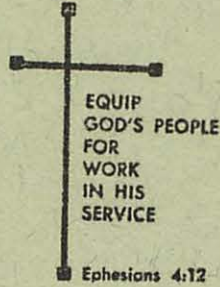


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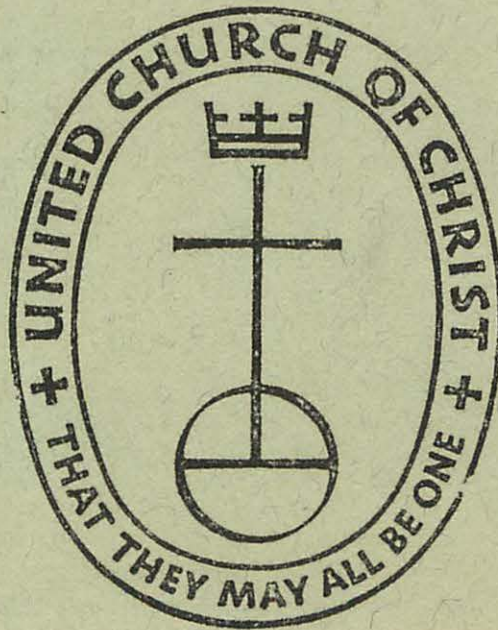
David W. Ross

A N N U A L

R E P O R T S



Congregational Church of Austin



1975 BUDGET

Two feelings: "passing buck" "boy who cried wolf"

	1974	1975	
PASTORAL LEADERSHIP			
Salary	\$8,200.	\$9,000.	+
Annuity	1,082.	1,287.	+
Health and Disability Ins.	360.	725.	+
Car Allowance	600.	663.	+
Housing Allowance	2,700.	2,700.	
	<u>12,942</u>	<u>14,375.</u>	~ +10% <i>keep up with inflation?</i>
LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAMS			
Music for Worship	600.	600.	
Christian Education Materials	100.	100.	
Office Supplies, Postage	700.	600.	-
Church Utilities	1,800.	2,250.	+ #450 reflects realities of utilities costs
Church Property Maintenance	800.	1,000.	
Janitorial Supplies	150.	150.	
Church Telephone	300.	310.	+
Church Insurance (Liability)	200.	231.	+
Conference Delegates Expenses	80.	100.	+
Nursery Attendants	150.	150.	
Expenses to Camps, Institutes etc.	25.	25.	
Safe Deposit Box	17.	17.	
Bond for Financial Officers	92.	9.	-
Miscellaneous	100.	100.	
	<u>5,114.</u>	<u>5,649.</u>	
COOPERATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES			
Urban Council	---	50.	
Brazos Assoc. Dues	62.	62.	
Austin Council of Churches	20.	20.	
Texas Conference of Churches	8.	8.	
National Council of Churches	10.	10.	
World Council of Churches	5.	5.	
Regional Seminary Support	15.	15.	
	<u>120.</u>	<u>170.</u>	
MORTGAGE PAYMENTS -New Wing	9,636.	9,636.	
TOTAL LOCAL BUDGET	<u>\$27,812.</u>	<u>\$29,830.</u>	+ \$2000
OTHER INCOME			
Sale of 902 Houston Street	780.	675.	
Child Development Center	2,040.	2,244. ?	
Loose Plate Offerings	600.	800.	
Clinic	600.	600.	
Other Churches	200.	120.	
Cert. of Deposit Interest		885.	
	<u>4,220.</u>	<u>5,324.</u>	
NEEDED IN PLEDGES	23,592.	24,324.	
	Pledged to Date	18,550.	* 24,324
	Short	6,040.	* 18,810
OCWM (Undesignated)	2,600.	3,000.	
Eden Home	300.	300.	
Crisis in the Nation	150.	150.	
	<u>3,050.</u>	<u>3,450.</u>	
	Pledged to Date	3,145.	* 5,519
	Short	305.	

CLERK'S REPORT

Membership at the beginning of 1974 was 122. During the year 4 members were lost by death and 5 by transfer. Two members have asked to be put on the inactive list. ~~8~~ 8 new members have been added by transfer and/or statement of faith. 4 were added by Confession of Faith (Confirmation). Therefore the membership as of 31 December 1974 ~~remained at 122.~~ *increased to 123.*

The average attendance at church services for the ten months of highest attendance was 61.02 compared to a 1973 average of 54.8.

-Rizer Everett, Clerk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In 1974 the trustees have again been concerned with groups using the church, building maintenance, and church finances.

The primary groups using the church are the Child Development Center, the Peoples Community Clinic, and Mars Hill. Each of these groups makes an important regular contribution to the local budget. The year began with numerous other groups wishing to use our facilities, and the trustees established the policy that requests for any extended use be presented in person at the regular monthly meeting. Single-time use was frequently approved by the chairman with the concurrence of the pastor. In recent months these activities have been less frequent. I wish to thank Rizer Everett and Doyal Pinkard for serving as representatives to the clinic and the Child Development Center respectively. The Board was unable to find one more member to serve on the Child Development Center Board.

This year our major maintenance project was the painting of the sanctuary which required much prior cleaning and plaster repair. The Fellowship Room was also painted. Periodic waxing of floors in the new wing was accomplished, and wiring of the light fixture in the sanctuary was repaired. The Clinic has carried out extensive rewiring in the old building to prepare for the installation of air conditioning in the basement. The Clinic has also installed new partitions to provide divided counseling space. The church will be invited to see the work upon its completion. I wish to thank Mel Oakes, who organized the maintenance work, and the many people who helped with the various projects. Unfortunately, during the course of work in the sanctuary, termites were discovered, resulting in an almost \$700 exterminating bill for termites. We used part of our reserve funds which were in an open savings account to pay the bill because of a shortage of funds.

The last item above brings us to the church finances. Once again, owing to income which had not been included in the original budget estimate (at the time of the Annual meeting in January, 1974) we were nearly in the black at the end of the year. The deficit was approximately equal to the exterminating bill. We came that close in spite of over \$1,000 of pledges which were not paid toward the local budget. Unpledged giving, interest on certificates of deposit, extra payments by Raymond Blackburn, and increased donations by the clinic account for this favorable situation. The sale of the parsonage to the Towerys was completed early in the year. Of the \$15,129.28 received in cash, \$1,538.75 was used to reduce our grant loans to and even \$10,000. The trustees invested \$14,000. into the above mentioned certificates of deposit with a remainder in a passbook savings account.

Now for the bad news. At this time the budget situation looks much worse than it did a year ago. First, the expected deficit is about \$6,000. as compared to \$4,700 in January, 1974. Second our estimated income includes sources not included in last year's estimate such as interest of C.D.'s, and we received much more from Blackburn than we can receive this year as the mortgage will be paid off. Thus our calculation has to be more realistic this time. Once again we are faced with the prospect of finding additional sources of income or of cutting the budget. Regrettably, most of the budget represents fixed obligations. The only area where extensive cuts are possible is that of the pastor's salary, annuity etc. Faced with this dilemma, the trustees are unable to make a recommendation. We believe, however, that

with faith and hard work we will find ways to maintain our church and carry out our ministry to the community.

I wish to thank those who served on the Board: Jean Cassel, Stella Morrison, Sarah Reed, Marilyn Stephens, Claudia Tarvin, Mathis Blackstock, Rizer Everett, Doyal Pinkard, Ron Dildine, and George Coleman. I also appreciate the work of the budget committee: Doyal and Tommie Pinkard, Stella Morrison, Bea Harper, Effie Wiley, and Mathis Blackstock.

-David W. Ross, Chairman.

CONGREGATIONAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

You will note from the CDC's Treasurer's Report that 1974 was a year of financial ups and downs. Factors not obvious are the changes in the CDC's board membership; changes in teacher, director, cook, and housekeeper personnel; fluctuations in enrollment and in food-utility costs.

Child care facilities throughout the city (and state) are suffering from the economic situation. The CDC (by board assumption) has been affected by: (1) The September opening of the UT Cooperative program plus the HOC program at the Presbyterian Church. (low enrollment), (2) The large percentage of single-parent/student-part-time worker clientele that we attract by virtue of our location. (difficulty in paying tuition), (3) The rising cost of food prices and utility rates, (4) A lower enrollment than our budget demands, and (5) Less than adequate board interest, time, and participation. (Membership has been down due to members moving, changing parent representation, and unfulfilled positions from church and community representatives.)

At the present time, the CDC Board and the Congregational Church must take firm actions to continue the community service which we offer in the form of child care (to save it) or recommend that the church select other forms of service. These actions include: (1) pursuing the possibility of qualifying for commodities and the USDA milk program, (2) increasing tuition to \$85.00 per month and create a sliding scale fee based on a survey of income, (3) seeking assistance to increase enrollment from all sources, (4) establishing firm, continuous, conscientious support from the church and its members, and (5) recommending that if no improvement in the financial and church support situation develops by June 1--close the CDC.

-Jeanine Neuse, Chairman

CDC'S TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance January 1, 1974	\$1,609.33	
Amount owed January 1, 1974	600.00	Food
	40.00	Milk
Amount Free	<u>\$ 960.00</u>	
Balance January 1, 1975	\$ 150.25	
Amount Owed January 1, 1975	212.39	Food
	21.84	Milk
	300.00	Soc. Sec.
	<u>\$ 534.23</u>	
Amount Behind ;	\$ 383.98	
Net Loss for Year	\$1,343.98	
(or about \$100.00 per month)		

CDC'S Tuitions for 1974

January	.....	\$1,870.00	
February	.....	1,840.00	
March	.....	2,010.00	
April	.....	2,150.50	
May	.....	1,806.75	
June	.....	1,840.25	
July	.....	1,724.00	
August	.....	1,799.00	
September	.....	1,815.50	
October	.....	1,995.00	
November	.....	1,989.50	
December	.....	1,742.50	
January 1975	.....	\$1,282.00	- received
		750.00	- expected
		<u>\$2,032.00</u>	total

CDC's Budget based on 30 students at \$75.00 per month--\$2,250 per ~~year~~ *month*:

<u>I. Staff and Fringe Benefits</u>		
A. Director	.....	\$ 440.00
B. AM Teacher	.....	286.00
C. PM Teacher	.....	231.00
D. PM Teacher	.....	220.00
E. Cook-Housekeeper	.....	220.00
F. Vacation Substitute	.....	38.00
G. Emergency Substitute	.....	42.00
H. Social Security	.....	81.00
I. Workmans Compensation	.....	15.00
TOTAL	.....	<u>\$1,573.00</u>
<u>II. Equipment</u>		
A. Permanent	.....	\$ 27.50
B. Temporary	.....	27.50
TOTAL	.....	<u>\$ 55.00</u>
<u>III. Food, Milk, Cleaning Supplies</u>		
A. Food	.....
B. Cleaning	.....
C. Milk	.....
TOTAL	.....	<u>\$ 278.00</u>
<u>IV. Space and Utilities</u>		
A. Allowance	.....
B. Telephone	.....
C. Utilities	.....
TOTAL	.....	<u>\$ 187.00</u>
<u>V. Other, Insurance Permits, Advertising</u>		
	.....	<u>\$ 12.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	.....	<u>\$2,105.00</u>
(\$145.00 for adds, drops, and bad debts)		

-Sarah Ross, Treasurer

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Sarah Reed

Current (Local Expenses		
Pledged (19,043.04 - short 1,026.46)	\$18,016.58	
Loose Plate	800.99	
Sunday School	49.28	
Child Development Center	2,159.00	
Raymond Blackburn (on 902 Houston St.)	1,800.00	
People's Community Clinic	1,075.00	
Interest on Cert. of Deposit	758.02	
Mars Hill	130.00	
Other non-pledged contributions	2,307.29	
Total (Budget \$27,812.30 = short \$716.14)		\$27,096.16
Our Christian World Mission		2,680.00
Miscellaneous Items		
Sale of Parsonage		15,129.28
Ordination Gifts		61.40
Reimburse personal expenses		315.70
One Great Hour of Sharing		216.06
Neighbors in Need		72.75
American Indian		39.00
Veterans of the Cross		78.45
Child and Family Service		11.00
17/76		15.00
Storage of Books		25.00
Sale of Air Conditioner		50.00
Transfer of Funds from Savings		
Pay Grant Mortgage	1,538.75	
Pest Control (Orkin)	625.00	
Insect Control (Sample)	139.00	2,302.75
Memorial Fund Contributions		
Frances Wooldridge	30.00	
Zona Peek	10.00	
Ralph Bickler	125.00	
J. W. Howard, Sr.	10.00	
Josephine Trenckmann	125.00	
Herbert Ash	5.00	
Mrs. Mayes	5.00	310.00
Total Deposits		48,402.55
Total 1975 Pledges-Local Expenses-\$18,810.60		
O.C. W. M.	3,145.00	

pledges over 40, average #465

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Stella Morrison

Balance in the Bank, Jan. 1, 1974		\$887.94
	Budget	Spent
Pastor's Leadership	\$ 12,942	\$13,188.38
Local Church Programs	5,114	4,411.83
Cooperative Responsibilities	120	119.20
Payments on New Wing	9,636	9,636.00
OCWM	2,600	2,680.00
Ordination Gifts	---	50.00
Pest Control: Orkin	---	697.00
Sample	---	139.00
Payment on old Grant mortgages	---	1,538.75
Legal fees - Sale of Parsonage	---	60.00

	Budget	Spent
Transfer to savings	---	15,129.28
Child and Family Service	---	11.00
One Great Hour	---	216.06
Neighbors in Need	---	72.75
Indians	---	39.00
Veterans of the Cross	---	78.45
1776	---	15.00
Transfer to Memorial	---	310.00
Blackburn Taxes and Insurance	---	277.87
Typewriter	---	309.50
		<u>\$48,979.07</u>

Balance in the bank January 1, 1975 \$311.42

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Pastor's Salary	\$8,200.	\$ 8,200.00
Annuity	1,082.	1,199.00
Disability and Health Ins.	360.	362.80
Car Allowance	600.	600.00
Water, Light, & Power (Jan. bill Parsonage)	---	29.47
Gas (Jan. bill Parsonage)	---	13.58
Parsonage Jan. Payment	---	83.53
Housing Allowance	2,700.	2,700.00
	<u>\$12,942.</u>	<u>13,188.38</u>

LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAMS

Music for Worship	600.	592.50
Christian Education	100.	115.30
Office Supplies and Postage	700.	446.61
Publicity	---	0.00
Church Utilities: Water, Light, & Power	1,800.	1,650.91
Gas		377.78
Church Telephone	300.	318.59
Church Property Maintenance	800.	332.69
Janitorial Supplies	150.	28.45
Church Insurance	200.	231.00
Conference Delegates Expenses	80.	50.00
Nursery Attendant	150.	159.00
Expenses to Camps, Institutes, etc.	25.	0.00
Safety Deposit Box	17.	17.00
Bond for Financial Officers	92.	92.00
Miscellaneous	100.	0.00
	<u>\$5,114.</u>	<u>\$4,411.83</u>

COOPERATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Brazos Assoc. Dues	62.	61.20
Austin Council of Churches	20.	20.00
Texas Conference of Churches	8.	8.00
National Council of Churches	10.	10.00
World Council of Churches	5.	5.00
Regional Seminary Support	15.	15.00
	<u>\$120.</u>	<u>\$119.20</u>

OCWM (undesignated)	\$2,600.	\$2,284.59
Eden Home	300.	263.61
Crisis in the Nation	150.	131.80
	<u>\$3,050.</u>	<u>\$2,680.00</u>

Old Mortgage Payments	\$ 875.00
Paid to UCC Board	663.75
	<u>\$ 1,538.75</u>

Blackburn--Houston Street Property	
Balance Dec. 15, 1973	\$2,199.73
Interest Paid	- 81.17
Payments made	<u>-1,620.00</u>
Dec. 15, 1974 Balance due	660.90
Interest Dec. 15 to Jan. 1	* 1.66
Balance due Jan. 1, 1975	<u>\$ 662.56</u>

Escrow on Blackburn Property	
Jan. 1, 1974	\$ 41.53
Paid in	180.00
	<u>\$ 221.53</u>
Insurance	46.00
State and County Taxes	22.63
School taxes	123.08
City taxes	86.16
	<u>\$ 277.87</u>

Blackburn Escrow account short \$56.34.
I am notifying him -- he will make it up.
This is my fault, I should have notified him sooner.

Certificates of Deposit	
We have \$14,000.00 in C.D.	\$14,000.00
We are drawing and using the Interest from these.	
We have two \$1,000 C.D.'s.	
Accruing Interest, they are now worth	\$ 2,211.72
	<u>\$16,211.72</u>

6. Savings Account

Austin Nat'l. Mem. Fund	
January 1, 1974	\$ 853.31
Deposits	310.00
Interest	45.32
Balance January 1, 1975	<u>\$1,210.63</u>
Franklin Federal	
Balance Jan. 1, 1974	\$1,046.54
Deposits	15,129.28
Interest	249.01
	<u>\$16,424.83</u>

We used the funds in Savings:

Bought Bonds	\$14,000.00
Paid on old mtgs.	1,538.75
Paid to Orkin	625.00
Paid to Sample	139.00
	<u>\$16,302.75</u>

- termite
- roach & ants

Balance in Savings Acct. Jan. 1, 1975	\$ 122.08
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NEW WING

Note Payable to Franklin Federal:	
Balance Jan. 1, 1974	\$89,329.82
Applied to Principle	3,192.62
Bal. due Jan. 1, 1975	<u>\$86,137.20</u>

Interest paid	\$5,932.18
Paid into Escrow	511.20
Applied to Princ.	3,192.62
	<u>\$9,636.00</u>

BRAZOS ASSPC.

The spring meeting at Lyons, UCC brought the following items of concern:
The balance as of 3/31/74 was \$669.41.

Rev. Paul Otte of the Church and Ministry Committee recommended that each church put an item for student aid for preparing ministers now that the denomination could not assist them as in former years. He also suggested that provision for the continuing education of the minister should be a part of the local budget of each church.

The Stewardship Committee Report by Mrs. Elsie Ramage gave the goal for Eden home for Brazos Assoc. churches as \$2,900.00. Rev. Ray Buck, Sr. and Dr. & Mrs. Ralph Holland were available to all churches as resource persons on mission and stewardship.

Rev. Mr. Tom Whitcomb reported the gratitude of Eden Home at the special gift of \$500 from the Association.

An examination of the 1974-75 budget brought a recommendation that the dues be raised from 45¢ to 50¢ per member.

Officers elected were Bill Pfluger--Vice-Moderator, Margaret Jopp--Church and Ministry Committee, and Rev. James Schwarloze-- Stewardship Committee.

The Nominating Committee had sought more than one name for a position, and

none of the nominations from our church were elected.'

At an April Council meeting the Rev. Frank Dietz suggested that an overnight event for young people in the Association who were preparing for confirmation would be helpful, and the suggestion was affirmed and realized sometime in December. Outside speakers for Fall Association was suggested, and discussion revealed the following priorities: organizing the youth of the Assoc., publishing an Assoc. newsletter, and organizing church school teacher workshops. \$100 for the Assoc. youth was allotted to Rev. McDougale and Elwood Moore.

In August it was suggested that Dr. John King be invited to speak at the Fall Assoc. meeting ~~XXX~~ about the 17/76 Campaign which had been introduced by the Rev. James Tomasek at the spring meeting. Mrs. Range, the A.D. representative, offered to furnish a speaker who was the magazine representative. Rev. Mr. Otte reported that the Rev. Mr. Schwengel would be honored for his 49 years in the ministry on October 31.

Dr. King was unavailable for the Fall meeting, but the Rev. Armin Schmidt who was the new representative from the U.C.C. side on the staff of A.D. was a speaker.

The Association participated in the ordination of J. Mark Thomas in Austin in January.

The church should consider having one person on the council who is also representative to the Conference.

--Carrie Coleman

AUSTIN URBAN COUNCIL

Our church has been invited to join the United Urban Council of Austin which is an interdenominational agency composed of churches and judicatories of United Methodist, Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ. The programs of the Council seeking support are as follows:

I. Programs Guaranteed Support

- A. Community Switchboard - phone and walk-in referrals and information; rider-driver connections; counselling runaways; food stamp counsel; transients' housing; pack storage; communiversity.
- B. Extend-A-Care - operate eight after-school centers, each for 35 children of parents who work; and providing enrichment programs and social services for the children.
- C. Faith Food Pantry - provide emergency 2-3 day supply of food to families and individuals whose need is validated by clergy and/or social agencies.
- D. Family Emergency Fund - emergency grants for families whose need is validated by participating pastors or recognized community agencies; payment made only by provider.
- E. Friendship Community Center - pre-school class; well child conference; mother's group; boy scouts; Reading is Fundamental; arts and crafts class.
- F. Grace Deaf Project - a ten-year old, Sunday morning program of non-denominational Christian Education with 9-14 year old children from the State School.

II. Programs Probably to be Supported

- A. Community Development Corporation of Austin - credit-money management counselling related to home ownership, housing rehabilitation and relocation, and by home ownership related loans.
- B. Meals on Wheels - serving hot meals three times per week to the elderly poor and/or handicapped through many friendly volunteers.
- C. Memorial-Tarrytown Program for Seniors - one day per week, non-denominational activity program for retired persons, in cooperation with the City Department of Parks and Recreation. Currently based in two churches.

III. Programs Being Explored

- A. Hispanic Community Program.
- B. Other Programs for the Elderly.

IV. Reserve Runds for Emergent Program Needs During 1975.

The Board of Trustees has suggested \$50 as our share to support the above programs when the usual expectation would be \$2.00 per member. We would be entitled to two lay representatives and the minister.

PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CLINIC

The People's Community Clinic is entering the new year with hopeful anticipation of doing more and better things for the Austin community. We regret that our director, Sophie Weiss, has been lured away to the bright lights of the State Capitol. We will miss her vitality and humor, not to mention her expertise in the management of our affairs. Janet Burris has been appointed to act in her place until the Board of Directors hires a permanent replacement.

Last year the clinic accomplished 9,000 patient visits. 5,000 patients were seen in the family planning project, receiving birth control counselling, laboratory tests, yearly exams, birth control supplies, pregnancy counselling and referral, and treatment for gynecological problems. Another 4,000 patients received general medical outpatient care, prenatal exams and counselling, pregnancy testing and counselling, pediatric care, laboratory testing, and drugs.

We added a number of personnel to our staff, among them a licensed pharmacist, a R.N. supervisor in the examining rooms, a medical records coordinator, a book-keeper, a prenatal counselor, and very soon, a clerk/cashier. Marie Draudt attended a training program at Planned Parenthood in Houston and is a licensed Family Planning Nurse Practitioner. We are very glad to have her back after a three month absence. Alicia attended several training workshops sponsored by HEW to expand her counselling skills and will soon organize teen rap groups to be held weekly in the Church fellowship hall. Numerous in-service training workshops were held in the fellowship hall both for staff and community members on such topics as home delivery, prenatal care and staff development. A specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Tad Davis of Brackenridge Hospital, now directs our family planning project. Dr. Tom Daniels, who has served the clinic on a volunteer basis in the past, is now director of the General Medicine Project. Our once full-time medical director, Dr. Greg Maksymowicz, is establishing a private practice but still helps us out in a pinch. All medical doctors are now paid for their services and most are residents from Brackenridge Hospital.

Although our hours are reduced by half (to four evening clinics) we are still seeing the same number of patients and have expanded our services. We have an ever increasing patient load requiring prenatal services, for which we have sought support from Travis County. The City nearly tripled its support this year, increasing the previous \$7,500 grant to \$20,000. Patient and private donations have doubled over the course of a year. HEW increased its support of our family planning project by \$15,000. We feel that these accomplishments are proof of the need and desire for community based clinics, and high quality, low cost medical care that we provide.

Through donated labor, materials and \$1,000 of patient donations, we have constructed five new counseling areas, brought the electrical wiring to meet City code, and rearranged furniture to effect better patient flow. We still plan to install flourescent lighting in the examining rooms and laboratory, and spruce things up with painting and artwork. We are especially anxious to have the congregation see and approve our improvements, so expect an invitaion when the job is complete.

In the coming year, we hope to improve our record keeping, augment our information and referral program by extending the hours we answer the phone, establish a separate prenatal program, offer workshops and discussion groups to teenagers on sexuality and birth control matters, and become even more involved in various planning agencies to develop more community-based health clinics.

We wish you peace and health in the New Year. We thank you for allowing us to use the basement for what we feel is a much needed service.

Sincerely yours,
Janet Burris for the Staff
of People's Community Clinic

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Women's Association of the Congregational Church of Austin has had six meetings during the year of 1974. Presently there are seven active and three inactive members. During the year the Association has paid a church pledge of \$50, purchased a tablecloth for the Fellowship Room, and given \$10 to the Memorial Fund in memory of Frances Wooldridge and Josephine Trenckmann, long-time members of the women's group.

Our programs have been most interesting and informative. We had two slide shows, one on the American Indians and what the church is doing for this minority group; one on the rare, unusual, and common wild flowers of the Austin area. In February we had a display of old and unique Valentines. There was one program on the fabrics of Indonesia, with a story of how they are made and utilized in their life style. There were two travel programs, one on the Tower's Antrak trip to New York and to New Haven, Connecticut, for the ordination of Robert Jones, a former member of the local church; and the other on the colorful foliage of Canada and New England, the focal point being an old Canadian monastery with its rare mosaics and the story of the Amish people of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and the simplicity of their way of life.

During the year members have been sent appropriate cards, birthday, Valentines, Easter, and Christmas.

There is a real need for more women of the church to become active in a women's organization. Think on it. We welcome you to attend our meetings on the second Monday of each month and will gladly assist in organizing another group if there is sufficient interest.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Clark, President

DEACONS AND DEACONESSES

Tomnie Pinkard

Members of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses have met monthly, for the most part, during the past year to discuss plans for worship services, to recommend new members, and to try to solve problems concerned with the religious growth of the church.

Guest speakers which the Deacons scheduled during 1974 included Marian Fielder, Director, National Conference of Christians and Jews; Representative Ronald Eale; Psychiatrist Grace Turner-Hood; Reverend William Green of New Orleans; Reverend Rollin Russell (now a member of our church) of the South Central Conference Office; and TV newscaster Quinn Matthews. From our own membership came the following guest speakers for Sunday worship services: Reverend Steve Neuse, Dr. James Perkins, Dr. Victor Appel, Doyal Pinkard, Sarah Ross, and Marilyn Stephens.

The Deacons reactivated the Church Telephone Committee which has been responsible for much of the success of soccer dish suppers during the past year and which has also passed on news of members and reminders of church functions. The Deacons participated in the interfaith service held at Temple Beth Israel last February, and assisted in the planning for hosting the annual meeting of the South Central Conference which was held in May at Huston-Tillotson College. The Deacons also sponsored the church's membership in the interdenominational Urban Council which has been formed among Presbyterians, UCC, and Methodists for joint participation in social action programs in Austin.

Special worship services planned by the Deacons in 1974 included the Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service and Potluck Supper in April; the observance of Laity Sunday, and the Christmas Candlelight Service on December 15.

The Deacons also sponsored the Church Christmas Party and covered dish dinner on December 13, and a covered dish dinner and program in October to acquaint church members with the 1976 program to raise funds for Negro colleges.

The Deacons have also discussed and supported plans for a church retreat to be held March 15-16 at Slumber Falls.

Also during the past year the Deacons supported area get-togethers of church members, and the continuation of coffee hours during the summer months after early church services, both in an attempt to bring members of the church closer together.

There have been some changes in the Communion Service, at the direction of the Deacons, including the addition of grape juice to the wine served, and the purchase of an additional Communion tray and cups. Our thanks to Hildegard Everett who baked much of the bread for Communion.

The Ushers Subcommittee of the Deacons has been ably chaired during 1974, first by Tommy Johnson and then by Don Reed.

The Deacons have attempted during the past year to assure Reverend John Towery of their support for him at a time when he has considered leaving the ministry for another career. A special meeting called by the Deacons but held jointly with the Trustees was held last March to discuss this matter and to assure Reverend Towery of our support, whatever decision he made.

Two projects which have been discussed by the Deacons but which have not yet come to fruition are the publication of a folder or brochure on our church, and the preparation of dramatic presentation as a worship service.

New Members during 1974:

Mrs. Janice Ocean

Miss Cheryl Appel

Reverend and Mrs. Rollin Russell

Mr. Michael Ross

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Pryor

Miss Susan Swallow

Mrs. Bea Harper

Miss Carolyn Tarvin

Mrs. Nancy Camden

Claudia Crowley, Kathy Ford

PASTOR'S REPORT

1974 was a year when a President resigned his office before being impeached. We obtained first a President and later a Vice-President who were not elected to those offices. The country continued with inflation at the very time when unemployment continued to rise. All of these and other events influence us. Many churches are having financial problems, and ours is no exception. Dean Kelly noted in a book that some of the conservative, fundamentalist churches have grown, but our approach is much more honest for us. As you look at our list of guest speakers and recall some of the minister's sermons, you

see that we have continued to be concerned with the world that we live in and what we can do about it. This church has always emphasized the use of reason to understand both our faith and the world we live in, and that tradition has continued. We have not gained in membership numbers, but our attendance in church has improved in spite of sporadic student attendance. We have involved more of our members in worship services with many of them presenting areas of current interest. We continued to clean our church (not enough of our members participated), and we did more to paint and repair our building ourselves than in prior years. We did not develop any new areas of service or any particularly new programs. We did reactivate our Couples Club as Friday Forum which may meet on Saturday, and it has specialized in slides, movies, or pictures of areas outside of our country. We look forward to viewing slides of Japan, Africa, India, China, with all but one being shown by members of the church. We had some area activities after narrowing the church to three areas. South Austin may have had more activities than other areas including having a picnic and helping one resident to move. In many respects 1974 was a good year. Our church did not have much activity from committees but no one pressured them to meet. The Church Council was postponed and then never got to meeting.

Our major service projects are the operation of the Child Development Center and the People's Community Clinic. Basically we furnish both space and bear responsibility for operation of the C.D.C. Unfortunately we have had difficulty in obtaining enough three-year-old students, and the financial stability of the operation is questioned. If we could obtain scholarships or if the government provided aid for students it would help. We may have to change or allow our space to be used by a different group in the future. Our young people again gave a party for State School residents with a full 10 young people from them and fewer than usual from us. We might consider having a party once a month for Austin State Hospital wards or even having one at Christmas. Another possibility would be to have a counseling activity on Saturdays for shoppers and drag vendors. We might even have coffee available. We could even start selling second hand books or something like that. Last year we suggested making contacts with some of our mission projects which manufactured or grew things and seeing if we would sell them. Because of the problems of breakage, people sleeping in, and thievery, we have closed our worship area much of the time. It would be helpful if we had one member who would open it each morning for worship during the day. Usage of the church buildings by others did decrease as David Ross pointed out, but we have had questions from one Eastern type group which did not materialize. Seemingly yoga groups are becoming more institutionalized and more like churches. Mars Hill continues with us and has been very helpful by being present when a fire might have destroyed the older building. Church of the Resurrection seemingly failed to arise and is now defunct. We might have become a Sexual Resource Library, but they found space at the University Y. We did very well in giving money to Missions again, and we have a new record pledged for 1975. Our giving to Child and Family decreased from 1973, but we gave more food. We always look at the coming year with curiosity for we are never certain just what will be proposed for building usage. Whether we can become involved in a service activity as a church depends upon what is possible. Our main challenge will be to give to 17/76 starting this year at the rate of 20 shares (a share is \$5.00 a month for 3 years to support our six black colleges and some educational work overseas). We have one pledge to date, but we have only selected Tommie Pinkark and Hildegard Everett as our chairmen.

Personally I feel guilty at not enabling our committees to get going. We have had more presentation of social concerns from Chile, United Farm Workers, Iranian students, etc., than in the past, but we have not organized as a church in social activities. We have, however, tried to be informed, to encourage members to participate, and have noted that many of our members have been very active in community affairs. Perhaps we may find new ways to share what we know, and it would be good to have a five minute presentation on social issues once a month at worship and resume our moment of concern presentations on a different

Sunday. We have made some headway in working with members to develop dialog sermons and to develop worship services, but we hope to have more involved and to do a bit more in having our own services or portions of services.

To become personal I want to thank the members for their assurance of concern and meeting with me as a group. I felt a bit badly that I caused so much of an upset. Fifteen years seemed and still seems to be a long time to serve in one church, any my questions came largely because of personal doubts that my ministry was the best one for this church. Right or wrong, most of those who spoke up seemed to think that it was. I have not obtained nor sought outside or other employment as yet. I am a good bit concerned at this point with an even larger deficit facing us. For some reason I do not find myself deeply upset about it, and I cannot tell you just why. One difficulty has been my reluctance at visiting people to ask them to become members for I was uncertain as to what to say. It seems sometimes that you are trying to sell yourself, and that was one area of uncertainty. Unfortunately, we have a church full of people who do not wish to bother their friends or people who drop in. Our area of greatest challenge is to discover what we have to offer and not to be bashful about telling others what we are, what we believe, what we do, and what we could do better if they joined with us.

Our church is in no danger of folding. It is much stronger in some areas than in the past, but we do need to discover how we can witness to our faith without embarrassment and enable others to find a place of worship where differing views can be accepted and ways of service which offer each of us fulfillment in the different ways of working in the community.

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Our church had the historic opportunity of providing transportation, coffee, and entertainment for the annual South Central Conference which met at Huston-Tillotson College. Our trio furnished music for worship, and Dutch Scheel played the piano for our coffee house presentation. Two of our members, Rollin Russell, and Marilyn Stephens, are employed by the Conference, and half of our O.C.W.M. giving goes to help pay them, our Conference Minister, and assist in the projects such as Back Bay Mission, Plymouth Church in Beaumont, and some aided churches.

South Central Conference will also face budget problems in the coming year perhaps worse than our own. It is good to know that we will be doing better than in the past. A major emphasis like Faith Exploration will be "Strengthening the Local Church", and meeting in Burton on Feb. 9 will enable leaders of our church to know what is going on.

South Central Conference will meet at Trinity College in San Antonio this May. Mrs. Stella Morrison is our elected representative, but others of you can attend as visitors. You will continue to receive the Conference newsletter along with the church newsletter.

AGENDA

Devotions by the Minister

Minutes of Meetings

Review of the Annual Reports

Other Reports or Comments?

Old Business? (Items from 1974 Annual Meeting?)

New Business

1. Election of Officers, Board Members, Committee members etc.
2. 1975 Budget. \$6,000 deficit. No recommendation from Trustees.
3. Proposal to join United Urban Council of Austin.
4. 17/76 Campaign. Any further word?
5. Strengthen the Local Church. Meeting at Burton Feb. 9
6. Other Business. If not adjourn.

1 9 7 5 Ballot
 * = Incumbents (1974)

Write In

ONE YEAR TERMS

Moderator	Weldon Scheel*	_____
Clerk	Rizer Everett *	_____
Treasurer	Stella Morrison*	_____
Financial Secretary	Sarah Reed*	_____
Church School Superintendent	Hildegaaarde Everett*	_____
Director of Enlistment	Jean Cassel*& Beth Placek*	_____
Committee Chairmen:		
Music:	Marie Scheel*	_____
Publicity:	Tommie Pinkard*	_____
Youth Members:		
Board of Trustees:	Michael Ross, Susan Swallow	_____
Board of Deacons and		
Deaconesses;	Carolyn Tarvin, Arne Saustrup	_____
Lay Representatives:		
Church Women United of Austin	Gail Swallow*	_____
Austin Area Conference of		
Churches:	Effie Wiley*	_____
	Dr. James Perkins*	_____
Advisory Council:		
	Gettrude Andl*, Betty Tarvin*	_____
	Mazie Bickler*, Steven Nause*	_____
	Weldon Scheel*(automatically)	_____

THREE YEAR TERMS

Historian and Archivist:	Hildegaaarde Everett*	_____
Board of Trustees: (1975-7)	Gary Cole, Betsy Russell	_____
(6 members, (1973-5)	Doyal Pinkard,*Jean Cassel*	_____
2 new per year) (1974-6)	Ron Dildine*, Marilyn Steephens*	_____
Board of Deacons and		
Deaconesses: (1975-7)	Don Reed, Jean Appel	_____
(6, 2 per year) (1973-5)	Mike Chial*, Cathy Hubbs*	_____
	(1974-6) Dennis Schneider*, Pat Oakes*	_____
Nominating Committee(1975-7)	Dorothy Lay	_____
(3, 1 per year) (1973-5)	Clark Hubbs*	_____
	(1974-6) Nancy Brown*	_____
Religious Education		
Committee: (1975-7)	David Ross	_____
(3, 1 per year) (1973-5)	Jean Appel*	_____
	(1974-6) Judy Cole	_____
Social Action Committee: (1975-7)	Kathy Ford	_____
(3, 1 per year) (1973-5)	Carolyn Chial*	_____
	(1974-6) Vic Appel*	_____
Board of Directors		
Child Development Center: (1975-7)	Bea Harper	_____
(3, 1 per year) (1973-5)	Billie Bess Saustrup*	_____
	(1974-6) Linda Dildine*	_____
	Sarah Ross*, Treasurer	_____
Missions and Stewardship		
Committee: (1975-7)	Dr. James Perkins	_____
	(1973-5) Van Walton*	_____
	(1974-6) Billie Bess Saustrup*	_____

1964 PROPOSED BUDGET

<u>For Pastoral Leadership and Worship</u>	1963	1964
Pastor's Salary	\$4,500.00	\$5,100.00
Pastor's Annuity @ 11%	569.25	645.15
Pulpit Supply	100.00	100.00
Music	550.00	550.00
Associate Pastor's Salary	-----	1.00
	<u>\$5,719.25</u>	<u>\$6,396.15</u>
<u>For Christian Education</u>		
Program materials, films, and youth group	225.00	275.00
<u>For Student Work</u>	100.00	-----
<u>For Church Office Supplies</u>	400.00	400.00
<u>For Publicity</u>	-----	60.00
<u>For Maintenance of Church Plant</u>		
Janitorial Service and Supplies	400.00	400.00
Telephone	100.00	100.00
Fuel and Utilities	325.00	325.00
Repairs	500.00	500.00
Insurance	220.00	220.00
Parsonage Utilities and Telephone	400.00	600.00
	<u>\$1,945.00</u>	<u>\$2,145.00</u>
<u>For the Parsonage</u>		
Indebtedness @ \$108.53 monthly	1,302.36	1,302.36
<u>For Note Payable to Big T Realty Company</u>	120.00	120.00
<u>For Denominational Responsibility</u>		
Brazos Association Support	40.00	50.00
Austin Council of Churches	15.00	15.00
Texas Council of Churches	5.00	5.00
National Council of Churches	10.00	10.00
World Council of Churches	5.00	5.00
	<u>\$75.00</u>	<u>\$85.00</u>
<u>For Conferences, Travel, and Miscellaneous</u>		
Pastor's car allowance	300.00	300.00
Pastor's parking space	72.00	84.00
Expenses, delegates to conference	75.00	75.00
Expenses to Schools, Institutes, Camps	50.00	50.00
Nursery Attendant	150.00	150.00
UNITED CHURCH HERALD subscriptions for new members	20.00	20.00
Safe deposit box	8.25	8.25
Gratuities, gifts, contingencies, and miscellaneous	100.00	100.00
	<u>\$775.25</u>	<u>\$787.25</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>\$10,661.86</u>	<u>\$11,781.48</u>
Expected from nursery	1,500.00	1,500.00
from 902 Houston St.	780.00	780.00
Loose plate and other collections	500.00	500.00
	<u>\$2,780.00</u>	<u>\$2,780.00</u>
Balance to be raised by pledges and contributions	\$7,881.86	\$9,001.48