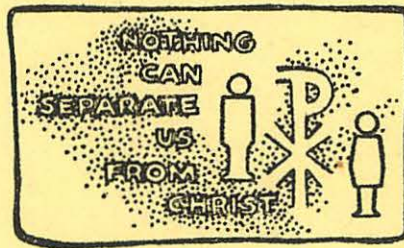


1976

ANNUAL REPORTS



Congregational Church of Austin



1977 Ballot

One-year Terms	Incumbents	Nominees
Moderator	Weldon Scheel	Weldon Scheel
Clerk	Rizer Everett	Mathis Blackstock
Treasurer	Stella Morrison	Stella Morrison
Financial Secretary	John Camden	John Camden
Church School Superintendent	Carolyn Chial	Nancy Pickett
Director of Enlistment	Mathis Blackstock	David Ross
Music Committee Chairman	Marie Scheel	Marie Scheel
Publicity Committee Chairman	Beth Placek	Dorothy Lay
Youth Members:	George Coleman	Mike Ross
Board of Trustees	Carolyn Tarvin	Cheryl Appel
Board of Deacons & Deaconess	Cheryl Appel	George Coleman
	Mike Ross	Carrie Coleman
Advisory Council	Carrie Coleman	James Perkins
Historian & Archivist	Hildegard Everett	Hildegard Everett
Lay Representatives:		
Church Women United	Effie Wylie	Effie Wiley
Austin Conf. of Churches	Mary Masters	Marie Scheel
	James Perkins	James Wiley Brown
Delegate to SCC Conference	Stella Morrison '75-77	
A. D. magazine representative		Beth Placek
United Urban Council Delegates	Kathy Strong	Kathy Strong
	Mathis Blackstock	
Three-year terms	<i>Pat Oakes</i>	
Board of Trustees: (1975-77)	Betsy Russell	Garry Cole
(6 members, (1976-78)	Tommie Pinkard	Herbert Pickett
elect two) (1977-79)	Marilyn Stephens x	Leslie Ashton
	David Ross x	Ernie Dean
Board of Deacons and Deaconess:		
(6 members, (1975-77)	Jean Appel	Chester Lay
elect two) (1976-78)	Joan Gatewood	Rollin Russell
(1977-79)	Pat Oakes x	Sara Ross
	Weldon Scheel x	Walter Reed
Nominating Committee		
1975-1977	Dorothy Lay	
1976-1978	Jean Cassel	
1977-1979	Nancy Brown x	Marilyn Stephens
Religious Education Committee		
1975-1977	David Ross	
1976-1978	Jeanine Neuse x	Shirley Dean
1977-1979	Judy Cole x	Kay Hancock
Social Action Committee:		
1975-1977	Kathy Strong	
1976-1978	Mike Chial x	Don Hancock
1977-1979	Vic Appel x	Pat Oakes
Missions and Stewardship Committee:		
1975-1977	James Perkins	
1976-1978	Doyal Pinkard	
1977-1979	x Billie B. Saustrup	Lavern Johnston

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Brown, Chairman
 Jean Cassel
 Dorothy Lay

Note-While the pastor is serving on the Brazos Association Council, we do not need to elect a representative. We do that again in 1979, we think!

The Church with the Grateful Heart



Out of gratitude for the loans and grants which they received from their Board of National Missions in the early days of their church history, the people of the Morningside Community Evangelical and Reformed Church in Ingelwood, California, have to date made grants to eight other Evangelical and Reformed mission churches in their state. In one case the help extended, besides a substantial sum of money, included free labor donated by the men of Morningside church toward the erection of a

first unit. This 775-member church might well be known as "The Church with the Grateful Heart." Meeting its full Apportionment each year, Morningside Community Church has given additional "love gifts" in support of National Missions projects totalling well over \$20,000. Moreover, for several years now, this congregation has contributed \$1,500 annually towards the support of a "living link missionary" in Japan. The present pastor, the Rev. John W. Flucke, is not forgetful of his predecessor, the Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld, for it was during his pastorate that the Morningside Community Church entered upon a building program made possible by the Board of National Missions. It is heartening to know that congregations as well as individuals live by practicing principles of Christian stewardship.

A New Department for Old Tasks

The Department of Specialized Ministries is a new title in the United Church of Christ, but the work it carries on is not new. This department catches up in one entity many facets of Christian education which, while having an affinity for each other through the years, were administered separately on the two sides of the United Church of Christ.

The total task of the department embraces camps and conferences, camp-site development, caravans, workcamps, community and institutional service, one-year voluntary service, individual service, high-school exchange program and lay vocational guidance.



at the sight of him the samaritan was touched with pity

BUDGET PROPOSAL 1977

	1974	1975	1976	1977 (Proposed)	
<u>Pastoral Leadership</u>					
Salary	8200	9000	9400	12000*	} cum of salary 9600 & annuity 2400 or tax sheltered annuity. 5.9% inc
Annuity	1082	1287	1320	*	
Health and Disability Insurance	360	725	1250	1300	
Car allowance	600	663	720	790	
Housing Allowance (includes utii)	2700	2700	3000	3000	
	<u>12,942</u>	<u>14,375</u>	<u>15,690</u>	<u>17,090</u>	
<u>Local Church Programs</u>					
Music for Worship	600	600	650	900	← 11% of 9600 3000 <u>12,600</u> .11 <u>1260</u> <u>\$1386.00</u> annuity \$1014 deferred comp.
Christian Education Materials	100	100	100	100	
Office Supplies, Postage	700	600	550	450	
Church Utilities	1800	2250	3000	3200	
Church Property Maintenance	800	1000	800	800	
Janitorial Supplies	150	150	100	100	
Church Telephone	300	310	200	330	
Church Insurance (Liability)	200	231	232	272	
Conference Delegates Expenses	80	100	100	150	
Nursery Attendants	150	150	150	150	
Expenses to Camps, Institutes, etc.	25	25	25	25	
Safe Deposit Box	17	17	20	20	
Bond for Financial Officers	9	9	9	9	
Miscellaneous	100	100	50	50	
	<u>5031</u>	<u>5642</u>	<u>5986</u>	<u>6556</u>	
<u>Cooperative Responsibilities</u>					
United Urban Council	--	50	55	60	insurance increase ↑
Brazos Assoc Dues	62	62	60	60	
Austin Conference of Churches	20	20	30	30	
Texas Conference of Churches	8	8	10	10	
National Council of Churches	10	10	10	10	
World Council of Churches	5	5	5	5	
Regional Seminary Support	15	15	30	30	
	<u>120</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>205</u>	
Mortgage Payments - New Wing	9636	9636	9660	9740	
TOTAL LOCAL BUDGET	<u>27,729</u>	<u>29,823</u>	<u>31,536</u>	<u>33,591</u>	\$33,883
<u>Our Christian World Mission</u>					
OCWM, undesignated	2600	3000	3000	3000	~7% inc
Eden Home for the Aged	300	300	400	400	
	<u>2900</u>	<u>3300</u>	<u>3400</u>	<u>3400</u>	
<u>Non-Pledged Income</u>					
Early Childhood Program	--	--	--	450	
Loose Plate Offerings	600	800	700	700	
People's Community Clinic	600	600	1920	2400	
Other Churches	200	120	120	400	
Other Groups	--	--	--	150	
Interest from CD's	--	885	945	970	
(Sale of 402 Houston St. Property)	780	675	--	--	
(Child Development Center)	2040	2244	2244	--	
	<u>4220</u>	<u>5324</u>	<u>5929</u>	<u>5070</u>	\$-5070

needed \$28,813

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The members of the Board of Trustees for the year 1976 were John Camden (Financial Secretary), Garry Cole, George Coleman, Rizer Everett (Clerk), Stella Morrison (Treasurer), Herb Pickett, Tommie Pinkard, Betsy Russell (Chair), Marilyn Stephens (Secretary) and Carolyn Tarvin. David Ross was elected early in the year to replace Ron Dildine who resigned.

Throughout the year the Board concerned itself with the following areas: 1) the financial situation, i.e. covering the budget, 2) property concerns and building maintenance, and 3) building use - negotiating with and monitoring the various groups using the church building.

Although we closed the gap considerably between the amount budgeted and that pledged, thanks in particular to the garage sale efforts of Eleanor Fowery, we did not quite succeed in this area. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer's reports spell this out specifically. At the year's end, the Board met to review the situation in relation to plans for 1977. The decision reached was to present the budget as formulated with some minor adjustments and to authorize the Board to use reserve funds (not those designated as memorials) if necessary to cover 1977 finances. It was felt that this budget as it stands is essential for maintaining our present program and pastoral leadership. The Trustees asked the Board of Deacons to aid in an immediate Membership Emphasis in hopes of alleviating the financial burden. Efforts will be made, with Mathis Blackstock's leadership, to pursue again the possibility of more lucrative usage of the new wing.

In the second area, we give enthusiastic thanks to the members who donated time and talent to building maintenance! Most recently Rizer Everett, Mel Oakes, John Camden, Herb Pickett and Garry Cole saved the church a large expense in their remarkable reconstruction of the sinking concrete patio! These persons, the Rosses and others worked with Pat Oakes on a very successful Office Renovation Project which was financed by the Josie Trenckmann Memorial Fund. Thanks from the Trustees, also, to those persons who participated in Saturday cleaning of the building which saves us janitorial expenses.

In the third area, the Trustees dealt with requests from a number of groups. Efforts were made to have a definite agreement with each organization. We decided in December to ask a standard donation of \$2.50 per evening or afternoon use of the sanctuary and/or fellowship area and to set specific guidelines for building use. The groups involved were sent letters regarding these decisions. A contract was set up with the People's Community Clinic which will be renegotiated every six months. We have also a Building Use Agreement through May, 1977 with the Early Childhood Program. All these organizations using our building and many persons in the community often express their appreciation for our openness in sharing the church facility.

Betsy Russell

THE PASTOR'S REPORT

1976 has been a puzzling year in many respects. We have gained more members than we have in some years, and we have a net gain of members with fewer pledges. The loss of five key families moving to other areas, even though only one family has as yet joined another church, means that our membership figures are inflated so far as local strength is concerned. We could use most

of last year's report to apply to this year financially except that the outlook for 1977 is a bit darker than our outlook for 1976. We won't have money on hand to begin the year and the pressure of inflation causes higher utility bills, etc., and it may be a factor in decreased giving. Some changes will be proposed by the Trustees in our tentative budget, but one big cut-back might well be in the increase over and above the inflation rate for the minister's salary. It is flattering to see that amount in the budget, but we don't think that the church can really afford it under the present circumstances.

In last year's report we mentioned the need for more members, and we have begun to make some progress in that direction. We are having meetings with Rollin Russell to work out our approaches to possible new members, and we may be working toward a visitation campaign. We will have a special Sunday to invite friends. The Trustees would like for us to set a goal of twenty new families in 1977. That is not an impossible goal for us, but we will all have to work harder at it and to consciously make an effort to speak to visitors and invite them to come back. We may need to consider whether or not we need to have a new person or family be a guest of some of our older members to know them and help others to know them. The Deacons seem to be moving toward having someone write to each visitor and having a letter that has some of our history, the UCC history, and some of our programs to be mailed to visitors. We are also considering an ad program for our church.

We are cooperating with Trinity in bringing two motion pictures to the city. The first one will be "Biofeedback, the Yoga of the West" and will be shown at Trinity on Jan. 30th at 6:30 p.m. A film was smuggled out of South Africa, "Last Grave at Dimbaza," will be shown at our church on Wed., Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. We are studying means of advertising the meaning of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with Trinity UCC, and we may be exploring some meetings with Disciples to discuss the possibility of merging with that denomination in the future.

In terms of caring for our own members, we will be starting a group, we hope, with Betsy Russell using meditation and dream interpretation. We could use some ideas or energy to once again having meetings of our three areas so we would know each other better. Our forums have been and continue to be a sharing experience. Matt Blackstock shared his concerns about medical care in East Austin, and Cathy Strong will soon inform us about what she learned about single parenting in some research as she works on her Master's Degree in Social Work. Billie Bess Saustrup shared her thoughts and problems in the adoption of handicapped and multiracial children. We hope to continue that type of forum if interest holds up, while also accompanying members and friends on some of their vacation trips via slides as another type of forum. They are educational in their own way and a lot of fun. It also helps us know one another better.

Our outreach continues and perhaps has increased in some areas. We are now giving food once a month to Faith Food Pantry, and we did not quit giving food to Child and Family Service on 6th Street. We have been involved in our own repairs and clean-up and haven't really gotten organized in repairing a house or some other item for some of our members or for others through Community Development Corporation. Without a major project this spring, we will see if we can use our skills for others. We almost met our OCWM goal, but we were pleased to note that we have overpledged our goal for 1977. We fell off a bit in some of our special offerings, but we increased a bit in United Urban Council giving. We have continued supporting 17/76 and were pleased to note that our church was mentioned on the back of a national bulletin for its achievement in pledging. We are a bit concerned to hear that some who have pledged to

3. 17/76 have not given to it as yet while others have just about completed their pledge. This coming year we will take up a special offering for the hospital chaplaincy at Brackenridge Hospital which will also include training for local ministers. We could consider special projects in the area of Hunger Concerns, etc. The donation of time by the minister on the Sex Information line three to four times a month is really a service to the community.

A major contribution to the community is by our providing space for many different groups, etc. We closed our own Child Development Center but have permitted an Early Childhood Program which became homeless to find a place. This program provides education and sharing experiences for middle class youngsters instead of the day care plus development that we had been providing ourselves. We have two other church groups using our worship area and are really a home base for Mars Hill, a Pentecostal group, and Metropolitan Community Church-Austin which is a homosexual group primarily. We also have a Hatha Yoga group using our building on Monday nights, and a Sufi Dancer group on Thursday night. We provide office space for co-op workers union and the graduate student teacher's union and a meeting place for them. The People's Community Clinic moved into the basement of the new wing, and they are continuing to serve some of the medical needs of the community. The needs are greater than their ability to meet them. What we get in income from all of the above may help a bit in paying for our building but mostly it pays for utilities and upkeep, if that. It is a way that we serve our community. Kirby Hall is a private school that held a book sale.

One of the highlights of the year was our celebration of our 75th Anniversary. We heard from most of our former ministers, but only Mrs. Fred (Sarah) Cole was able to be present. The Bert Millers had plane tickets, etc., but had to cancel out because of a funeral. We had a wonderful occasion, and the renovation of the minister's office was a major project in honor of the time and it has enabled the minister to be a bit neater and warmer in the winter. Our young people made a great contribution to understanding our history through skits.

Can we continue as a church? Frankly, we have problems. So many people who move into Austin who might come to our church live a good distance from us, and it is much easier to find a church near by. Our experimentation upsets people who are seeking stability in their lives and are willing to accept even that which they do not necessarily live by because it symbolizes a steady part of their youth. It is indeed possible that we might not be able to continue as a church, but that is a constant challenge for any church. Our intellectual, questioning approach is not the "in" or popular thing for right now, but it could well be the best answer for more people if we could find ways in which we can tell them about what we do believe and live out in our corporate and individual life. Frankly, your minister has been "up tight" about the finances and some of the prospects for this church for the past two or three years. In spite of the fact that our outlook is not as good as a year ago, our feeling and hope is that we may now begin to be on our way. What you do, what you give, what you live, what you believe is our church living the way of Christ in the world.

- JOHN TOWERY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

In recent years, because of small classes and too few volunteer teachers, it has been difficult to maintain a coherent church school program. In planning for this year, the committee sought alternatives to the traditional separation of classes by age and grade. Beginning in September, 1976, an inter-generational class was formed for all ages from fourth grade through adult,

4. meeting on the second floor of the new wing. Preschool through third grade meet, as before, on the first floor. The idea of the intergenerational class is to provide a variety of activities and learning experiences, some for the whole group together, others for smaller groups divided by interest rather than age. As of January, we are still experimenting, and we would appreciate hearing opinions and ideas both from the participants and those who have stayed away. For the rest of the year units of six to eight weeks each are being planned on Old Testament Studies, the history and beliefs of the UCC, and possibly the Black Chronicles (contributions of black people to U.S. history from the revolution to recent times).

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Eleanor Towery, Hildegard Everett, George Coleman and Carrie Coleman who taught the preschool and primary classes. For the first time in many years, the children performed a Christmas Pageant with narration by George Coleman and carols sung by Laverne Johnston. This was a moving experience for those of us who attended the potluck supper on Dec. 12. We also thank Herb and Nancy Pickett who planned and led the first intergenerational unit on Peace, and John Towery and Pat Oakes who planned and led units on Political Concerns and New Testament Studies.

Dave Ross and Judy Cole

CHURCH SCHOOL

Carolyn Chial started the year as the church school superintendent serving ably until the family moved to Michigan in August causing her resignation. Eleanor Towery and Hildegard Everett "pinch-hit" until a new superintendent will be elected at the Annual Meeting.

One of the highlights of the spring was the presentation of several "skits" by the Senior Class at church services depicting various incidents in the history of the church. John Camden was the teacher, and Hildegard Everett furnished resource material.

The church school was divided into two sections in the fall. The downstairs had nursery, kindergarten, and 1-3 grades as classes. From the 4th grade on up met in one class in our first intergenerational experiment. A good start on the upstairs was made by Nancy and Herbert Pickett who used some Peace materials developed by the Bretheren. We have been doing a lot of Bible drill and learning since that time. We will have a study of the Old Testament until March and then shift to a study of United Church of Christ. While we have problems, it has been a good experience.

The tin can "luminaries" that the Junior Class made last year under the direction of Hildegard Everett were used again this year for our Candlelight Service.

On Dec. 17th we had our Christmas pot-luck supper and program. The theme this year was an Early American Christmas in keeping with the Bicentennial emphasis. The children from nursery through the 3rd grade put on the pageant of the Nativity Scene with LaVerne Johnston singing the appropriate songs and George Coleman reading the scripture.

The Joyful Noise Band under the direction of Sara and David Ross played a number of Christmas carols and songs while all others sang along with them. Pat Oakes told us about some of the customs and showed us some pictures of the toys made back in colonial times. Hot cocoa and cookies were served while we sat around the Christmas tree and sang. A good evening with a record turn-out.

5. Our young people again provided a party for the youngsters from the Austin State School at the parsonage. They hosted five boys and five girls who were delighted when Santa made his annual appearance; however, Santa says that he needs some better clothes before making another appearance.

We would like to thank the following teachers: Judy and Garry Cole, Carrie and George Coleman, Nancy and Herbert Pickett, Mel and Pat Oakes, John Camden and the minister for their fine leadership. Our many, many thanks to Cheryl Appel for taking care of the nursery during the church hour and the parents that helped with the older children upstairs.

Hildegard Everett and Eleanor Towery,
Superintendents!

CONGREGATIONAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Congregational Child Development Center continued to operate until May 31, 1976 when it was officially closed in accordance with the decision reached at the January, 1976 Annual Meeting of this church.

As of June 1st, 1976 all the equipment owned by the Child Development Center became the property of the Board of Trustees. Sara Ross, treasurer of the Child Development Center, submitted the balance of funds, \$268.57 to the Church Financial Secretary on July 11, 1976.

Nancy Pickett, Chairman
Child Development Center Board

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS AND DEACONESSES

The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses met ten times during the year 1976. During these meetings we considered the many factors that combine to form the basis of the spiritual and social life of our church. We continued the tradition of (almost) monthly potluck suppers. We invited a number of speakers to worship with us and share their views on a variety of subjects. Speaking to us were: Rev. E. H. Schwengel, Allen Purcell, Rev. Dr. James Perkins, Dr. Omer Galle, Roger Brown, Robert Randle, Earnest Dean, Rev. Rollin Russell, Rev. Dr. Rex Mix, Susan Mix and Rev. Janice Huie. Our minister, Rev. John Towery, continued to provide the moral and spiritual support we all seek. The Board has sponsored within the church a series of evangelism meetings ably led by Rollin' Russell, as we try to explain the unique qualities of our church to ourselves and others. We instituted a number of mini-meetings to help Rev. Towery plan the music for each month. Michael Ross worked very hard organizing the ushering teams for the services. We sponsored two weekend retreats to Slumber Falls, one in the spring and one in the fall, that were well attended and much enjoyed.

On Laity Sunday we honored Earl Cornwell, our violinist, for his many years of providing lovely music for our services. Another special service was the Christmas candlelight service which was made more beautiful by the addition of dinner switches in both sections of the sanctuary. On Communion Sundays we instituted the practice of bringing canned goods and other foods to replenish the Faith Food Pantry. Hildegard and Rizwr Everett continue to provide flowers, with some help from other members, adding an additional touch of beauty to our sanctuary service.

The highlight of the year 1976 for our church was the celebration of our 75th Anniversary. The preparation for and the actual celebration itself involved many of our friends and members in a variety of ways. In honor of our birthday we sponsored the renovations of Rev. Towery's office--complete from new carpet

6. all the way to a new ceiling. This renovation was made possible by a bequest from Josie Trenckmann, a long-time and much loved member of our church. Rizer Everett was the supervisor of the project and deserves much praise for his hard work--as do all of the people who participated. (The Congregational Construction Company is a reality!)

The celebration was on Sunday, April 4, 1976, almost exactly 75 years to the day when our church first came into being. During the months preceding the celebration we had several speakers who spoke on church history; Hildegard Everett, as our archivist, led the effort of organizing the many church papers and pictures that have accumulated through the years; our high school class presented a series of excellent dramatizations based on material gleaned from the church archives; members of the Board gave brief talks on the various ministers who have served our congregations; notepaper was printed with a picture of the church on it and made available to church members; invitations and letters about the forthcoming celebration were sent to all of the living ex-ministers of the church, widows of ex-ministers, old members and the members of the Brazos Association. A column about the history of the church appeared in the Waterloo Scrapbook of the AUSTIN AMERICAN STATESMAN. A program was prepared and printed for the occasion containing both the order of worship and some of the historical background of the church. Special music was provided by the choir in the morning service and in the afternoon service by Florence and Joe Castle who played for us a number of years. After the morning worship service an official group portrait was taken, continuing a long tradition of the church.

As we enter 1977, well into our 76th year, we can look back on our history and achievements as a church community and feel a not undeserved amount of pride. However, we see areas that need attention, some minor and some major. "Minor" problems are child care during the church service (should 4th grade and above children be expected to stay for the entire service), how can we involve more of our members in the life of the church. Are we as a church to provide the variety of programs necessary to meet the needs of all of our members, etc. While these problems really aren't that minor, they are overshadowed by our most serious problem--that of enlarging our church community. Many of us view our church almost as a family, but our "family" needs to be enlarged if we are to survive as a church. We have a great deal to offer spiritually, emotionally, socially, etc. Somehow we must find ways in this next year to express this to friends, strangers and newcomers to Austin. As a church we are a community, albeit a diverse one - with bonds of concern, faith, tolerance, fellowship and love that holds us all together--we must seek to enlarge our community without losing the closeness that we have--a serious problem that faces the new Board.

-Pat Oakes, Chairperson

CLERK'S REPORT

Membership at the beginning of 1976 was 123. During the year two members transferred to another church and two members died. Ten persons joined the church as members and one joined as an associate member. The membership on 31 December 1976 included 129 members and 5 associate members.

The average attendance at church services for the ten months of highest attendance was 58.98. Average attendance for 1975 was 54.3, and for 1964 was 61.02.

Rizer Everett, Clerk

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

January 1, 1976 we were short (\$189.76)

* Deposits during Year, 1976 \$ 39,041.00

Money transferred to Memorial	\$ 170.00	
Money Received for Carpet	313.00	
Money Received for Child and Family	3.11	
		38,365.13

Exchecked:

Pastoral Leadership	\$ 15,472.30
Local Programs	16,506.15
OCWM Undesignated	2,825.00
Eden Home	377.20
Cooperative Responsibility	201.50
Guatemala Relief	25.00
World Hunger	229.00
Neighbors in Need	109.25
Veterans of the Cross	31.00
17/76	1,707.50
Renovation of Study	943.20
75th Anniversary Celebration	165.10
	\$ 38,592.20

(\$ 227.07)

* This deposit figure included the Trenckmann legacy (\$ 1,000.00 G. D.) which amounted to \$ 1,044.07 when transferred from savings especially to defray cost of renovating Study. S. M.

Pastoral Leadership

	Budgeted	Spent
Salary	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,400.00
Housing	3,000.00	3,000.00
Car Expense	720.00	720.00
Annuity		1,364.00
* Health & Disability Ins.		988.30

15,472.30

* \$ 237.00 of this amount paid the first quarter of 1977

Local Programs

Music	650.00	693.00
Christian Ed. Materials	100.00	31.88
Office Supplies	550.00	622.24
Water, Light & Power	3,000.00	2,355.66
Gas		708.17
Telephone	200.00	334.63
Maintenance	800.00	427.56
Janitor Supplies	100.00	109.20
Church Ins. (Liability)	232.00	272.00
Conf. Delegates Expense	100.00	135.00
Nursery Attendants	150.00	147.00
Expense to camps, etc. Sl. Falls)	25.00	403.50
Slumber Falls		349.00
Safety Deposit Box	20.00	20.00
Bond for Financial officers (not used)	9.00	
Miscellaneous: Piano Rental and Drayage		40.00

(Report of Treasurer, Cont.)	Budgeted	Spent
Expense of Garage Sale		\$ 16.05
Flowers		18.52
Coffee & Cocoa		4.79
Repair on Canoe and new paddle		27.73 ¹
Repair to Pontiac		98.22
Payments on new wing	\$ 9,660.00	<u>9,692.00</u>
		\$ 16,506.15

Cooperative Responsibilities

United Urban Council	55.00	55.00
Brazos Association	60.00	61.50
Austin Conf. of Churches	30.00	30.00
Texas Conf. of Churches	10.00	10.00
National Conf.	10.00	10.00
World Council of Churches	5.00	5.00
Regional Seminary Support	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
	200.00	201.50

Renovation of Pastor's Study

Desk	\$ 149.50
Castors	2.93
Sign for door	3.80
Typing table	38.94
Rug & Curtains	190.70
Step Stool	16.36
Materials, Paint, etc.	<u>540.97</u>
	\$ 943.20

75th Anniversary Celebration

Materials (from So. Cent. Conf.)	\$ 10.70
Program Covers	37.65
File Cabinet & Supplies	110.75
Baby Sitter	<u>6.00</u>
	\$ 165.10

ASSETS

Memorial Savings Ac't in Austin National Bank

Jan. 1, 1976 we had	\$ 1,418.13
Interest during 1976 =	72.96
We added	<u>170.00</u>

Balance as of Jan. 1, 1977 \$ 1,661.09

Passbook Savings - Franklin Federal

Jan. 1, 1976	128.55
Interest, 1976	<u>6.91</u>
	\$ 135.46

In First Federal

C. D.'s: We have one \$1,000.00 C.D.
(Van Walton gave, now worth \$ 1,210.48

In Franklin Federal

We have one 10,000.00 C. D.
and four 1,000.00 C. D.'s

that are paying their interest into our operating budget.

We have in Franklin Federal

2 \$1,000.00 C. D.'s accruing interest, now worth \$ 1,256.79 each

9. (Treasurer's Report, Cont.)

Loan Account at Franklin Savings and Loan on Educational Wing	
Balance Jan. 1, 1976	\$82,722.30
Balance, Dec. 31, 1976	\$79,069.63

Stella Morrison, Treasurer

REPORT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY

General Receipts:

Pledged	\$20,545.55
Other Individuals	3,350.71
Loose Plate	600.73
Sunday School	64.71
Interest on Certificate of Deposits	947.26
Congregational Child Development Center	1,587.83
Austin Ind. Community Church (now MCC-Austin)	185.55
Garage Sales	1,636.00
Mars Hill	250.00
Union of Graduate Students	70.00
People's Community Clinic	1,200.00
Early Childhood Program	331.00
Integral Yoga Teaching Ctr.	30.00
Reimburse Expenses	266.17
Total	\$31,090.51

Other Funds

17/76	\$1,727.50
Our Christian World Mission	3,202.20
One Great Hour of Sharing	219.00
75th Anniversary Fund	186.81
Guatamala Relief Fund	25.00
Defray Cost of Envelopes	2.25
Sunday School Books	2.50
AMA Overseas Campaign	20.00
Hunger Fund	10.00
Mrs. Erna Seeliger Memorial	20.00
Veterans of the Cross	31.00
Slumber Falls for Retreats	820.00
Mary E. Cassel Memorial	130.00
Fred E. Cole Memorial	20.00
Travel Equalization Fund for South Central Conference, Reimburse	64.80
Study Fund (Trenckmann), Taken from CD	1,044.07
Neighbors in Need	109.25
Carpet Fund	313.00
Child and Family for Food	3.11
Total	7,951.49

Total Receipts for year

-John Camden, F.S. \$39,041.00

(Pastor's Note-The proposed 1977 Budget is included as part of the reports for your convenience. Office expenses were higher than we have budgeted for 1977. With the short support in pledges, we should consider the following for the Minister's salary: Base-\$9,000.00; Annuity-\$1,180.00; Tax Shelter to Annuity Fund-\$1,000, Health & Disability Insurance-\$1,300; Car Allowance-\$790; Housing and Utility Allowance-\$3,000 for a total of \$16,270 which is still a \$600 increase. We do hope that you respond to the special offering for the hospital chaplaincy at Brackenridge too.)

Add to income-Kirby Hall School Book Sale 25.00

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BUDGET PROPOSAL 1977

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
<u>Pastoral Leadership</u>		
Salary	9400	9600
Annuity	1320	1386
Tax Shelter		1014
Health & Disability Insurance	1250	1300
Car allowance	720	790
Housing Allowance (includes util.)	<u>3000</u>	<u>3000</u>
	15,690	17,090
<u>Local Church Programs</u>		
Music for Worship	650	900
Christian Education Materials	100	100
Office Supplies, Postage	550	450
Church Utilities	3000	3200
Church Property Maintenance	800	800
Janitorial Supplies	100	100
Church Telephone	200	330
Church Insurance (Liability)	232	272
Conference Delegates Expenses	100	150
Nursery Attendants	150	150
Expenses to Camps, Institutes, etc.	25	25
Safe Deposit Box	20	20
Bond for Financial Officers	9	9
Miscellaneous	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
	5986	6556
<u>Cooperative Responsibilities</u>		
United Urban Council	55	60
Brazos Assoc. Dues	60	60
Austin Conference of Churches	30	30
Texas Conference of Churches	10	10
National Council of Churches	10	10
World Council of Churches	5	5
Regional Seminary Support	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>
	200	205
<u>Mortgage Payments - New Wing</u>	9660	10032
<u>TOTAL LOCAL BUDGET</u>	<u>31,536</u>	<u>33,883</u>
<u>Our Christian World Mission</u>		
OCWM, undesignated	3000	3000
Eden Home for the Aged	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
	3400	3400
<u>Non-Pledged Income</u>		
Early Childhood Program	--	450
Loose Plate Offerings	700	700
People's Community Clinic	1920	2400
Other Churches	120	400
Other Groups	--	150
Interest from C. D.'s.	945	970
(Child Development Center)	<u>2244</u>	<u>--</u>
	5929	5070

This budget is presented for your approval with the stipulation that monies can be used from existing C. D.'s up to but not exceeding \$ 8,848.00 to meet the 1977 budget.

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MISSIONS AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Copies of a mission study guide, "Southeast Christians Speak Out: Hope and Despair in Many Lands" were purchased and used in the Adult Church School Class. Members of the Committee presented "Moments of Concern" at church services during the year. On September 21, the committee met with Dr. Mathis Blackstock, Director of Enlistment, and arrangements were made for brief presentations at Sunday services concerning the work and needs of local institutions and agencies.

-James C. Perkins

PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CLINIC

Well folks...1976 has been a good year for the People's Community Clinic. Despite some minor ups and downs we've managed to keep our doors open to people who need health care and that's what we're all here for. We still have to turn away over 200 people a month because we're just not big enough to meet the needs of all the people who can't afford the cost of health care, but we do provide high quality care to 700 to 800 people each month. This year our focus has been on increasing the quality of the care we provide rather than the numbers of individuals we see (which is limited by space, equipment and money.) We are continuing to place emphasis on patient education and preventive health care measures in the hope that we can work to improve the health of the community.

There haven't been too many big events this year nor any major changes in the way that the Clinic operates. Our Clinic benefit in February was a big success, and we received a lot of support from members of the Austin community. As you all know, the daytime staff moved to the basement of the church annex. The new space has been a real boon to the Clinic. Now the old Clinic space can be used during the daytime for classes and meetings, and the day staff has a quiet place to work. The Board is currently investigating possibilities for first aid courses and other activities to utilize the Clinic space during the day.

There have been a lot of comings and goings midst our staff this past year. Char Dison, the former director, went to work for Legal Aid, and Susan Raleigh took her place. David Crain is medical records person, and Kathy Anderson took his place as Title XX screener. Triny Yates-knepp is the new office person, and Bob Lavigne is our new admissions coordinator. Our nurses Mary Barnett and Marie Draudt moved on (Mary still works on prenatal night, and Jan Oros is the new nurse supervisor. Jan is currently in Florida at a nurse practitioner's training program. Alicia Jarry is back from her training in California and is full of the latest info. Oly Cjnrad, our bookkeeper, had a healthy baby boy named Christopher Ian in late November. Despite all the changes, the Clinic seems to move along of its own accord, and we're all doing fine down here in the basement.

One major accomplishment of 1976 was the setting up of a new medical records system which we had been thinking about and needing for a long time. David Crain masterminded the new system, and it's great. We can now find specific kinds of information when we need it and conduct better follow-up on our patients--in general it helps us give more comprehensive health care.

Financially we're doing fine...Pretty much holding our own on that front. We have been really lucky with all the support that we have received and just hope that it will continue so that our doors can stay hopen. Looking towards the future from the present, no major changes or expansions are foreseen and for now we'll be staying within the limits of the space and money that's available to us.

As always. . . a big THANKS to all of you in the church congregation who help make the Clinic possible -- we appreciate our home in the basement and so do the members of the community wh use the Clinic. Thanks. . . and warm wishes for 1977 to all of you.

-The Staff.

ADDENDUM- No report from Women's Association which gave so much in leadership as well as money through the years for they lack enough members to meet. We are having a meditation and dream interpretation group about to form, but not organized enough to provide a report. The Social Action Committee did give some moments of concern, and we post Washington Reports on the bulletin board. Some of our speakers bring us social concerns.

BUILDING USERS: Early Childhood Program meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 12:30. Parents of the children form the Board of Directors except for Sara Ross and the pastor. The basic approach is a relational, learning program including some two year olds. They pay us \$30 a month but took up a special offering which totaled \$200 and paid half of the cost of waxing the floor. Metropolitan Community Church-Austin has an office on the second floor, worships at 2:00 p.m. each Sunday, will have Bible study on Thursday nights, and has had sign language classes in the church. They are primarily a homosexual group. Mars Hill continues to use our worship area on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m. except when we need the area. They donated \$300 for a new rug above the money they gave for utilities etc. Both Mars Hill and MCC-Austin have helped by doing clean-up chores for us. On Monday nights the Hatha Yoga group has two sessions. On Tuesday night People's Clinic has a Lemaze course for expectant couples that is free. The Sufi Dancers, a meditation group, will start using the Fellowship Room on Wednesdays but are now coming on Thursdays. Two unions, the Graduate Students Union and workers at the Co-op and other stores meet on our second floor from time to time and keep some materials there. Our building really serves the community not counting book sales, loans on special occasions etc.

AGENDA

Worship lead by the pastor

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Reports from Committees, ad hoc groups, areas of concern not printed?

Old Business (if any)

New Business

1. Election of Officers, Board, and Committee Members plus representatives to other organizations.
2. Spring Retreat. Slumber Falls reserved for March 18-20.
3. By-Law Change: Art. I, Section II: delete the words "...shall make appropriate communications to a meeting of the Church. After favorable vote by the church, membership becomes effective with the formal reception ceremony which must take place within sixty days after the church has voted."; Insert the words "... may arrange for the formal reception of the new members."
If you pass the above, the Deacons and Deaconess will have to vote approval for church membership, but the church as a whole will not.
4. Film strip about chaplaincy programs plus slides about Back Bay Mission
5. 1977 Budget. (See recommendations from Trustees and recommendation from the minister.)