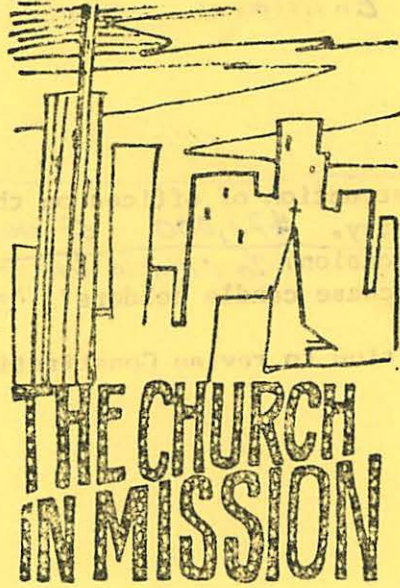


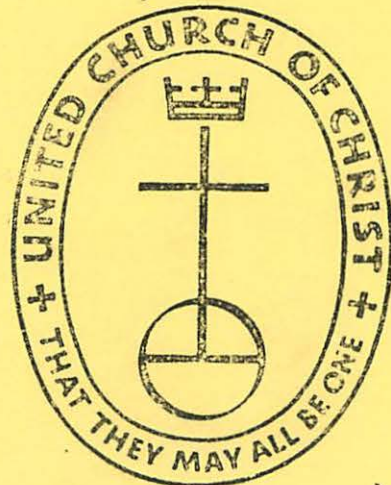
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# ANNUAL REPORTS



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AUSTIN



Jan. 27, 1980

AGENDA

- 3:00 p.m. Meeting Called to Order ✓  
Devotions ✓  
Minutes of the previous meeting. ✓  
Review of Reports (any questions, differing opinions, statements etc.) ✓  
Any reports from committees or organizations not included in the Annual Reports?  
Any old business? *Social Action Enlistment see p. 3 bottom.*

New Business.

1. Election of Officers ✓
  2. Discussion and Vote on construction of offices on the third floor and leasing to United Campus Ministry. *\$28,000 5-year lease, 10-yr. loan*
  3. Tapestry to be loaned on occasion? *To J. Hinkle Johnson, 1 time.*
  4. Use of Memorial Fund to purchase candle holders? *Motion carried.*
  5. 1980 Budget.
  6. Any other business? (Committee to revise Constitution?)
- They pay utilities & loan payment, architect Hugo Kuehne*
- Trustees disposal of 3rd floor accum. Windows, 8 remain. trustees authorized to repair*



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT  
 JANUARY 27, 1980

*Elected by  
 Acclamation.*

ONE YEAR TERMS

	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Write-In</u>
Moderator	Weldon Scheel	WELDON SCHEEL	_____
Clerk	Mathis Blackstock	TOMMIE PINKARD	_____
Treasurer	Stella Morrison	STELLA MORRISON	_____
Financial Secretary	John Camden	JOHN CAMDEN	_____
Church School Superintendent	Ruth & Alan Case	RUTH & ALAN CASE	_____
Director of Enlistment	Tommie Pinkard	DOYAL PINKARD	_____
Historian & Archivist	Hildegard Everett	HILDEGARD EVERETT	_____
Music Committee Chairman	Marie Scheel	MARIE SCHEEL	_____
Publicity Committee Chairman	Dawn DeLong	BILLIE BESS SAUSTRUP	_____
Youth Members			
Board of Trustees	Debra Appel	PAUL SAUSTRUP	_____
	Andrew Ross	CHERYL APPEL	_____
Board of Deacons & Deaconesses	Cheryl Appel	DEBRA APPEL	_____
	David Pinkard		_____
Lay Representatives			
Church Women United of Austin	Effie Wylie	EFFIE WYLIE	_____
Austin Conference of Churches	Judy Cole	JUDY COLE	_____
	Weldon Scheel	WELDON SCHEEL	_____
United Urban Council Delegates	Kathy Strong	KATHY STRONG	_____
	Flo Chiles	FLO CHILES	_____
Delegate to Brazos Association Council	John Towery	JEAN CASSEL	_____

THREE-YEAR TERMS

Board of Trustees	1977-1979	Leslie Ashton Henry Moore	
	1978-1980	Catherine Hubbs Victor Appel (rpl.)	RIZER EVERETT
	1979-1981	Tamya Isenberg Eunice Paul	
	1980-1982		JIM BUSICK HENRY MOORE
Board of Deacons & Deaconesses	1978-80	Jean Cassel Clark Hubbs	
	1979-81	Fran Briggs David Ross	
	1980-82		FRAN CARLSON ALAN CASE
Nominating Committee	1978-1980	Marie Clark	
	1979-1981	Rollin Russell	
	1980-1982		PAT OAKES
Religious Education Committee	1978-1980	Robert Paul	
	1979-1981	Marilyn Stephens	
	1980-1982		BRUCE CARLSON
Social Action Committee	1978-1980	Kim Dotson	
	1979-1981	Doyal Pinkard	
	1980-1982		JIM STRICKLAND
Missions & Stewardship Committee	1978-1980	Hudson Phillips, Jr.	
	1979-1981	Betsy Russell	
	1980-1982		MARY MASTERS
Delegate to S. Central Conf.	1979-1981	Kim Dotson	



## BOARD OF DEACONS AND DEACONESSES

At the beginning of the year members of the board were: Sara and David Ross (co-chair), Fran Briggs (secretary), Mathis Blackstock (Church clerk), John Towery (Pastor), Cheryl Appel, Allan Case, Carrie Coleman, and Clark Hubbs. Jean Cassel was elected to replace Carrie Coleman who resigned early in the year. *David Pinkard.*

The board met on Feb. 7, April 4, April 25, May 30, Aug. 29, Sept. 26, Oct. 23, and Nov. 27, 1979, and Jan. 4, 1980. During the meetings our concerns were of two types: 1) routine organizational business, such as arranging to serve communion, and 2) deeper questions concerning the spiritual development of the church. Unfortunately, we tended to leave the latter questions until late in each meeting and thus not give them adequate attention. This situation, for which we as chairpersons feel largely responsible, needs improvement.

For example, one of the major events of the year was the retreat held at Rockledge, Lake Travis, on March 17 to evaluate church goals. Under the leadership of Vic Appel, those who attended produced numerous suggestions for defining and implementing goals. These have been read and discussed briefly at board meetings, but so far we have taken little action. A second example is the study of the meaning of worship and evaluation of our services. This, too, was briefly discussed, with resources and leadership provided by John Towery. A number of suggestions were made concerning order of worship, choice of hymns, use of responsive readings, etc. Some of these have been implemented, but we have not yet undertaken a systematic study.

We believe that to examine such topics seriously and take action will require entire evenings and more. Perhaps board meetings every other month could be devoted to them, with alternate meetings for regular business.

This year, the practice of serving communion on the first Sunday of each month was continued. The exceptions were April, when a communion and tenebrae service was held on Maundy Thursdays, and the summer months of July and September.

The ushering teams were chosen by Dave Ross, who has begun a post-card reminder system. We want to express our appreciation to all those who are serving this year. Most Sundays we have had an acolyte, provided by the Cases' church school class, to light and extinguish the candles. This practice needs to be reevaluated, however, because not very many children want to volunteer.

Guest speakers have again been an almost-monthly feature of our worship. Speakers have been: Mr. Volma Overton of the NAACP, Rev. Dr. Rachel Henderlite, Prof. of Christian Education Emeritus at Austin Presbyterian Seminary and President of Consultation on Church Union, Dr. Howard Miller Assoc. Prof. of History at UT on the topic "Cults in the American Religious Experience, Rev. Mr. Charles Cox of Texas Bible Chair (Disciples) on "Baptised With the Holy Spirit, Mr. Munther Dajani on the Muslim Faith, Ms. Barbara Greer, appointed staff for Church Leadership and Program Development for Missouri Conference, on "Leaving Home, the Rev. Edwin Kloppe on labor and management, and the Rev. Rollin Russell on the General Synod of UCC. Because some members felt that "talk-backs" are disruptive to worship, we tried having them during and after the coffee hour with only fair success. We welcome suggestions from the congregation.

Many of our members, both ministers and lay persons, led or assisted in worship. Rev. Dr. Robert Paul along with John Towery and Ms. Kim Dotson held a Good Friday Service, April 13, for the first time in several years. Dr. Paul also led the worship and lectured on Christology on Dec. 16 and led a special service with communion on Christmas Day. The Rev. Herman Johnson and Mr. Bruce Carlson conducted services on May 20 and Sept. 2, respectively, when we had guest speakers. Mr. Carlson also led the worship and preached on Dec. 23rd. On Laity Sunday, Oct. 14th, Rizer Everett provided the sermon, while Garry Cole, Allan Case, Fran Briggs, and Cathy Hubbs assisted with the service. Of special note is Youth Sunday, May 27th when the Sunday School classes presented the entire service! We are fortunate indeed to have so many talented and articulate members.

The annual Christmas candle-lighting service was held on Dec. 16. Judy Cole, Fran Briggs, and Sara Ross decorated the Church, with essential advice and supplies provided by Hildegard Everett. We were again fortunate to have a Christmas party

hosted by the Oakes family, following the service.

We were pleased to welcome several new members this year: the Reverend and Mrs. Herman Johnson, Mr. James Strickland, Mrs. Frances Towery, Mr. & Mrs. James Busick, Mrs. Frances Carlson, and, as an associate member, Mr. Bruce Carlson.

A new pastor's class has been formed, together with Trinity Church. Our young people participating are: Jon Briggs, Paula Briggs, Cathy Camden, Lana Harris, Beth Oakes, and Stephen Russell. We look forward to welcoming them into membership next year.

Besides the retreat at Rockledge, mentioned previously, two recreational retreats were held at Slumber Falls, April 7-8 and Oct. 20-21. Special thanks are due to Eleanor Towery, Frances Towery, Judy Cole, and Sara Ross for arranging for us to be fed. Recreational retreats for 1980 are scheduled for Mar. 8 and 9 and Oct. 18 and 19.

Other activities included several potluck suppers and Friday Forums. We particularly want to mention the program provided by the Sunday School for the Christmas supper on Dec. 14. We have tried to divide these evenings roughly equally between study of important issues, such as the plight of the Palestinians, and purely social affairs with travel slides. Some scheduling difficulties were encountered, owing to conflicts with symphony concerts, etc.

Perhaps the highlight of both the old and the new year is the work of the church renovation committee. The woodwork and the wall hanging are now in place, and a dedication service was held on Jan. 6, 1980. The committee worked long and hard to bring this about. Special thanks are due to Dawn DeLong, Vic Appel, and O Hinkle Johnson for the thoughts which they brought to the dedication service.

The telephone committee, to inform members of special events has been reorganized and consists of the following people: Judy Cole (chair), Jean Appel, Fran Briggs, Allan Case, Mary Masters, Sara Ross, Frances Towery, and Effie Wiley. We want to express our appreciation to Cathy Hubbs, who has retired after chairing this committee for several years.

Marie Clark and Hildegard Everett have arranged informally for members to provide food for church families during emergencies.

Finally, we want to thank all those who have helped to make our worship services and activities meaningful, particularly Marie Scheel, Earl Cornwell, LaVerne Johnston, and Marilyn Harris for the music they provided every week, and Hildegard Everett for the flower arrangements.

-Sara and David Ross, co-chair.

#### CLERK'S REPORT

Present membership as of 12-31-79	130
Membership of church on 1-1-79	127
New Members received (One Associate Member received)	7
Members transferred to other churches	3
Death	1

I wish to express thanks to the pastor for his support and guidance throughout the year, as well as to other members who helped in various ways.

-Mathis Blackstock, Clerk

#### UNITED URBAN COUNCIL

Flo Chiles, Kathy Strong, and John Towery represent the Congregational Church at the United Urban Council. The Council meets every 2 months. The location of the meeting is at a different church or agency each month so that different parts of Austin will be visited. Each of our delegates participated this year both as a member of a committee to review funding requests for an applicant agency. Flo and Kathy evaluated and approved the funding request of Meals on Wheels. John (see) evaluated Rape Crisis Center. John is Vice President of the Council for 1980 (P. 7)

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1980

	1979	1980
<u>Pastoral Leadership</u>		
Salary	\$10,000.	\$10,000.
Annuity	2,954.	1,617.
Annuity, Tax Shelter		1,892.
Health Insurance	1,216.	1,360.
Family Protection Plan	130.	130.
Car Allowance	850.	1,020.
Continuing Education	200.	200.
Housing Allowance (Including Utilities)	3,600.	4,700.
	18,950.	20,919.
<u>Local Church Programs</u>		
Music for Worship	1,650.	1,660.
Christian Education Materials	250.	250.
Office Supplies, Postage	750.	1,000.
Church Utilities	3,400.	3,900.
Church Property Maintenance	7,000.	1,000.
Janitorial Supplies and Service	1,800.	550.
Church Telephone	250.	250.
Conference Delegate Expense	150.	210.
Expenses to Camps, Workshops	200.	
Safe Deposit Box	26.	26.
Bond for Financial Officers (3 yrs.@ \$15. Due 1981)		
A. D. or Youth for New Members	100.	100.
Advertising	400.	400.
Pulpit Supply and/or Speakers	240.	240.
Church Liability Insurance	210.	(In Bldg. Pay)
Miscellaneous		50.
	16,426.	9,736.
		\$ 15,896
<u>Cooperative Responsibilities</u>		
United Urban Council	200.	240.
Brazos Assoc. Dues	70.	96.
Austin Conf. of Churches (50.00 Hospital Chaplain 20.00 Jail Chaplain)	100.	100.
Texas Conf. of Churches	10.	10.
National Council of Churches	10.	10.
World Council of Churches	5.	10.
Regional Seminary Support	200.	300.
Eden Home	400.	480.
United Campus Ministry	200.	200.
Yale Divinity School	100.	100.
	1,295.	1,546.
Mortgage Payments on New Wing	10,032.	10,200.
Total Local Budget	46,703.	42,401.
<u>Estimated Non-Pledged Income for Local Budget</u>		
Early Childhood Program	1,600.	2,025.
Loose Plate Offerings	700.	700.
People's Community Clinic	3,600.	3,960.
Other Church Groups Using Building	650.	500.
Other Groups		200.
Interest from C D's	1,000.	800.
Garage Sales	1,700.	1,800.
Non-Pledged Giving	4,000.	4,000.
	13,250.	13,985.
		19,985
Needed from Pledges or Reserves	33,953.	28,416.

*repair of windows not paid in 1979.*

*add windows 7,000*

*Add Nursery attendant \$160*

*from C.D.'s \$6000 for windows*

*\$28,576*

(Pledges are 39 for Local \$22,509 and 30 for OCWM 4,816.)  
(Minister's Health Ins. will be 1,164. Early Childhood 1,125 or 1,450. income)

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

1979 General Receipts	\$36,922.09	
Other:		
Our Christian World Mission	4,273.53	
Witness Shares	397.00	
Memorial Fund	636.50	
Special Gift-Rug	750.00	
One Great Hour of Sharing	593.38	
Faith Food Pantry	80.00	
Neighbors in Need	74.00	
American Indians	5.00	
eden Home	5.00	
Slumber Falls	282.50	
Hunger Fund (UCC)	25.00	
Veterans of the Cross	59.00	
Church World Service (Cambodia Relief)	650.50	
	<u>7,831.41</u>	(a)
Total Deposits		44,753.50
	-John Camden	

## TREASURER'S REPORT

In the Bank, Jan. 1, 1979	\$1,432.35
Deposited, 1979	44,753.50
Transferred from Savings	3,794.98
Transferred from Memorial Fund	1,700.00
	<u>\$51,680.83</u>

Itemization		
Pastoral Leadership	18,775.50	
Local Church Programs	10,659.57	
Payments on New Wing	10,044.00	
Memorial Fund	636.50	✓
OCWM Undesignated	4,273.53	✓
One Great Hour of Sharing	593.38	✓
Witness Shares	397.00	✓
Neighbors in Need	74.00	✓
Veterans of the Cross	59.00	✓
American Indians	5.00	✓
Hunger Fund	25.00	✓
Faith Food Pantry	80.00	✓
Cooperative Responsibilities	1,326.25	
Sanctuary Renovation (Pulpit etc.)	1,700.00	
Cambodian Relief	650.50	✓
Rug (Special Gift)	711.72	✓
Total Expenses, 1979	<u>50,010.95</u>	
Bank Bal. 12/31/79		1,669.88

Pastoral Leadership, 1979	
Salary	10,000.00
Annuity	2,461.00
, Tax Shelter	826.00
Health Insurance	913.50
Family Protection Plan	70.00
Car Expense	850.00
Housing Allowance	3,600.00
Continuing Education	55.00
	<u>\$18,775.50</u>

50,010.95  
 - 7,831.41 (a)  
42,179.54\*  
 - 36,922.09  
5,257.45  
 - 1,700.00  
3,557.45  
 1,669.88

\* local spent  
 of budget of  
 \$46,703.  
 Difference is  
 mainly janitor  
 & maintenance

Local Programs, 1979

Music for Worship		\$1,420.00
Christian Education		263.15
Office Supplies and Postage		1,084.91
Adler Typewriter		450.00
Water, Power, Garbarage etc.	2,752.25	
Gas	1,081.63	3,833.88
Maintenance	399.69	
Repair to Roof	150.00	549.69
Spraying for Insects		52.00
Janitor Supplies and Service		338.11
Telephone		256.95
Conference Delegates Expense		125.50
Church Insurance		82.00
Camps & Workshops		0
Retreat		404.60
Safe Deposit Box		26.00
Bond		0
A.D. or Youth Magazine		0
Advertising		30.00
Pulpit Supply-Speakers		140.00
Miscellaneous		0
Nursery Attendant		156.00
Sump Pump for Basement		1,118.00
Stacking Chairs for Fellowship Room		328.78
		<u>\$10,659.57</u>

Cooperative Responsibilities, 1979

United Urban Council		\$200.00
Brazos Association		96.25
Austin Conference of Churches		100.00
Texas Conference of Churches		10.00
National Council of Churches		10.00
World Council of Churches		5.00
Regional Seminary Support		200.00
Eden Homee		405.00*
United Campus Ministry		200.00
Yale Divinity School		100.00
		<u>\$1,326.25</u>

\* \$5.00 for Eden Home given as special gift.

## Certificates of Deposit (All paying into the General Fund)

At Franklin Savings		
Four \$1,000 Certificates @ 5 3/4%		\$4,000.00
One \$10,000 Certificate @ 7 1/2% → money market Feb.		10,000.00
One \$8,000 Certificate @ 6 1/2%		8,000.00
At First Federal Savings		
One \$1,200.00 Certificate @ 7 1/2%		1,200.00

Total in C.D.'s

#23,200.

## Loan on New Wing at Franklin Savings

Bal. Owed Jan. 1, 1979		\$70,983.60
Interest Paid		4,654.77
Escrow		919.20
		<u>76,557.57</u>

1979 Payments @\$837. a month

Balance Owed on 12/31/79		10,044.00
		<u>\$66,513.57</u>
Memorial Fund, Jan. 1, 1979		\$1,908.96
Deposited, 1979		636.50
Interest Earned		97.88
Transferred to Operating Fund		1,700.00
Bal. 12/31/79		943.34

-Stella Morrison.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members of the Board of Trustees for the year were: Victor Appel, Leslie Ashton, Don Hancock, replaced by Eunice Paul, Catherine Hubbs, Tamya Isenberg, Danny Masters, replaced by Henry Moore, youth members Debra Appel and Andy Ross; ex-officio members Mathis Blackstock, John Camden, Stella Morrison.

During the year the Church has been enriched by some generous gifts. John McNeely assigned the Church as the beneficiary of his estate. And Mathis Blackstock gave monies for the purchase of a rug in the Fellowship Room. These monies were also applied as partial payment for stackable chairs. In addition, memorial funds were used to finance some major improvements in the Sanctuary. After extensive efforts of a Chancel Renovation Subcommittee, chaired by Dawn DeLong, with the architectural consultation of Donna Lane, a new pulpit, altar, communion, and aris tapestry were custom-made and installed at a special dedication service, and two chancel chairs were refinished to coordinate with the other furnishings.

This has been a rollercoaster year. We started out the year hopeful. By midyear it appeared we were in relatively better financial condition than usual, but by the last quarter it became evident that our monies were not coming in as anticipated, and we ended the year with a deficit of almost \$3,800, which we covered by drawing on our savings. While this deficit is no immediate threat, due to reserves which the Church has of about \$20,000, we do think the situation is a cause for concern. And this is especially true because our pledges for 1980 are substantially lower than pledges at this same time last year.

A Budget Subcommittee, composed of Stella Morrison, Eunice Paul, John Towery, and chaired by Vic Appel, with John Camden serving ex officio, drew up a tentative budget for the coming year.

A janitor was engaged by directive of the Annual Meeting: Paul-Kloppe, University of Texas student, at a rate of \$10 a week, a considerable saving over what professional services would have cost.

During the past year there were extensive repairs made. The largest project, our stained-glass windows, is still in progress. The Renaissance Glass Company has been contracted with to repair as needed each of the stained-glass windows in the Fellowship Room and Sanctuary. In addition to the repair and cleaning of each window, a protective glass covering is being installed. This glass covering still permits the windows to be operable. Because of flooding in the basement of the Church, caused by heavy rains, it was necessary to install a sump pump at a cost of about \$1,200. Additional repairs were needed for the Clinic. Because of continuing plumbing stoppages, an improved access line to the sewer pipe had to be built. Cost for this operation was shared with the Clinic.

During 1979 a major item of office equipment was purchased to enable our Pastor and his helpers to carry out church business with greater efficiency. This was an Adler electric typewriter, partially financed by the turn-in of our old machine.

A major responsibility of the Board has been and will continue to be, the supervision of the agencies who share the church property with us and the coordination of their needs with ours so that the sometimes competing functions can mesh smoothly. Several steps were taken during the year to facilitate communication and mutual expectancies. Utilizing the legal expertise of Board member Henry Moore a more comprehensive and legally valid lease was drawn up for the two resident agencies, the Early Childhood Program and the People's Community Clinic. The leases were amended so as to be suitable to both parties and were set up to extend from June first through May thirty-first of each year.

A third agency may seem to be added to the others, utilizing some of our facilities. After much discussion a preliminary agreement has been reached with United Campus Ministry of Austin, an ecumenical college student group, to occupy the third floor of our education wing. To do so, of course, will require extensive construction of the largely unfinished third floor area. A special subcommittee

composed of John Camden, Rizer Everett, and Mel Oakes, has been involved in negotiations with UCMA aimed at: 1) engaging an architect; 2) drawing up acceptable plans; 3) obtaining cost estimates; 4) arranging financing; 5) securing assurances of at least a five-year occupancy; 6) ascertaining that construction plans suitable to UCMA could be readily converted for our purposes upon UCMA's vacating; and 7) assuring that preliminary feasibility, mortgage, and insurance costs are covered by the leasing agreement.

The above matters surely reflect an active church. We are building and developing during a period when this Church and others will be sorely pressed by the rising costs of operation. Thus the optimism deriving from our active development must be tempered by the sobering challenge of increasing inflationary trends. Every one of us needs to be concerned with finding solutions to these pressures.

-Vic Appel, chair Catherine Hubbs, secretary.

UNITED URGAN COUNCIL (cont. from p. 2)

In 1979 the Council eliminated funding of two of the more controversial agencies, Gay Community Services and El Centro Chicano. GCS was found to have adequate funding from other sources. The debate around funding GCS forced the Council to examine its position on homosexuality and prompted several large churches (ed. 2) to resign from the Council. Only one resigning church now remains outside the Council, and it cooperates with the Council and funds several of the agencies. El Centro Chicano did not cooperate with the Council in documenting its services and budget. Its involvement with the Brown Berets was not condoned by the Council. However, the Council continues to give priority to funding service to ethnic minorities through such services as the East Austin Community Developer, El Buen Pastor Day Care Center, a Hispanic Task Force, and Friendship Center in Montopolis.

During the past year greater emphasis has been placed on the involvement and education of Council delegates regarding the activities of the Council and the agencies that it funds. Our delegates plan to work through John Towery, in his position as Vice President, toward making all delegates more knowledgeable and conversant about the agencies we sponsor and the organization of the council itself. It has been felt that delegates were often making decisions from a position of little knowledge.

We also plan to continue writing summaries of Council-sponsored agencies for the church newsletter.

-Flo Chiles and Kathy Strong.

THE PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CLINIC

Thanks to the generous cooperation and support of the Congregational Church, this year People's Community Clinic will celebrate its 10th anniversary of providing medical services to the Austin community.

These ten years have been filled with change and growth. Starting as a volunteer clinic with mattresses on the floor in 1970, we have evolved to being a funded agency operating six different clinics under your roof. The mattresses have been removed; exam rooms have been constructed. While we still rely heavily on our volunteer staff, we also have a core staff of salaried employees.

A review of all our changes would take a book. Instead I will outline the services we currently offer. On Monday evenings we provide general medical care; on Tuesday nights, prenatal services; Wednesday and Thursday nights are for gynecology and birth control. Thursday afternoons we have a Late Prenatal Clinic for women 7 or more months pregnant who have not received prenatal care. Saturday mornings we see teenagers for medical care, gynecology, and birth control. Pregnancy testing is done Monday through Thursday nights and Saturday mornings, too. In addition to these medical clinics we also offer sexuality counseling, LaMaze classes and Parenting classes; fertility awareness classes (also known as Natural Family Planning); and education presentations to the Austin community.

Financial support for these projects is provided by contracts with the City of Austin (\$32,944), Travis County (\$29,927), and the Department of Human Resources

(\$77,700); a grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for \$100,000; and patients' fees and donations of about \$25,000. Unfortunately, national trends have led to a cutback of our support. Our actual financial needs are not being met at these funding levels. We are hopeful, however, that this trend will be reversed, and we will soon be back on solid ground.

On behalf of the patients, staff and Boards of People's Community Clinic, I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the Congregational Church for your support and cooperation over the past ten years. And, as the rain beats outside, for the sump pump.

Janice H. Friese, Executive Director.

#### PASTOR'S REPORT

While I am not a financial expert, I thought that it might be helpful to note with you some of the factors about this past year and our prospects for the coming year. We did receive about the same amount of income in 1979 as in 1978 if we do not include the one special gift of \$10,000. Income for 1978 then would have been \$36,751.90 as compared to \$36,922.09 in 1979. Yet we used \$3,794.98 from our reserves in 1979. We did purchase a typewriter for \$450, chairs for \$290 (the difference from what was left after purchasing the rug and the actual cost of the chairs), and \$1,118, <sup>for a sump pump</sup> and the local church programs were \$8,801.57 in 79 after those items were removed; however, 1978 spent \$8,377.62 for local church programs after taking out the costs of fire repair \$5,553.36 plus \$174; hymnals \$268.50; typewriter (traded in on the 79 Adler) \$250; Addressograph \$417. and not including advertising costs which were not in the budget that year.

Our increases have been in Pastoral Leadership and Cooperative Responsibilities. Pastoral Leadership cost \$17,233.50 in 78 and \$18,775.50 in 79. Cooperative Responsibilities increased from \$1,259.50 in 1978 to \$1,326.25 in 1979. We increased expenditures \$2,032.70 in our main budget categories in 1979 plus spending \$1,858 for the non-budgeted items. We are some \$6,000 short of our 1980 budget as far as pledges are concerned, and we will be almost a \$1,000 short in anticipated income from Early Childhood Program. Unless our income increases we face a prospect of using even more reserves in 1979. We do have some realistic expectations of better income in some areas, but we are taking a risk. Oddly enough completion of the third floor does not seem to be very risky from a financial perspective. The proposal is that payments from United Campus Ministry will cover the financing and the utilities. Our main fiscal concern is where can we obtain the approximately \$30,000 that we will need.

When we note a shortage in our support financially for the coming year, we are tempted to think of new members as an answer, and we are thinking of what they can do for us and not what we can do for them. We need to do a better job of orienting our new members and discovering ways in which we can offer support to one another. We will be seeking monthly meetings of our dream interpretations and meditative prayer. We have enough for one group now but could always start a second group. We hope to have 10 to 12 of us for Eugene March's bible study course. Discussion about meeting in areas of the city to know one another better and even visiting a family or two just to know each other better. We also would hope that either the Nominating Committee, Deaconess and Deacons, or a special task force to act as a talent scout for us. We hope to have the Religious Education Committee and our Church School Superintendents make a study of our educational needs and available resources. We have some of our members involved in Austin Conference of Churches and volunteer efforts, but we could seek to correlate our abilities and our opportunities to enable those of us who can to serve as volunteers. Even our Stewardship could be a bit better organized, and we look for a Mission Alive person to help us know more about what we are doing and what we could be doing here in throughout the world.

Our cooperation with Trinity United Church continues in a Confirmation class which meets each Sunday and will continue until Palm Sunday of 1981. We also will work on a Values Seminar in the area of Human Sexuality in Feb. or 1980 after Beth Russell and Doyal Pinkard had special training in 1979 with

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Martha Roebuck from Trinity UCC. We suspect that other opportunities of sharing will present themselves in the future.

The sharing of our abilities is the gift that makes our fellowship something especially meaningful to us. We hope to have a new directory published in the not too distant future, and it should provide us with knowledge of ways in which we can be of assistance to each other. Our church is particularly blessed in the number of persons who can lead worship, preach, and do many things for the church. We hope that we can work more diligently this coming year to involve more of us in meaningful ways. The church newsletter should be even more of a group achievement, and we look for ways in which your talents can benefit us all.

The possibility of United Campus Ministry using our building and working more closely with all of the university neighborhood churches can create some exciting possibilities. Many of us now join University Christian in their Soup and Sandwich ministry, and we need to examine ways in which we can invite others to share with us. We tried to invite others to examine the patterns of segregation in Austin with us with no response. We did not become enthused about the street dances which used our patio, but we have not sought ways in which we might use jazz bands, folk singers, or drama presentations on Earth Day or Sun Day to emphasize with Campus Ministry and other churches the stewardship of what we as a people have been given.

We are hopeful not only for more involvement of more of us, but we hope for more activity from our committees. We hope that they will try to meet at least every other month to plan programs or presentations. We look for Social Action to present issues in the presidential campaign and what the school board race really offers to us. We hope the Mission and Stewardship Committee will continue and improve its challenge to us. Our giving to OCWM has raised dramatically over the past few years, but it could be even better.

As a church we have much to be proud of. We worked last year at some goals or concerns, and we have achieved some of them. We hope to achieve others. By this fall we need a task force to begin to set up a study in the spring of 1981 where we will work even more carefully and perhaps develop a five year plan for ourselves.

To summarize some of my hopes for 1981. At least ten more family units in the church, and a better endeavor to make the church more meaningful in their lives. More efforts to make our faith alive while respecting our differences. More involvement of our members and our committees this year, and more careful work for long range planning.

Our thanks to you for the expressions of love at the picnic and the knowledge of your support through the years. We hope that together we will be able to serve even more effectively.

-John Towery, Pastor

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last June's Children's Service was the focal point of the Spring 1979 Sunday School Session. Each child had an active part in the service which was followed by a family picnic at West Enfield Park.

The 1979-80 Sunday School year brought approximately the same number of students and classes. Because of the wide range of ages one class was dropped, and a new one was formed. The preschool class last year was again taught by Debra Appel. The first, second, third grades, formally taught by Beth Russell, was taught by Ruth and Allan Case assisted by Kristin Galle. A lower junior class was created for fourth and fifth grades and was taught by Mel Oakes. The Junior High Class was taught by Betsy Russell assisted by Marilyn Stephens with Pat Oakes becoming the teacher in 1980. The Intergenerational group continued to meet downstairs in the Fellowship Room and was led by Doyal Pinkard and assisted by Bruce Carlson and others.

Last year the lower grades studied famous people and events of the Old Testament. The middle and junior grades for the third time studied early leaders of the Church.

The theme of this year's Christmas Pageant was Christmas in Italy. The traditional food of Italy was served as a buffet meal for the congregation and table decorations were made by the first, second, and third grades. Christmas tree decorations were made by the preschool class. Following the dinner presentations were made by the preschool, elementary, and junior grades. The lower grades presented a brief history of Italian Christmas traditions and a skit about St. Francis of Assisi. The lower juniors acted out the story of La Bafana, the Italian Christmas Witch. Because of conflicts the night of the pageant the junior high class presented a skit on Constantine, the Emperor of Rome on the last Sunday of December and will present another in January.

Allan and Ruth Case would like to express their gratitude for the support, love, and help received from the Congregation during the previous Sunday School Year.

-Ruth and Allan Case, Superintendents.