

1969

# The Annual Reports

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
OF  
GEORGETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Rev. Philip H. Southwick, Minister



## Meetings

# First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Massachusetts

Minister

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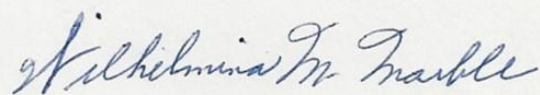
WARRANT

January 9, 1969

The Members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown are hereby advised that in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of Said Church, the Annual Meeting of the Church will be held Thursday January 23, 1969 at 8 P. M. in the Vestry, then and there to act on the following listed Articles:

- ARTICLE I: To receive the reports of the several Boards, Committees and Officers of the Church, and to take any action desired thereon.
- ARTICLE II: To receive the report on Mission Advance Program and to take any action desired thereon.
- ARTICLE III: To take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property.

BY DIRECTION OF THE CABINET



Clerk

Posted January 14, 1969



ANNUAL MEETING

January 23, 1969

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc. was called to order at 8:05 P. M. by the Moderator Leeland Lowell. Because of problems with the heating system the meeting was held in the Central School.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Philip Southwick.

The Clerk read the report of the Autumn Meeting. Report approved.

The Warrant for the Meeting was read by the Clerk.

The printed reports of the Officers and Committees were passed and the members present were given an opportunity to peruse them.

ARTICLE I: To receive the reports of the several Boards, Committees and Officers of the Church, and to take any action desired thereon.

Deacon Emeritus Robert F. Metcalf made the following motion: I move that the reports of the several Boards, Committees and Officers be accepted as printed. Motion seconded by Paul Cameron and voted.

ARTICLE II: To receive the report on Mission Advance Program and to take any action desired thereon.

Rev. Southwick explained the Mission Advance Program and Douglas Melzard reported on Meetings he attended in September. Mr. Melzard was much impressed and wanted to do something about the apathy we had been plagued with. He feels it will do much for the Church if we participate. Paul Cameron moved that the Church participate in the Mission Advance Program of the Massachusetts Congregational Conference of the United Church of Christ. Motion seconded by Gertrude Pingree and so voted. James Blair made the following motion: I move that the following Committee be appointed to handle the Mission Advance Program:

Douglas Melzard, Chairman

Lawrence Tripp, Promotion Chairman

Helen Snow, Secretary

David Elliott, Congregational Gifts Chairman.

Forrest Bridges seconded the motion and it was so voted.

ARTICLE III: To take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property.

Deacon George Condon moved that letters of transfer be granted the following: John Hess to unite with the Presbyterian Church of Haverhill James H. Smith to unite with the East Saugus United Methodist Church of Saugus and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Pierson to unite with the First Parish Congregational Church of Saco, Maine. Motion seconded by Deacon Forrest Bridges and voted.


Deacon George Condon made the following motion: I move that Mr. and Mrs. William Haid be received into membership by letter of transfer from the Bethany Congregational Church of Foxboro, Massachusetts. Motion seconded by Edward Jones and voted.

It was voted that the Clerk send a letter of thanks to Supt. of Schools Alfred Bracy thanking him for the use of the School.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P. M. after which Cakes and Coffee were served by Natalie Tidd.

Thirty three members were present.

Respectfully submitted



Clerk



October 9, 1969

AUTUMN MEETING

The Meeting was called to order at 8:10 P. M. by the Moderator Leland Lowell.

The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended was sung, accompanied by the Rev. Southwick at the piano.

The Warrant was read by the Clerk.

The report of the Annual Meeting was read by the Clerk. This was approved.

ARTICLE I: To hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to take any action thereon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pingree read the following report of the Nominating Committee;

Moderator	Leland Lowell
Clerk	Mrs. Arthur Marble
Treasurer	Mrs. Joseph Sheehan
Collector	Mrs. Edward Jones
Deacons (Three years)	T. Louis Hamelin
	Matthew R. Kellaway
Deaconesses (Three years)	Mrs. Howard Ayer
	Mrs. Sadie Cheney
Trustee (Four years)	Thomas Diviney
Trustee (Five years)	Richard Tidd
Finance Committee	Henry Grissino
Music Committee	Frank Savory
Board of Christian Education	
(One year)	Donn Chatterton
(Two years)	A. Lawrence Tripp
(Three years)	Mrs. Nathaniel Bond
	Mrs. Louis Dispenza
Nominating Committee	Mrs. John Harrigan
Auditing Committee	Mrs. Harris Rogers
	H. Nelson Pingree
Social Committee	Mrs. Albert Tidd
Flower Committee	Mrs. M. R. Kellaway
Social Action	Dr. Edward Allen
Ushers	Ernest Kellaway
	Douglas Gammon
World Service	Miss Olive R. Metcalf.

Paul Cameron moved that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted and nominations closed. Seconded by George Condon and voted.

Forrest Bridges made the following motion: I move that the Clerk cast one ballot for the Officers as submitted. Seconded by Everett L. Bunker.

The Clerk cast one ballot for the Officers as voted and they were declared elected by the Moderator.

ARTICLE II: To hear the report of the Finance Committee regarding the Church Budget and to take action thereon.

Printed budgets had been passed out and the members were given an opportunity to study it. There were several questions which were asked of the Finance Committee. These were answered by Finance Committee members Calvin Pingree and Mayland Lewis. Several items were discussed and an error in addition was discovered. This was corrected.

Homer K. Tapin moved that the corrected Budget in the amount of \$34,055.00 be adopted. Seconded by Edward A. Jones and so voted.

ARTICLE III: To take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property.

There was no action on this article.

Meeting adjourned after which the Rev. Southwick showed a film "An Apple is to Eat". This was in connection with our Christian World Mission.

Respectfully submitted

*Kathleen K. Trask*



## Minister

### REPORT OF THE MINISTER

I'm pleased with many things in the Church this year. The most significant step was taken when we voted to participate in the Mission: Advance! program of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. Even though we were assured that the techniques of canvassing learned through Mission: Advance would help us in our own campaigns, some were concerned that we would hurt our own financial condition. Not only did we exceed the goal we set for ourselves for Mission: Advance, but this fall our Finance Committee, using the approach and techniques learned from Mission: Advance, raised nearly \$3000 more in pledges for our Church for 1970 than ever before, thanks to the efforts of many willing canvassers. Even so, we did not reach our projected church budget goals. Instead of just letting the budget stand on paper, the Finance Committee has revised it downward to put it in line with anticipated income.

I'm afraid that we've fallen into the habit of depending upon our Church Fair to pay our bills and leave us solvent at year's end. We ought to operate on the idea that the proceeds from a fair could be used for special projects and progress - not paying overdue bills.

We arranged to have a church pictorial directory, thinking this would be a good way to acquaint us with each other. As is always true, those who participated benefitted. Thanks to those who made numerous telephone calls to schedule sittings, to those who don't like to have their pictures taken but did for the sake of the whole church family, and to all who were patient in waiting for the arrival of the directories, which unfortunately was delayed by circumstances beyond our control. We wished we could have ordered copies for everyone in the church, but at the time we just didn't have the money. A brochure is being prepared with information about the church activities and groups. This will be available so that we can all use it to acquaint others with our church.

During the year there has been noticeable improvement in our choirs. By scheduling both the Junior and Youth Choirs for one Sunday apiece each month we have kept up their interest, and the Senior Choir has been able to generate more interest on a twice a month basis. The highlight of the year music-wise was the Christmas Cantata done by the Senior Choir on Christmas Sunday. Thanks to all who have helped with the music.

The Deacons kept their ears open for your suggestions on ways to improve our church. They are willing to talk with you individually or in groups at any time. They examined the demands of the church upon the minister, reviewing how I spend my time month by month. They have advised, encouraged, and been concerned for the needs of my family as well as those of the church family. I appreciate working with them as a group and as individuals.

The monthly coffee hours have been well-attended, giving us a chance to say more than "Good morning" to each other. We appreciate the willingness of people to serve as hosts and hostesses, and to serve as greeters before church throughout the year.



## REPORT OF THE MINISTER (Cont.)

There were three significant events in the area of Christian Education. There was a retreat for Church School teachers, there was a series of classes on basic New Testament material, and the Fun Fair which involved most of the children in doing something concrete to help other people.

While education takes the biggest bite out of our tax dollars, in the church we're only spending 4 to 5% of our annual budget on education. This means we can only make occasional use of audio visual material which has to be rented. This is one area in which we ought to do more and spend more in coming years.

One of the most rewarding parts of Church life is being involved in helping people keep the love of God flowing through their lives in their dealings with other people. Usually this work has to be done on a person to person basis. During the past year there have been many individual and cooperative efforts to help those in need and to serve them well. We're grateful for such willing workers in whom Christ lives, through whom we're all renewed, situations are improved, and faith strengthened. Thanks to all the deaconesses, trustees, committee chairmen and members, workers, teachers, and officers for doing what you have for our church.

In these days the issues and answers are not as clear or easy as we think they used to be. Often it seems that we spend too much meeting time on unimportant matters. I would like to see each committee having part of their meeting time spent discussing topics of religious importance or social significance. The responsibility for this can easily be passed around the group, so that we grow in our ability to express ourselves as Christians. The Deacons and Christian Education Committee have had some good experiences with this in the past. Let's make our meetings interesting enough so that we will look forward to them.

During the past year there have been several motion pictures around that had important things to say. Not only should we see them, but we should also share our insights on them with others. I wonder if it would be an idea to have a movie-going group discussion afterwards.

As we try to faithfully serve God who Himself is faithful and loving, let's increase our love and respect for each other. Let's keep our minds open as to ways we can serve this community better. Let's share our ideas and see if there are feasible ways we can help our teenagers more, our older citizens, the race issue, pollution, and poverty. Let's face it - if we reach the point of thinking that we've "arrived" as a Church, we're really in trouble.

Faithfully yours,

Philip H. Southwick



# Clerk

## REPORT OF THE CLERK

Membership January 1, 1969 360

Admissions:	Confession of Faith	7	
	Reaffirmation of Faith	2	
	Transfer of Letter	11	20

Losses:	Death	4	
	Transfer of Letter	7	11

Membership December 31, 1969 369

Baptisms	10
Dedications	2
Marriages	13
Funerals	17

There have been two regular and two special Church Meetings.

Ten regular Cabinet meetings have been held.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilhelmina M. Marble  
Clerk



## Deacons

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

The Board of Deacons met regularly and on special occasions to administer the spiritual needs of the church by working with our minister and with church committees.

We conducted the various duties expected of the deacons, communion, baptisms, etc., as well as meeting with and speaking to the Sunday School classes.

It also was our pleasure to work with the music committee for special music on Layman's Sunday and Christmas.

Evaluating the minister's work we made recommendations to the church cabinet regarding salary, family insurance plan and releasing him from routine committee meetings to enable him to have time for more pressing church work and family life.

The deacons felt it advisable to assist the Richmond church which was totally destroyed by fire to enable them to continue in the spiritual work of their community.

We appreciate the many gratifying comments regarding the Candlelight service, the service of Tenebrae, and the Thanksgiving service at St. Mary's church.

We, the Board of Deacons, express our appreciation to all who have assisted the deacons during the past year.

It has been my pleasure to serve as chairman of the Board of Deacons. Working with the cooperation and fellowship of our minister, Rev. Southwick, and the deacons: Forrest Bridges, Lawrence Tripp, Charles Blanchard, James Gammie, and Dr. Lewis Skeirik has been a rewarding experience.

Sincerely yours,

George Condon  
Chairman



## Deaconess

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONESSSES

Meetings of our Board were held whenever we felt it was necessary to do so.

We tried to help many of our church family by making visits and telephone calls. Many cards of cheer, condolence, etc., were mailed.

At Easter and Christmas the traditional plants were distributed to our known shut-ins living locally. The inspirational booklet "Ideals" was mailed to others. Some received fruit baskets or candy. All those at the Carleton Home were considered -- most being of our church family.

Many funerals and visiting hours were attended also.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion H. Tapin  
Co-Chairman



# Christian Education

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our church has been fortunate during the past year in having a Board that has tried to maintain a high standard of Christian education for the young people. A most important part of this is due to the people who have themselves elected to give of their time, namely our Church School Superintendent, teachers, helpers, and the advisors of our Fellowship groups. Reverend Southwick has been most helpful by having three educational discussions with teachers and others, as well as being instrumental in having a retreat at the Framingham Conference Center for teachers. It is hoped that these will continue, as all comments were favorable from the participants on both counts.

Breakfast meetings were instituted for teachers and helpers, with Board personnel doing the cooking, serving and cleaning up. Three such meetings were held and were enjoyed by all.

Panel discussions were initiated with our members sitting in with the three oldest church school groups separately, viz. 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades, 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and high schoolers. The purpose of these discussions was to listen to any suggestions, problems, and questions about church activities.

As individuals making decisions, we did not agree in all instances, but our differences were resolved amicably with but one exception. As a voluntary group it is certainly a must that we overlook dissension by giving of our talents to the best of our abilities, but if in disagreement to abide by the decree of the majority. If such is not the case, there would be no need of a Board of Christian Education - one person could do as well!

We express our gratitude to all non-members of our group who helped along the way and were so willing to help when asked. Certainly, the Board of Christian Education is a necessary and important part of our church world and is a most rewarding experience to be able to serve on same.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Louis Hamelin, Chairman



## School Superintendent

### REPORT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Our Church School has about 250 children registered, attendance varying with the season. We have 18 teachers and 14 helpers for classes which include 3 year olds through senior highs.

We started this fall on Sept. 21 with a teachers' breakfast served by the board with chef Bud Hamelin in charge. The following Sunday we held a Church School Rally with children from the third grade up attending a Dedication Service. Dr. Windemiller was guest speaker.

Our church school is active throughout the year in missions. We use the collection from the first Sunday of the month for missions, most of which goes to supporting a Korean orphan. Our child is Nam Jong Ho (Be Rich in Prosperity) who will be seven on Feb. 25. He lives in the Well of Samaria orphanage. When five he was 40 inches tall and weighed 26 lbs. His favorite subject is singing and his nature is described as "gentle." His father died of encephalitis and his mother disappeared when he was a baby. We plan to send ten dollars for his birthday, enough to give everyone in the orphanage a "party." Another mission project planned and supervised by Beth Bond was a very successful Fun Fair in June. This was a lawn party with games selected and run by the teachers and children. Money raised was sent through the Heifer Fund to aid the Cattaraugus Indians in New York state. The money bought 600 chicks which are used in a self help project. On Halloween night many children collected for UNICEF. In November the children bought a Thanksgiving offering of food which was given to the Salvation Army and in December gifts were also given to the Army. Appropriately, our Children's Day program had a theme of Brotherhood.

Last March the teachers held an overnight retreat at Framingham Conference Center, a very rewarding experience with a chance to explore through conversation many of our religious beliefs. This fall Rev. Southwick lead a series of three discussions of the New Testament. All the church school this year is studying the life and ministr of Jesus.

The last two years we have been meeting together at 9:15 before regular classes to sing. We started this to be sure the children learned some religious music. Often different classes lead a worship service. On three April Sundays board members met with all the departments to discuss the pros and cons of our present program.

Our church is fortunate to have so many fine teachers. Usually by late August each year the board gets quite worried about filling the quota for every class, but people have always come through. We are especially grateful for the small group who teach every year and who make up a nucleus which we depend on. We are fortunate that Rev. and Mrs. Southwick give their time to teaching. The church owes a great deal to all our teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Boose  
Superintendent



# Pilgrim Fellowship

## REPORT OF THE JUNIOR FELLOWSHIP

Our season began with a cookout in Gloucester on the first Sunday in October. Since then we have been roller skating, sliding, and skating. On a more serious note, we joined the Senior Fellowship for an interesting evening with Miss Clara Takesian, religious and cultural director of the Armenian church in Worcester.

The girls worked very hard during Christmas putting on a play, "Little Women" for both Sunday School groups.

We have had to alter our original plans slightly due to the lack of males in our group. During the next few months, however, we will be doing some bowling along with more sliding and skating. The group has also expressed an interest in learning more about other faiths such as Mormon and Jewish.

We encourage any young person in the junior high age group to attend our meetings. So much can be accomplished with a larger group.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob and Betty Davidson  
Advisors



## Trustees

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Probably the most significant event for the trustees in 1969 was our decision to change our policy on allowing organizations not associated with the church to use the church buildings. Prior to February 1969 we did not allow outside organizations to use the church facilities, with the exception of a very few whom we felt had "squatters' rights." On February 10th we met and after much discussion decided that the church could better serve the community by allowing outside organizations to use our facilities at the discretion of the board. The main problem has been obtaining the services of our part-time sexton and assuring his adequate compensation for the extra work involved. During 1969 we accepted several requests for one-time meetings in the vestry and agreed to allow the Women's Club to meet there monthly.

Other events and accomplishments of interest during the year are as follows:

- 32 of the 36 school desks given to us by the school department have been sold at \$5 each. Unfortunately these school desks did not work out satisfactorily for the Sunday School classes, but the \$160 of income for the church from their sale is appreciated.

- The church was re-roofed (except for the steeple) at a cost of \$2500. The previous roof was put on thirty years ago in 1939 and was visibly leaking in several places.

- The stained glass window over the front door, badly deteriorated by weather and age, was rebuilt at a cost of \$395.

- The septic tank and drainage system for the house at #3 Cottage St. (Carlson's) was replaced at a cost of \$475 after it filled up and backed up into the house repeatedly this summer.

- After a diligent search by Doug Melzard through Elmer Jones we obtained some new front doors at a cost of \$570. We hope to have them hung and the rotting front steps rebuilt during this coming year.

- The subject of landscaping was discussed at trustees' meetings, Long Range Planning Committee meetings, Couples' Club meetings, and cabinet meetings. Our shrubbery is badly overgrown and includes a sizeable young maple tree adjacent to the front steps. The border fence on Clark St. is badly rotted and an eyesore. We obtained a proposal sketch from a professional landscaper for \$864 worth of new landscape shrubbery. The cabinet felt that we should not spend money on landscaping immediately but that we should try trimming back the existing shrubbery and hedge and remove the fence with the thought that the fence should be replaced with something.

### MAJOR EXPENSES FOR THE FUTURE

- The outside of the church needs scraping and painting.
- The parking lot should be black topped.
- The front roof of Metcalf House needs to be replaced.
- Landscaping.
- Completion of front doors and steps.



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Cont.)

### SPECIAL THANKS

- to the P.F. and their advisors for the fine job raking leaves and cleaning up the church yard last fall.

- To Charlie Woodburn who completed his term on trustees in December. Charlie has done an outstanding job taking care of the #3 Cottage Street property (Carlson's), paying the bills and mortgage, and especially collecting the rent to keep it up to date.

- To each of the other trustees, Doug Melzard, Dick Gynan, Lennie Swart, Tom Diviney, to our sexton "Mike" Maloof, and to our minister, Phil Southwick, all of whom have helped keep our facilities operating over the past year.

- To Homer Tabin, Harris Rogers, Shaw Gynan, and the others who helped us assemble and disassemble for the fair.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Barlow  
Chairman

## Music

### REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

Again this year, our music program has contributed spiritually to our worship services. We appreciate the dedication of our organist and senior choir director, Mr. Carl Krumpe, the leadership of the junior choir, Mrs. Emery Boose assisted by Mrs. Charles Flyzik, and Mrs. H. Nelson Pingree, leader of the youth choir, and the many faithful members who serve our congregation so willingly. We thank the soloists who sang during the summer months and other times when they were needed. A special word of appreciation for the fine music prepared for our holidays.

It is gratifying that new members have joined our choirs and that others are willing to help on special occasions when additional voices are needed.

We would like to encourage adults and children who would enjoy singing in our choirs to attend a rehearsal or contact the directors or a choir member.

"--Be filled with the Spirit: Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Eph. 5:18-19

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Lewis  
Chairman



# Guild

## REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S GUILD

The 1969-1970 season of the Guild started with a covered-dish supper in September. Norma Lawson was still presiding as President until I was officially voted into office.

In October we had a Silent Auction with members bringing items to be auctioned. November we were entertained by one of our own members, Mrs. Ann Low, demonstrating cake decorating. A few ladies brought cakes from home to decorate along with Mrs. Low. A Christmas party was held in December and the Georgetown High School Girls' Choir sang some of our favorite songs.

The second half of the year promises to be enjoyable. The Rev. James P. Keller, the Executive Director of "GLEAM" (Greater Lawrence Ecumenical Area Ministry), will be speaking about the work done with the Spanish community in the greater Lawrence area. February we will have Miss Olive Metcalf and her Material Aids Committee with us. They are planning a work session for us. March at this time is still an open meeting.

April we will be having the Rev. Roger Palmquist. This will be a money-making project and we will be selling tickets to the general public. In May we close the year with our annual banquet.

The projects for the year are to help us meet our \$500 pledge. October's Silent Auction started us off along with the sale of candy. January we are having a Ham and Bean Supper with another one in March. A bake sale will be held in April and we will also have Talent Money. We will be selling note paper between now and the end of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Winifred Swanton  
President



## Missionary Society

### REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

During the year 1969 the Women's Missionary Society, with a membership of 18, followed its usual program, meeting the third Monday of the month at 2 P.M. September through June. At each meeting a program of fellowship, worship and study is enjoyed and each member contributes in some way to the spiritual, educational, social and financial interest of the Church.

We have kept in touch with members who are ill or bereaved; we have studied recommended books and articles pertinent to the Mission endeavor; we have contributed \$100.00 to the Church apportionment for Missions as well as to Mission: Advance!, Walker Home, and the "Least Coin" effort.

Offerings, taken at each meeting, two special thank offerings (at Christmas and Easter) plus the income from the Bateman Fund provide the means for our work.

A cordial invitation is extended to all women of our Church to join us as members or guests.

The officers are: President, Mrs. Edna Ayer; Vice-President, Miss Alice Hopkins; Secretary, Miss Ida Bancroft; Treasurer, Mrs. Harriette Poole.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna H. Ayer  
President

## Couple's Club

### REPORT OF THE COUPLES' CLUB

The Couples' Club meets the first Monday of each month and all couples are welcome to become members. A dinner and program of interest is planned for each month. Our Christmas dance was held on November 29 and was a huge success.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike and Joan Takesian  
Presidents



# World Service

## REPORT FROM CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Besides being "World Service Chairman" I am also Material Aid Chairman of the Guild, and I have worked almost wholly through that committee, but we have been assisted by many, many people throughout the church and the community in one way or another. Special credit is due to Graf's Express for giving us free service in the area they serve, and to Mr. Lavoie of the Georgetown Pharmacy for the splendid discount he gives us on many small items we buy from him for use in our Christmas giving and other times as well.

We were able to send several large cartons of used clothing to the disaster area in Mississippi last fall by taking them to a collection depot set up at the Topsfield Congregational Church.

Our fall shipment of 120 lbs. of used clothing to Church World Service was taken to North Andover where there is a year round depot where sorted and packed cartons may be left pending semi-annual collection by a CWS truck. We have over 150 lbs. all ready to go which we will probably send by Graf, even though we now have to pay a small express charge since it goes beyond the Graf area.

The Women's Missionary Society has given us an annual money contribution for several years, and all its members help with time or materials.

The more local projects undertaken have included Christmas gifts to Walpole State Prison and the Boston City Missionary Society, small gifts for hospital visiting to the Women's Seaman's Friend Society, a woman's auxiliary to the familiar Boston Seaman's Friend Society, and small contributions to the Ecumenical Center in Roxbury, the Blue Hill Christian Center in Dorchester and the work of Rev. Garcia with the Spanish speaking people in Lawrence, Mass.

We have contributed new and used clothing to Indians in South Dakota and in Maine and to the Pleasant Hill Community Center Thrift Shop in Tennessee.

In addition to the CWS shipments referred to above we must have sent nearly 200 lbs. earlier in the year, plus the 10¢ per pound requested for handling costs on all these shipments. Also sent large quantities of bandages made from torn sheets for use in Leprosy Clinics, several hospital kits containing johnnies and bandages for hospital use and sewing kits made up of fabric remnants and pieces, buttons, zippers, etc.

The Missionary Society members participate in the "Least Coin of the Realm" offering, which, although it originated in India, has been a blessing to many different countries and other contributions.

The Sunday School children this year sent a gift of chickens, by way of the "Heifer Fund" to the Cattaraugus Indians in upper New York. They also collected \$101.00 for UNICEF at Halloween.

As we look around us, it seems to me that all thinking people must feel that "World Service" is a never-ending privilege and challenge and hope that what we do may add up to a small part of an ever widening effort not only to help people but to help them help themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive R. Metcalf  
Chairman



# Collector

## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CURRENT EXP.</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>CHURCH SCHOOL</u>	<u>DIV. INT. REIMB.</u>
Jan.	\$1,501.68	\$216.48	\$ 86.82	\$ 213.11
Feb.	1,181.80	203.35	72.87	272.20
Mar.	1,848.84	267.50	109.96	134.50
Apr.	1,522.83	427.65	66.67	169.00
May	981.15	355.10	52.82	1,484.61
June	1,424.90	464.35	207.28	1,922.65
July	1,162.45	329.50	4.20	507.00
Aug.	1,257.35	424.30	6.50	2,741.60
Sept.	2,012.19	355.30	9.93	97.00
Oct.	1,528.35	315.55	98.63	209.52
Nov.	1,892.90	352.55	216.55	241.60
Dec.	1,735.55	321.45	52.63	14.50
	\$18,049.99	\$4,033.08	\$984.86	\$8,007.29

	<u>BUILD. FUND</u>	<u>IMP. FUND</u>	<u>MISC.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Jan.	\$12.50	\$198.35	\$310.60	\$2,539.54
Feb.	13.00	170.20	68.50	1,981.92
Mar.	17.00	300.30	74.00	2,752.10
Apr.	10.00	193.75	484.20	2,874.10
May	10.00	143.15	407.50	3,434.33
June	25.00	183.25	15.00	4,242.43
July	19.50	202.45	7.15	2,232.25
Aug.	6.00	124.35	2.00	4,562.10
Sept.	5.00	206.50		2,685.92
Oct.	4.00	195.30	62.00	2,413.35
Nov.	4.00	266.45	2,713.42	5,687.47
Dec.	4.00	211.10	374.35	2,713.58
	\$130.00	\$2,395.15	\$4,518.72	\$38,119.09

We had 165 pledges for 1969, plus 10 families with envelopes, no pledge.

As of January 11, 1970, we have received:

95 paid in full  
 46 nearly paid  
 10 half paid  
 9 very little paid  
 8 nothing paid  
 3 moved away

On these pledges we have received: \$21,244.75  
 Unpaid: 2,225.05

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth L. Jones  
 Collector



## Auditor

January 21, 1969

This is to certify that we have examined the books of the Treasurer and Collector of the First Congregational Church and found them to be in order.

Auditing Committee

*H. Nelson Pingree*  
*Virginia R. Rogers*

## Finance

### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

At a church meeting held in October, 1968, a budget of \$32,650.00 was accepted by the church membership for the year 1969. The Finance Committee met each month to pay current bills. Some of these bills were not paid on time because no money was available. We discussed setting money aside periodically to pay these bills but this could not be done because we did not have the necessary funds. We felt two ways to increase the funds available were to increase pledges or through fund raising projects.

The Canvass for 1970 was held in November. There were 177 pledges made with some families requesting envelopes only. This year the Canvass was conducted differently. We felt that if two people went out together, more calls would be made that day and there would be less follow-up work to be done. There were more than fifty people participating in the Canvass and the money pledged for 1970 is as follows:

1. Current Expenses	\$19,634.60
2. Missions	2,767.80
3. Improvement Fund	2,458.60
4. Building Fund	130.00
5. Sunday School	<u>41.30</u>
Total	\$25,032.30

This is an increase in the amount pledged of almost \$3,000.00. It is a step in the right direction and we hope that we will be able to meet our financial obligations in the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin H. Pingree  
Chairman



# Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

### RECEIPTS

201	Pledges - Current Expenses	\$17,019.24
202	Loose Collect	1,030.75
	Missions	
203.1	Regular Collect	2,493.08
203.2	Special	1,540.00
	Church School	
204.1	Regular Collect	536.79
204.2	Missions	448.07
205	Dividends, Interest & Reimbursements	2,807.29
206.1	Building Fund	130.00
206.2	Improvement Fund	2,395.15
	Miscellaneous (Sale of desks & chairs) \$100.00	
208.1	Church Fair 1968	24.00
	Church Fair 1969	2,711.27
	Total	2,835.27
208.2	Initial Offering	23.35
208.3	Special Donation	1,345.00
209	Memorial Fund	315.00
211	Miscellaneous & Loans	5,200.00
		\$38,119.09

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF RECEIPTS

#### 205 Dividends & Interest & Reimbursements

\$400.00	Interest from Perley Fund
255.11	Interest from General Fund
723.12	Dividends from Mass. Congregational Fund
86.11	Fuel reimbursement from Elliott's
179.70	Flower reimbursement
13.09	Reimbursement from P.F.
8.80	Reimbursement from Essex North for stencils
960.00	Reimbursement for Locke Property mortgage payments
27.00	Reimbursement for repair to Men's Room door
25.00	Reimbursement for desks
25.00	Wedding
100.00	Reimbursement from Fun Fair
4.36	Reimbursement from Fun Fair for paper
\$2,807.29	



### 208.3 SPECIAL DONATIONS

Easter 1969	\$514.45	Doors
Christmas 1968	186.00	Doors
Christmas 1969	289.50	To be put into Deacons' Fund
Organ Concert	313.00	General expenses/for the needy
For flowers	7.15	
Misc.	35.00	
	<u>\$1,345.10</u>	

### 211 MISC. & LOANS

\$1,700.00	borrowed from Improvement Fund until \$2,500.00 could be released from 90 day notice Reserve Account for roof
1,000.00	loan taken to help pay bills
2,500.00	from reserve account to pay back \$1,700.00 borrowed from Improvement Fund and pay the remaining \$800.00 for roof
<u>\$5,200.00</u>	

### EXTRA INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIAL DONATIONS

\$287.75	Held from 1968 Christmas donations
186.00	1968 Christmas donations that came in in 1969
<u>514.45</u>	1969 Easter donations

\$988.20 This amount was put in the Improvement Fund savings account until such time as the front doors could be repaired. In December \$570.00 was taken from the Improvement Fund Savings Account and paid to Georgetown Lumber Co. for purchase of the new front doors. \$418.20 is left.



DISBURSEMENTS

Leadership And Services Of Our Ministry

302	Minister's Salary	\$6,575.00
302	Pulpit Supply	180.00
303	Health Insurance & Pension Board	339.22
304	Minister's Annuity	856.90
305	Minister's Car Allowance	600.00
306	Traveling Expenses (Conf.)	55.00
307	Deacons' Supplies	88.71
308	Organist, Choir Director	1,615.00
308.1	Substitute Organist	100.00
309	Music Supplies	42.96
310	Board of Christian Education	1,343.90
313	Per Capita Fellowship	576.00
314	Flowers	236.35
315	Deaconess' Expenses	188.90
316	Social Committee Expenses	22.75
317	Treasurer's Expenses	300.00
318	Collector's Expenses	300.00
319	Long Range Planning Committee Expenses	-----
		<u>\$13,420.69</u>

Our Administrative Expenses

401	Church Secretary	\$700.00
402	Stationary, Postage, Printing & Office Supplies	866.68
403	Sexton's salary	1,992.00
404	Church Utilities	
	Heat	\$1,990.64
	Electricity	289.90
	Water	78.75
	Telephone	328.18
	Gas	54.28
		TOTAL
		2,741.75
405	Parsonage Utilities	600.00
		<u>\$6,900.43</u>

Our Church Property Maintenance And Repair

501	Church Building Care	\$3,262.46
502	Parsonage Upkeep	48.30
503	Supplies (Trustees 501-503 total \$3,670.25)	359.49
504	Insurance	1,220.70
		<u>\$4,890.95</u>

Included in account #501 Church Building Care is the \$2,500.00 received from Reserve Account for repair of the roof.

Also \$395.00 to Hauser Art Glass Co. for repair to stained glass window.



DISBURSEMENTS (Cont.)

Capital Investments And Equipment

601	Office Equipment	\$ 70.12
602	Church School Equipment	-----
603	Improvement Fund Savings Account	3,947.29
	Building Fund Savings Account	130.00
604	Reinvestment of 10% of Dividends & Interest	98.52
		<u>\$4,245.93</u>

Debt Retirement And Reserves

701	Mortgage payments on parsonage	\$1,024.92
	Mortgage payments on Locke property	1,172.00
	((\$960.00 of this has been reimbursed by rent)	
	One quarter payment on Meisner land	348.66
702	Reserve for contingencies & Depreciation of building equipment (from Fair)	650.00
		<u>\$3,195.58</u>

Our Christian World Mission & Other Benevolences

901	<u>Missions</u>	
	Regular Missions	\$2,432.48
	Women's Missionary Society OCWM	100.00
	Veterans Of The Cross	50.00
	Mission: Advance !	1,440.75
901.2	Andover Newton	200.00
901.3	Church School Missions	
	Korean Orphan	120.00
	UNICEF	101.94
	Heifer Project	170.00
		<u>\$4,615.17</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

1208	Christmas & Lent Donations put into Improvement Fund for doors	\$ 968.70
	Minister's Study Improvement put into Improvement Fund to hold	40.10
	Ken Wilson	75.00
	Omni-Print for Organ Concert tickets	7.00
	Merrimack Valley National Bank interest on loan	19.99
	Haverhill Gazette Ad for Organ Concert	17.50
	Town of Georgetown, extra taxes, trustees' property	23.79
	Taxes on Meisner land	28.00
	Reimbursement to Lee Lowell for Fair ad	14.00
		<u>\$1,194.08</u>
1209	Memorial Fund	315.00
		<u>\$1,509.08</u>



SUMMARY

Balance on hand January 1, 1969	\$ 1,715.57
Total receipts January 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969	<u>38,119.09</u>
	\$39,834.66
Total Disbursements	<u>-38,777.76</u>
	\$ 1,056.90

Held in checking account as of December 31, 1969

Church School	\$ 56.13
Christmas offering	289.50
1970 General Expenses	443.60
1970 Improvements	4.80
1970 Missions	<u>10.60</u>
	\$804.63

December 31, 1969     \$1,440.75 has been sent to Mission: Advance !



MORTGAGE ACCOUNTS

#3594	5 Hart Circle property - Parsonage	
	Balance January 1, 1969	\$9,199.31
	Payments: Interest	\$446.85
	Principle	\$578.07
	Balance December 31, 1969	\$8,621.24

\*\$2,991.11 is on the mortgage on the Locke property.

\*On our Meisner Land loan in May we owed \$2,900.00

In May we added \$1,000.00 loan to this	
account to help pay some bills	1,000.00
	<u>\$3,900.00</u>

As of December 31, 1969, we owe \$3,000.00 on this loan.

We are paying 7 3/4% interest on this loan.

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

GEORGETOWN SAVINGS BANK

#14284	<u>Memorial Fund</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1969	\$ 944.85
	Deposits	315.00
	Interest	45.66
		<u>\$1,305.51</u>
	Withdrawals	168.85
	Balance on hand December 31, 1969	<u>\$1,136.66</u>

#14417	<u>Improvement Fund</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1969	\$1,916.53
	Deposits	3,256.09
	Interest	100.68
		<u>\$5,273.30</u>
	*Withdrawals	2,104.84
	Balance December 31, 1969	<u>\$3,168.46</u>

\*Withdrawals:

\$1,059.84	Three quarterly payments made to Merrimack Valley National Bank for Meisner property and bank loan.
\$475.00	Stewart Septic System - new tank for trustees' property.
\$570.00	Georgetown Lumber Co. - new front doors.

#14425	<u>General Fund (Special Notice Account)</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1969	\$4,572.06
	Deposits	98.52
	Interest	255.11
		<u>\$4,925.69</u>
	Withdrawals	255.11
	Balance December 31, 1969	<u>\$4,670.58</u>



SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (Cont.)

#14426	<u>Deacons' Fund</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1969	\$1,464.32
	Deposits	377.34
	Interest	61.29
		<u>\$1,902.95</u>
	Withdrawals	500.00
	Balance December 31, 1969	<u>\$1,402.95</u>
#14427	<u>Mission Fund</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1969	\$1,025.63
	Interest	56.32
		<u>\$1,081.95</u>
	Withdrawals	53.82
	Balance December 31, 1969	<u>\$1,028.13</u>
#15513	<u>Deacons' Fund (Special Notice Account)</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1969	\$2,500.00
	Interest	139.06
		<u>\$2,639.06</u>
	Withdrawals	139.06
	Balance December 31, 1969	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
#15401	<u>Pew Cushion Fund</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1969	\$ 58.24
	Interest	2.96
	Balance December 31, 1969	<u>\$ 61.20</u>
#16617	<u>Reserve Account</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1969	\$2,884.51
	Deposits	650.00
	Interest	86.20
		<u>\$3,620.71</u>
	Withdrawals	2,500.00
	Balance December 31, 1969	<u>\$1,120.71</u>
#19360	<u>Fair Chairman Fund</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1969	\$ 200.00
	Interest	8.54
	Balance December 31, 1969	<u>\$ 208.54</u>

HAVERHILL SAVINGS BANK

#161328	<u>Building Fund</u>	
	Balance January 1, 1969	\$1,949.55
	Deposits	130.00
	Interest	100.24
	Balance December 31, 1969	<u>\$2,179.79</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline E. Sheehan  
Treasurer



## Nominating

### Report of the Nominating Committee October 1969

Moderator Leland Lowell

Clerk Mrs. Arthur Marble

Treasurer Mrs. Joseph Sheehan

Collector Mrs. Edward Jones

Deacons for three years:

T. Louis Hamelin

Matthew R. Kelloway

Deaconesses for three years:

Mrs. Howard Ayer

Mrs. Sadie Cheney

Trustee for four years:

Thomas Diviney

Trustee for five years:

Richard Tidd

Finance Committee Henry Grissino

Musical Committee Frank Savory

Board of Christian Education:

For one year: Donn Chatterton

For two years: A. Lawrence Trepp

For three years: Mrs. Nathaniel Bond

Mrs. Louis Diopenza



Nominating Committee Mrs. John Harrigan  
Auditing Committee: Mrs. Harris Rogers  
H. Nelson Pingree

Social Committee Mrs. Albert Tidd

Flowers Mrs. M. R. Kelloway

Social Action Dr. Edward Allen

Ushers Ernest Kelloway  
Douglas Samson

World Service Miss Olive R. Metcalf

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth E. Pingree, Chairman  
William M. Hall  
Charles Blandard  
David Stewart  
Robert Davidson

H. Hall