) Hubbs

Social Action Committee: Roger Bennett _____
Incumbents are: (2 yrs.) Mrs. Anders (Billie Bess) Saustrup; 1 yr. Rev.
Russell Mueller.

Historian and Archivist: Mrs. Rizer Everett (Incumbent 2 more years)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (rotating terms) 3 years-Mrs.
David (Sara) Ross (Treasurer); 2 years-Mr. Michael Chial; 1 year-Mr. Doyal
Pinkard ; Mrs. Jeannine Neuse _____

Submitted by Miss Jean Cassel, Chairman, Mrs. Roberta Winkler, Mr. Alfred Wupperman.

→ Treas. elected separately

