

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH GEORGETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Meetings

First Congregational Church

of

Georgetown, Mussachusetts

Minister
REV. PHILIP H. SOUTHWICK
5 Hart Circle

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WARRANT

January 14, 1970

The Members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc. 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 22, 1970 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 hear the report of the Finance Committee on the revised Budget and to take action thereon.

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

BY DIRECTION OF THE CABINET

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The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc., was called to order at 8:10 P. M. by the Moderator Leeland Lowell.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Philip Southwick.

The Clerks report of the Autumn Meeting was read and accepted.

The Moderator read the Warrant for the meeting.

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

The members present were given an opportunity to look over the printed reports and each report was taken up separately. Several questions were asked and answered by the officers and committee chairmen.

Mayland Lewis made the following motion: I move that the reports of the several Boards, Committees and Officers be accepted as printed. Motion seconded by Donn Chatterton and so voted.

Article II was passed over and Article III taken up. Attorney Robert Rudolph was present on behalf of Doris Marston who is seeking approval to move her liquor store from West Main Street to Central Street, this is within 500 feet of the Church. Attorney Rudolph expressed the hope that the members would act favorably.

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

Mayland Lewis of the Finance Committee reported that the Budget adopted at the Autumn Meeting had been revised downward, this was discussed by those present, particularly the Debt Retirement.

Helen Snow moved that the vote to adopt the Budget in the amount of \$34,055.00 be rescinded. Seconded by Elizabeth E. Pingree and so voted.

Helen Snow made the following motion: I move that the revised Budget for 1970 in the amount of \$31,895.00 be adopted. Seconded by Alice J. Lowell and so voted.

ARTICLE III: TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE TO THE Church and/or its property.

The Moderator returned to the matter of Doris Marston transfer. Donn Chatterton moved that the matter (Doris Marston Liquor License) be tabled and brought up to a Church Meeting after Church. This motion did not receive a second. Rev. Southwick reported that approval was necessary before the Selectmen could grant permission for transfer. The School Committee had already disapproved. T. Louis Hamelin made the following motion: I move that the relocation of the liquor license of Lynch's Package Store, Doris Marston Manager, be disapproved in moving from the present location on West Main Street to Central Street. Motion seconded by Edward Jones and so voted.

Forrest Bridges moved that a letter of transfer be granted to David Elliott to unite with the Union Congregational Church of Groton, Massachusetts.

Marion Tapin seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Dorothy Blanchard brought up the matter of the controversial Million Dollar Grant to the Black Ecumenical Council by the Massachusetts Conference. The first \$250,000.00 given during the month of January. At the January Cabinet Meeting it was voted to send a letter of censorhip on the manner in which this was done. It was noted that the Board of Directors acted within their rights but the timing was bad coming so soon after the Mission Advance program. The Black Ecumenical Council was formed on December 28th. Mayland Lewis made the motion that we ratify the action taken by the Cabinet in regard to the grant voted the Black Ecumenical Council. Seconded by Forrest Bridges and so voted.

After discussion regarding Easter Offering and Organ Concert the meeting was adjourned.

28 present.

Respectfully submitted

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Clerk

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WARRANT

October 8, 1970

The Members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown are hereby advised that by direction of the Cabinet of Said Church, the Autumn Meeting of the Church will be held Thursday October 22, 1970 at 8 P. M. in the Vestry, then and there to act on the following listed Articles:

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

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

ARTICLE III: To hear the report of the Long Range Planning Committee and to take action thereon.

ARTICLE IV: To hear a report of the Trustees regarding a
Fire Detection System and to take action thereon.

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

By Direction of the Cabinet

October 22, 1970

The Autumn Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown was called to order at 8:05 P. M. by the Moderator Leeland Lowell.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Philip Southwick.

The Clerks report of the Annual Meeting was read and accepted.

The Moderator read the Warrant for the Meeting.

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

Mrs. H. Nelson Pingree read the following report of the Nominating Committee:

Moderator Clerk Treasurer Collector

Deacons for Three Years

Deaconesses for Three Years

Trustee for Five years
Finance Committee Three Years
Music Committee Three Years
Board of Christian Education
Three Years
Nominating Committee Five Years
Auditing Committee

Social Committee Flower Committee Social Action

Leeland Lowell Mrs. Arthur Marble Mrs. Joseph Sheehan Mrs. Edward Jones Clyde Tozier Allan Barlow Mrs. Arthur Outram Mrs. George Condon Robert Davidson Donald Johnson Mrs. Calvin Pingree William Haid Mrs. Helen Snow Mrs. Donn Chatterton H. Nelson Pingree Mrs. Harris Rogers

Mrs. Richard Tidd

Mrs. M. R. Kelloway

Social Action Miss Tda Bancroft.

H. Nelson Pingree moved that the nominations be closed. Motion seconded and voted.

H. Nelson Pingree Pingree made the following motion: I move that the Clerk cast one ballot for the Officers as submitted. Motion seconded and voted. The Clerk cast one ballot for the Officers as submitted 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.

The printed Budget for 1971 was passed out before the Meeting and those present were given an opportunity to look it over.

Forrest Bridges made the following motion: I move that the Budget be accepted as proposed in the amount of \$32,433.00. Seconded by James Boynton and so voted.

ARTICLE III: To hear the report of the Long Range Planning Committee and to take action thereon.

James Gammie and Allan Barlow presented at length the findings of the Long Range Planning Committee. (Report on file). The Committee recommended a self study program be undertaken. This would involve about fifty people to successfully complete but the Committee feels it would be most helpful in guiding our future course. The Long Range Planning Committee consisting of James Gammie, Allan Barlow, Dorothy Blanchard and Marjorie Blair and Paul Cambron (resigned), have worked long and efficiently on this Committee.

The DeBoer Study would take about six months to complete.

James Gammie moved that it is the sense of this meeting that the First Congregational Church of Georgetown should undertake a self study program of the DeBoer type and that a Steering Committee be appointed by the Church Cabinet to execute this program.

Motion seconded and voted. There were two discenting votes.

ARTICLE IV: To hear a report of the Trustees regarding a Fire Detection System and to take action thereon.

Allan Barlow, Chairman of the Trustees recommended that Alarm Engineering of Lexington install Fire Detection System as recommended by the Trustees. Savings in Insurance etc. were discussed. It was felt that bids should be obtained from other Companies.

Allan Barlow made the following motion: I move that the Church authorize the Board of Trustees to spend not more than \$4,000.00 for the purchase, installantion, and testing of a Fire Detection System. Said system to comply with the requirements of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, New England Insurance Rating Association and any State and Local Codes, Cost of the said system is to be covered in part by \$3,084.85 inheritance from the James Ferronnetti Estate with the balance if any to be taken from the Improvement Fund. Motion seconded by Emily Gammie. The motion was carried with 10 in favor and 7 opposed.

Allan Barlow assured us that at least one more bid and possibly two will be obtained.

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

Rev. Southwick announced the Recessed Annual Meeting of the State Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday of this week.

Mrs. Judge President of the Country Gardeners was given permission to plant a Tree on Church property.

An invitation to attend Church Service in Rowley on Sunday November 15, 1970, when a former Pastor Rev. W. Irving Monroe, Jr., who is retiring from the Ministry will preach on "The Christian Ministry-A Man's Job." Invitations have been issued to all parishioners and friends from all the Churches served by the Monroes. (Six from our Church attended this Service).

Adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted

Wilhelman In Thalle

Clerk

Minister

REPORT OF THE MINISTER

During 1970 all institutions were being challenged and threatened. Key issues were TRUST, CREDIBILITY, ACCEPTANCE. You and I were involved and affected. I was left with the impression that many people wanted only a nominal, casual connection with the church as part of the Establishment. During the first part of 1970 I sensed a lack of trust in the church, an attitude of irrelevance toward the church on the part of parents, in particular. Christian Education was "nice" but not important enough to make an issue of it for themselves or their children. And I wondered what this said of those people's feelings about a personal relationship with God. How many of us have a feeling of personal relationship with God?

Over the summer the issues remained and something happened. The Holy Spirit was at work amid our spiritual uneasiness. There seemed to be a growing desire to return to the values and prindiples proclaimed by the church. All fall I have had the feeling that people are ready to accept themselves and the church as they are and work from there, instead of sitting back and picking at what's wrong. I sense that there is a feeling that has been reached - either from soul searching or out of desperation - that the church does have a relevant message. As the counselling load continues to increase it says to me that people hope that the church has a gospel which can help them find themselves and God.

In the summer months there were several dialogue sermons which stimulated some and upset others, yet challenged all. There will be more of these in the future. On those Sundays when the Junior Choir sings I have tried to actively involve them in the sermons. Their spontaneous responses have made such worship an enjoyable family experience. In the realm of worship we are working toward having a jazz mass some Sunday morning - not as an example of another form of worship - but as an experience to be shared.

Cur choirs provide a variety of music from week to week - the large enthusiastic junior choir - the youth choir with modern familiar and folk music - the senior choir, strengthened by some new members, providing excellent music week after week, plus special music for the holiday seasons.

During 1970 we lost several dedicated church families who moved from town while still others have year round cottages and campers. Meanwhile, on the other side of the ledger we have several prospective new members who are already actively working in the church. The church is, as it should be, in transition spiritually as well as numerically.

Our Christian Education activities were highlighted by the free-swinging, soul singing, hand clapping Children's Day service - a happy occasion for everyone. Our Church School has continued to provide good, flexible, child oriented curriculum, but we have suffered, as have other churches, by parents leaving the choice up to the child as to whether he comes regularly or not. At the present time Youth Group activity is less than satisfactory. Very few young people have come on a regular basis. We have not been able to get a good program planned. This fall we tried to get a Youth Assistant to take over the programs, but we did

not find a suitable person. Some seminaries found themselves with smaller enrollments which meant that they had fewer students than jobs to be filled. Furthermore, we felt that it was better to get by without a youth assistant than to hire the wrong person for the job.

People continue to work hard for such money-making events as the Church Fair, for which we are indeed grateful. But I can't help wondering if some people aren't substituting those efforts for personal commitment to God and realistic pledges to the Church. Spiritual awareness, feeling, and hard work are all necessary for the Christian life and cannot be successfully substituted for each other. In an effort to cut down our dependence on the fair to bull us out of the hole year after year the Cabinet has voted that one-half the proceeds from the fair be but into the Reserve Fund for such major projects as bainting the church or replacing the heater. Our Christian stewardship for the church is sadly out of date.

Meanwhile, on the state level the issue of the Black Ecumenical Commission (BEC) boiled along, causing all sorts of ripples and waves. Some churches reduced their giving to Our Christian World Mission, in some cases using the REC issue as a handy excuse. The lack of trust issue reached unrealistic proportions, as was evident at the Annual Meeting of the Conference and the recessed meeting this fall. Several of our church members were concerned about our state conference policy, but, once again, when it came to getting delegates to attend the state conference meetings, people were either unavailable or unwilling to spend the necessary time. Among us there was more talk than action.

There is a new issue facing many American Protestants in 1971. The Gouncil On Church Union (COCU) has brought forth its proposal for Church Union involving several major denominations. For us it becomes a case of measuring the specific proposal being made - new concepts involving us on the local as well as state and national levels. Meanwhile, as in the days of old when the merger of the Congregational Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church was the issue, the negative literature has started to flow in, unfortunately complete with suspicion, allegation, and innuendo. Let us pray that the proper spirit, the Holy Spirit, will guide us as we face this major issue of Church life and polity of our time.

Finally, in a attempt to inform the church as to what is happening on the state and national level, we have been including the state conference newsletter THE PILGRIM STATE NEWS, with our newsletters. This does not imply either agreement or disagreement with the positions put forth in it. We provide it so that you may be better informed.

My thanks to all who share the cost and joy of discipleship.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip H. Southwick Minister

Clerk

REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Church Membership now totals 372. Below are listed the admissions and losses for the year 1970.

Admissions:

By Confession of Faith 6
Reaffirmation of Faith 2
Letter of Transfer 9 17

Losses:

Death 8
Letter of Transfer 5
Removed by Request 1 15

There have been 16 Baptisms, 6 Marriages and 21 Funerals.

The Cabinet has held 10 Regular Meetings.

There have been two regular Church Meetings and three special Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilhelmina M. Marble Clerk

Deacons

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

During the year the Board of Deacons held regular monthly meetings, and special meetings when necessary, to transact that part of the chris business which is their responsibility.

We have extended financial aid from the Deacon's Fund to worthy church families in time of need.

We were happy to meet with the Long Range Planning Committee to discuss the spiritual needs of our church, and to assist them in developing a program to stimulate interest in the church.

We also met with the Board of Deacons of the Bradford Congregational Church to discuss church activities and problems with them, especially the apparent lack of religious interest of today's young people. We learned that other churches are also faced with this situation.

We enjoyed a fireside meeting with new members at the home of Ross Kelloway and the results were very gratifying. The board agreed that this type of meeting should be continued.

We met with the confirmation class at which time we were asked numerous and thought-provoking questions pertaining to our views and spiritual beliefs, some of which we were hard pressed to answer. We welcome the young people into the fellowship of our church and pray that we can continue to interest them in the ways of Christ and Christian living.

Once again we were very fortunate in being able to persuade Dr. Schofield to be with us during Rev. Southwick's summer vacation and to have Rev. Munroe here again to renew acquaintances with his many friends.

The Board of Deacons is very grateful for all the assistance rendered to them by the various boards and committees, and to all others who helped us in any way.

I have enjoyed serving on the Board of Deacons and sincerely appreciate the cooperation I have received from Rev. Southwick and the other members of the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Forrest Bridges Chairman

Deaconess

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONESSES

The deaconesses have continued their usual work, calling on shutins and sending cards to people in hospitals and rest homes, and attending funerals.

At Easter we distributed twenty-eight plants, together with thirty shamrock plants donated by Nunan the Florist, mailed ten Ideals magazines to members and friends living at some distance; also filled a basket for two members of the church unable to cook for themselves, all at a cost of \$29.23.

At Christmas, we distributed twenty-six plants to shut-ins, fifteen Ideals, and a jar of candy. We also each cooked some food and made it up into three baskets for four men now living alone. Mr. Nunan donated six Jerusalem cherry trees which were delivered to shut-ins.

We provided tea, coffee, and finger food for two Memorial services held at the church.

We held six meetings of our own and were represented at all cabinet meetings. In May Mrs. Lillian Melzard resigned from the board. Her resignation was accepted with regret and the nominating committee appointed Mrs. Marjorie Pitkin to take her place.

Most of us keep no records of the work we do, but one member who kept a record for the year reports seventy-five cards and notes sent, twenty-five calls on shut-ins besides distributing plants, etc., at Easter and Christmas, attended fifteen funerals, four committee meetings, and baked food for two families who had lost a loved one. This is typical of what we try to do.

All of us regret we have probably left many things undone, but have tried to do our best.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes Emerson and Harriette Poole Co-chairmen

Christian Education

REPORT OF THE BOAFD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The 1970 Board of Christian Education has much for which to be appreciative:

Concerned, earnest teachers.

Well-received, vestry-packed father-son and mother-daughter banquets.

A successful creatively planned and ably executed Vacation Church School, a full week of nature brought indoors; the largest enrollment ever for a Vacation Church School held at the church; its theme, "God and Nature", brought to life through two special features: a field trip to Topsfield Wildlife Sanctuary and a morning's visit to the church by Boston Museum of Science snakes, owls, racoons, other animals and their accompanying lecturer.

A Children's Sunday whose excellence will long be remembered: chock full of music, in today's "now generation" idiom -- tastefully blended with traditional recitative participation by each church school grade.

A minister willing to step into the breach resultant from an unsuccessful search for a seminary student to direct Junior and Senior High School groups.

And, at year's end, the Church School teachers at the fore again--(!)--organizing, directing and sponsoring the Christmas Workshop and its old fashioned Christmas Carol "sing".

The 1971 Board of Christian Education now begins a comprehensive review of the Church's religious education needs for the coming year. The Board welcomes your opinions about such needs and/or how to meet them. The work and the purpose of the Board knows no age barriers: religious education is for us all -- a need we have from birth to time everlasting.

Respectfully submitted,

Donn Chatterton Chairman

Beth Bond Carol Dispenza Audrey Magown Larry Tripp

School Superintendent

REPORT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Our church school continued this year with the usual wide fluctuation in attendance. We have 18 teachers (some alternate Sundays) and a number of faithful teenage helpers.

We held two family affairs during the year, the Father-Son banquet in April and the Mother-Daughter banquet in October.

Our children had a number of mission projects during the year. We collected for UNICEF on Halloween, brought Thanksgiving food which was taken to the Home for Little Wanderers in Boston, and Christmas "white gifts" which were donated to the Haverhill Salvation Army. We are still supporting a Korean orphan through the Compassion program. In February our children celebrated his 7th birthday with cake and a party. We sent \$20 to provide a party for all the children at his orphanage and received a thank-you note and a picture of all the children holding their birthday candy.

We held a Vacation Church School this year in August with a very interesting program dwelling on God in Nature.

I enjoy working with a wonderful group of people who are our church school teachers. They give a great deal of time and thought and concern to our church. We all feel that we work with a wonderful group of children. We realize, of course, that children attend church school mostly because they have to, that children don't come consistently, etc., so the task of the teacher is often quite difficult.

One of our ever-present concerns is getting parents involved in the Christian education of their children. Usually this is a matter of priorities. What is of real concern to the parent becomes important to the child. Many of our children are lucky to have concerned parents parents who are interested, who come to programs that involve their child, and who carry through at home in teaching their child. These lucky children should develop some firm basic beliefs that they will certainly need as they grow up in today's world.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Boose Superintendent

Trustees

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Activities of interest during the year are as follows:
- The kitchen exhaust fan was disassembled and cleaned to elimi-

nate a fire hazard and an eyesore.

- A very successful spring cleanup party was conducted in March during which the chandelier in the narthex pulled free of its ceiling anchor and crashed to the floor. Fortunately we were able to repair it and got it reinstalled (much more securely) in time for the Maundy Thursday evening service.

- The stair treads to the choir loft were repaired and replaced

where necessary.

- The water stains on the sanctuary ceiling, left over from our old and leaking roof, were cleaned and painted. (New roof put on in

- The new front doors were installed and painted, the front steps were repaired and painted, and through the generousity of Georgetown Forge the existing front railing was duplicated to provide us with two matching front railings. Elmer Jones accomplished most of this work for us. This year he expects to install gate hooks to prevent wind damage to the doors when they are opened.

- The hedge and shrubs were severely trimmed this spring to make them more manageable. Part of the fence on Clark Street was removed but this proved to be so difficult we decided to leave part of it up a little while longer. The maple tree by the front steps was removed.

- A sump pump was purchased and installed to protect the furnace

from flooding out during severely wet weather.

- The glass in the signboard door was replaced with clear plastic

after being broken by vandals.
- Through the efforts of Forrest Bridges we obtained a quote for a fire detection system to be tied into the town fire alarm system. Most of the money necessary for such a system was left to the church in a will this past fall. At the fall meeting the church voted to go ahead with the installation of the system, but we have been unable to obtain any additional quotes even though two other firms were invited to bid. We are now investigating the cost of a sprinkler system but we expect this will be prohibitive.

- Thanks to the generosity of the Couples' Club, the Easter offering, and the Improvement Fund, we had the parking lot paved in October at a cost of \$1,477.00.

- Both rental properties on Cottage Street were up to date on

payments as of the end of 1970.

- Trustee Tom Diviney left us in December for a new work assignment with General Electric in Philadelphia.

A Look At The Future

- The outside of the church needs to be scraped and painted very badly. It is starting to look quite 'shabby'. It was last done in 1964 and then only the front and Clark Street side.

- Some carpeting for the sanctuary aisles and pulpit would signi-

ficantly enhance the appearance of the church interior. - We have not forgotten about landscaping but feel that exterior painting and interior carpeting should take priority over this.

In Appreciation

As your outgoing chairman of Trustees I would like to extend my thanks to all of our church members, trustees, former trustees, neighbors, sexton Mike Maloof, and minister Phil Southwick, who have helped look after our property over the past year. It has been an interesting experience. We managed to accomplish a few things and to find a lot more that need to be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan R. Barlow Chairman

Music

REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

The dedication of many people continues to make the music program of our Church most rewarding.

Under the direction of Mr. Carl Krumpe, the Senior Choir continues to grow, with the addition of four new members this past year. A Christmas Cantata was again presented this year on Christmas Sunday. The choir members were most pleased to have been able to participate in a choral and organ concert held at St. James Church in Haverhill on October 25. This was to benefit the re-building fund of Riverside Memorial Church. More than 100 voices representing 27 area Catholic and Protestant church sang.

We appreciate the great deal of time and effort Mrs. Emery Boose and Mrs. Charles Flyzik have given to the Junior Choir. Our young people today are indeed our voices of tomorrow. We also wish to thank Miss Carol Bridges, our new leader of the Youth Choir, for her group's fine contribution to our church services. A special note of thanks to Mrs. H. Nelson Pingree, former director of the Youth Choir, for her much appreciated help and enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Stone Chairman

Guild

REPORT OF THE GUILD

In 1923 when the Guild was organized its purpose was to promote hearty friendliness among its members and to encourage them in being helpful to one another and to all whom they could serve. We believe that after forty eight years we are still doing this.

We have a membership of 80. Attendance varies at each meeting.

We continue to contribute to the current expenses of the Church and this year we hope to contribute to some special project.

Our Fund Raising Activities have consisted of food sales, suppers, May Breakfast, rummage sale and the sale of napkins, note paper, etc.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month. We have had several interesting speakers and at the February meeting the members worked on Material Aid projects.

The Material Aid Committee has been busy and has carried out many worthwhile projects.

A cordial invitation is extended to all women of the Church to become members or to attend any of our meetings. New friends are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilhelmina M. Marble President

Missionary Society

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Women's Missionary Society, with a membership of 17, meets the third Monday of each month September through June for fellowship, worship and study of a missionary topic.

Contributions have been made to the Walker Home, our Material Aid Committee, the Riverside Memorial Church Building Fund and other church related services.

The group also has given one hundred dollars (this includes the interest on the Bateman Fund) toward Our Christian World Mission apportionment of the local church. This group sponsors no fund raising projects.

The highlight of the year was the guest afternoon in November. The Rev. A. Karl Phillippi, Northeast Area Minister of the United Church of Christ, was the speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Ida E. Bancroft Secretary

World Service

REPORT ON CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

The following is a copy of the report of the Material Aid work done by the Women's Guild of the First Congregational Church, Georgetown, in 1969-1970, as sent to the Rev. Kenneth Anthony, Division of World Service, United Church Board for World Ministries in New York. In this we have been helped by the Women's Missionary Society, and many people both in and out of our church. I realize that other groups in the church engage in various types of World Service, but I feel that these will be covered in their individual reports rather than in mine.

"Over 400 lbs. used clothing has been sent to Church World Service plus 10¢ a lb. for their shipping costs. Much of this has been taken to Lawrence to be picked up by a CWS truck at no cost to us. The remainder was sent through Graf's Express, but as this material now goes to Maryland, this involves a small cost for that part of the journey which their trucks do not cover.

We also sent the following clothing and household articles:

At least 100 lbs. to Indians at United Church of Christ Mission, Eagle Butte, S. D. (This shipment was particularly requested by a woman in our church who herself was part Indian. Otherwise we might have used them in some other way, and sent the Indians something easier to ship.)

At least 50 lbs. to hurricane sufferers in the South--sent by a truck which picked them up at the Topsfield Con'l Church.

At least 150 lbs. to Pleasant Hill Community Center Thrift Shop, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

Also two sewing kits (yard goods, thread, needles, zippers, etc.) and several cartons of bandages for leprosy clinics to CWS, two hospital kits and one Viet Nam fabric kit.

At Christmas time we sent well over \$100 worth of new or nearly new articles for the Boston City Missionary Society for their Christmas gift program. Also about \$15.00 worth of small gift items to the men at Walpole State Prison."

This is much the same every year, although the quantities vary and the special items would vary a little, so I hope everyone will pardon me for not revising it to go with the calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive R. Metcalf World Service Chairman Material Aid Chairman of Guild

Couple's Club

REPORT OF THE COUPLES CLUB

January	meeting		A Square	Dance	was	enjoyed.
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February meeting - Dr. Cassidy of Mental Health spoke on psychology.

March meeting - Superintendent Kenneth Sheetz spoke on the Atlantic City Convention and the School System.

April meeting - Mr. Tappan showed slides of scenes of bridges and flowers of the New England area.

May meeting - Magician Martine Martin performed magical feats and gifts were presented to the outgoing Presidents Mike and Joan Takesian.

New officers elected were:

Bill and Bobbie Grover - Presidents Sevilla and Bert Hall - Vice Presidents Sandy and Dave Knower - Secretaries Ruth and Ed Jones - Treasurers

May

- The Youth Fellowship was taken to the
Hathorn Regional Center for a buffet meal
and swimming and bowling for their babysitting
services for the Couples' Club.

October meeting - A Monte Carlo Whist Party was held,

November meeting - Daniel Denney gave a talk on drugs which was open to the public.

December meeting - Annual Holiday Dance held at Saint Mary's Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill and Bobbie Grover Presidents

Long Range Planning

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT March 4, 1970

The reconstituted Long Range Planning Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis (except for December) since September 1969. Since we have been remiss in not formally reporting on our activities to the Cabinet, this is an attempt to summarize our progress to date.

Our first two meetings were essentially exploratory in nature with quite general discussions touching on the following:

- (a) The financial strength of the Church
- (b) The spiritual strength of the Church
- (c) The thought that our present Sunday School conditions perhaps tell us something about the spiritual strength of our Church.
- (d) The need to consider the spiritual aspects of long range planning alongside the physical aspects of the problem.

At our third meeting in November, we discussed our Committee objectives and attempted to define them. This proved to be relatively difficult and it is probable that each Committee member sees our target a little differently. Nevertheless I think that we are generally agreed on the following plan of action.

- 1. To compile whatever factual data is necessary to describe our present situation. This includes all the obvious factors such as membership, Sunday School attendance, pictures of facilities, floor space, etc.
- 2. Meet with the major church committees and indeed with anyone who has something to contribute to get as many thoughts, facts or proposals on the matter as possible.
- 3. Based on these facts and discussions, develop recom-

mendations to be presented if possible at the annual church meeting in October. It is visualized that these recommendations would provide the ground rules for future action but would not necessarily define the action in detail. For example, if it were consluded that there is a need to build additional facilities we are not proposing to come up with detailed plans. In other words we do not see our function as that of a building committee. Instead, we would generate enough information on our space needs, financing capability, etc. to provide guide lines for an architect if the Church decided to pursue the matter.

The objectives outlined in (3) above are of course our interpretation of the LRP Committee purpose. It would be desirable at this point to have the Cabinet indicate whether they believe that this approach is a proper interpretation of the Committee objectives.

Subsequent to the November meeting we have met with the Chairman of the Finance Committee and more recently with the Deacons and Deaconesses. It is expected that the Finance Committee will look into the improvement financing potential of the church, based we hope on a careful and realistic appraisal of the many factors which must influence such an estimate.

Our meeting in February with the Deacons and Deaconesses was most interesting. Many thoughts and ideas were presented but perhaps the most significant recurring theme was the question of

which comes first - spiritual rehabilitation or physical rehabilitation. There seemed to be an underlying feeling that if the spiritual aspects of the problem were successfully solved the physical improvements would ensue automatically.

Our next meeting will be on March 17th with the Christian Education Committee.

James Gammie

Auditor

January 19, 1970

We have, as of this date, audited the books of the Treasurer and Collector of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown; and found them to be correct and in order.

Respectfully,
H. Lelson Dingue
Virginia R. Rogers

Collector

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR

Month	Current Exp.	Missions (Church School	Div. Int. Reimb.
Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	\$1,901.79 1,168.70 1,963.05 1,356.78 1,710.64 1,104.55 1,169.08 1,601.55 1,111.20 1,913.09 2,239.51 1,854.57	\$378.20 229.30 328.60 242.35 394.20 342.25 330.50 199.45 189.75 304.25 475.55 297.25	\$68.16 70.35 78.92 57.30 69.26 17.67 13.70 8.00 24.54 65.90 90.05 118.65	\$413.09 367.90 334.55 372.69 560.67 160.50 144.66 690.20 351.68 103.08 794.09 139.50
	\$19,094.51	\$3,711.65	\$682.50	\$4 , 432 . 61
	Build. Fur	nd Imp. Fund	Misc.	Total
Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	\$15.00 6.00 5.00 17.50 11.00 3.00 18.50 11.00 9.00 16.50 12.50 4.00	\$218.85 135.50 236.45 144.90 181.75 122.70 173.65 114.45 94.10 197.20 236.95 162.40	\$146.01 41.25 314.60 130.50 417.25 512.00 25.00 19.00 5.25 3,401.56 494.12	\$3,141.10 2,019.00 3,261.17 2,322.02 3,344.77 2,262.67 1,850.09 2,649.65 1,799.27 2,605.27 7,250.21 3,070.49
	\$129.00	\$2,018.90	\$5,506.54	\$35 , 575 . 71

We had 176 pledges for 1970, plus 10 families with envelopes, no pledge. As of January 14, 1971 we have received:

101 paid

42 nearly paid 27 very little paid

ll nothing paid

3 no pledge 2 moved away

On these pledges we have received \$21,569.85 Unpaid \$3,813.65

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth L. Jones Collector

Finance

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

For the year 1970 a budget of \$34,055.00 was proposed. After having our canvass, our goals had not been met and it had to be cut. The budget was revised to a figure of \$31,895.00 and was accepted by the church membership. Operating on this budget the church managed to pay its bills for the year.

In setting up a budget the money spent must equal the money you hope to receive. After cutting expected expenses as much as we could we still found that we had to hope for a \$\pi_2500.00\$ profit from the Church Fair in order to balance the budget. The Finance Committee feels this money should not be counted on to balance the budget and pay the bills, but should be used to help people and improve the church.

The Canvass for 1971 was held in November and I'm sorry to say was not a very big success. There were 145 pledges made and 8 other families requested envelopes. The money pledged for 1971 is as follows:

1. Current Expenses

\$17,468.70

2. Missions

2,261.70

3, Improvement Fund

2,211.60

This is a decrease of over \$3000.00 in the amount pledged for 1970. While 1970 has been a good year financially, things do not look very good for 1971.

On the following page is a copy of the 1971 budget as adopted at the October 1970 Church Meeting. If we want a good church, we will have to pay for it. In light of these facts, will you reconsider and increase your pledge?

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin H. Pingree Chairman

Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RECEIPTS	
201 Pledges - Current Expenses 202 Loose Collect MISSIONS	\$18,057.75 1,036.76
203.1 Regular Collect 203.2 Special CHURCH SCHOCL	2,522.85
204.1 Regular Collect 204.2 Missions 205 Dividends, Interest & Reimbursements 206.1 Building Fund 206.2 Improvement Fund Sale of desk \$10.00 Church Fair 1969 8.50	454.96 227.54 4,422.61 129.00 2,018.90
Church Fair 1970 3,635.13 Total 208.2 Initial Offering 208.3 Special Donation 209 Memorial Fund	3,653.63 24.11 1,769.10 162.00
	\$35,575.71
ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF RECEIPTS	
*205 #400.00 Interest from Perley Fund 258.03 Interest from General Fund 738.84 Interest from Mass. Congregational 118.59 Fuel reimbursements from Elliott's 335.50 Flower reimbursements 2.091.37 Pontal income	Fund
2,081.37 Rental income 137.50 Reimbursement from Mother-Daughter 88.90 "Father-Son 56.68 "Bible School 11.65 "Essex North Asso 24.55 "Hammett Co. 21.00 "Haverhill Gazett 150.00 From Annual Fixed Expense Account	ociation
*208.3	Fund

DISBURSEMENTS	
LEADER HIP AND SERVICES OF OUR MINISTRY	
302.1 Pulpit supply 303 Health Insurance & Pension Board 304 Minister's Annuity 305 Minister's Car Allowance 306 Traveling Expenses (Conf., etc.) 307 Deacons' Supplies 308 Organist, Choir Director 308.1 Substitute Organist 309 Music Supplies 310 Board of Christian Education 313 Per Capita Fellowship 314 Flowers 315 Deaconess Expenses 316 Social Committee Expenses 317 Treasurer's Expenses 318 Collector's Expenses 319 Long Range Planning Committee Expenses	\$7,125.00 150.00 385.50 940.50 600.00 103.02 1,600.00 125.00 141.25 1,312.21 590.40 265.00 184.65 9.65 300.00 300.00
	\$14,167.18
OUR ADMINISTRATIONAL EXPENSES	
401 Church Secretary 402 Stationary, Postage, Printing, & Office Suppl 403 Sexton's Salary 404 Church Utilities Heat \$1,876.13 Electricity 276.34 Water 153.99 Telephone 393.39	\$700.00 lies 993.24 2,012.00
Telephone 393.39 Gas 27.75 Total 405 Parsonage Utilities	2,727.60
	\$7,032.84
OUR CHURCH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR	
501 Church Building Care 502 Parsonage Ubkeep 503 Supplies 504 Insurance	\$ 297.38 33.31 313.30 1,119.65
GARTHAL THURSDANDING AND TOUTPAIN	\$1,763.64
CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND EQUIPMENT	- /-
601 Office Equipment 602 Church School Equipment 603 Improvement Fund Savings Account Building Fund Savings Account 604 Reinvestment of 10% of Dividends & Interest	2,023.70 129.00 . 99.69
	\$2,257.99

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DEBT RETIREMENT AND RESERVES	
701 Mortgage Payments on our Properties (1 & 3 Cottage St. & Parsonage)	\$2,840.54
702 Reserve for contingencies & Depreciation of building equipment (from Fair)	650.00
	\$3,490.54
OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION & OTHER BENEVOLENCES	
901 Missions	\$2,233.45
Regular Missions	100.00
Women's Missionary Society OCWM	200.00
Pakistan Relief Fund	2.00
World Mission	200.00
901.2 Andover Newton	200.00
901.3 Church School Missions	140.00
Korean Orphan	81.27
UNICEF	10.00
Reading Circle for the Blind	1,093.75
Mission Advance	<u> </u>
(" total \$2,534.50)	\$4,060.47
DISBURSEMENTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	
	62 725 QQ
1208* Miscellaneous	\$2,725.99 162.00
1209 Memorial Fund	\$2,887.99
Manage Mark on Garanteen Coming Bonk Decome	
*1208 \$365.00 Georgetown Savings Bank Deacons	
635.00 Georgetown Savings Bank Annual	Fixed Exp. Acct.
500.00 " " Held in	n Imp. Fund-Inheritance
451.00 Easter 1970 for Driveway 250.00 From Couples' Club for Driveway	7
171.03 Georgetown Savings Bank Fair Ch	nairman Account
261.14 Town of Georgetown - taxes on	3 Cottage St.
92.82 Miscellaneous (ads, printing,	etc.)
SUMMARY	
	\$1,056.90
Balance on hand January 1, 1970	25 575 71
Total receipts January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970	36 632 61
	35,660.65
Total disbursements	
	971.96
H 14 in absolution passent on of Dog 21 1070	
Held in checking account as of Dec. 31, 1970 Church Sunday School \$52.40	
Christmas Offering for Riverside Church \$247.30	
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SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Georgetown Savings Bank

OCCIECOC	WIII DEVILIAD DEIII	
#14284	Memorial Fund Balance Jan. 1, 1970 Deposits Interest	\$1,136.66 162.00 58.44 \$1,357.10
	Withdrawals Balance Dec. 31, 1970	87.71 \$1,269.39
#14425	General Fund (Special Notice) Balance Jan. 1, 1970 Denosits Interest	\$4,670.58 99.69 258.03 \$5,028.30
	Withdrawals Balance Dec. 31, 1970	258.03 \$4,770.27
#14426	Deacons Fund Balance Jan. 1, 1970 Deposits Interest	\$1,402.95 745.95 82.66 \$2,231.56
	Withdrawals Balance Dec. 31, 1970	500.00 \$1,731.56
#14427	Mission Fund Balance Jan. 1, 1970 Interest	\$1,028.13 55.95 \$1,084.08
	Withdrawals Balance Dec. 31, 1970	\$1,027.68
#15513	Deacons Fund (Special Notice) Balance Jan. 1, 1970 Interest	\$2,500.00 137.49 \$2,637.49
	Withdrawals Balance Dec. 31, 1970	137.49
#15401	Rug Fund Balance Jan. 1, 1970 Interest Balance Dec. 31, 1970	\$ 61.20 3.17 \$ 64.37
#16617	Reserve Account Balance Jan. 1, 1970 Deposits Interest Balance Dec. 31, 1970	\$1,120.71 650.00 54.73 \$1,825.44

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5.
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (Cont.)
         Fair Chairman Account
#19360
                                                            208.54
            Balance Jan. 1, 1970
                                                            171.03
            Deposits
                                                             10.43
            Interest
                                                            390.00
                                                            190.00
            Withdrawals
                                                            200,00
            Balance Dec. 31, 1970
#20099
         Annual Fixed Expense Account
                                                            150.00
             Balance Feb. 9, 1970
                                                            485.00
             Deposits
                                                              5.22
             Interest
                                                            640.22
                                                            150.00
             Withdrawals
                                                            490.22
             Balance Dec. 31, 1970
#14417
         Improvement Fund
                                                         $3,168.46
             Balance Jan. 1, 1970
                                                          6,309.55
             Deposits
                                                            164-53
             Interest
                                                         $9,642.54
             Withdrawals
             Balance Dec. 31, 1970
Further Details on Improvement Fund
                                                 $1.373.47
     Merrimack Valley National Bank
       Quarterly Payments on Loan
        (Dec. 31, 1970 Loan Balance $1,800.00)
                                                    541.30
     Front Doors
       1969 spent 570.00 for the new doors.
       We had $418.20 left for them to be
          installed, hardware, etc. $123.10
          left we used from Imp. Fund.
                                                  1.488.00
     Skip Sheehan Hot Top Driveway
        $701.00 came from Easter Special
          Collection and Couples' Club
                                                    128.00
     E. S. Jones Repairs
Being held in the Improvement Fund now is
     $3,084.85 Inheritance from James Feronetti
in memory of his wife, Ruth Feronetti
                                                              $6,111.77
         500.00 Inheritance from estate of Marion Weston
                                                               3,584.85
Family Mutual Savings Bank
           Building Fund
#161328
                                                          $2,179.79
              Balance Jan. 1, 1970
                                                             129.00
              Deposits
                                                             117.23
              Interest
                                                          $2,426.02
              Balance Dec. 31, 1970
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\$ -199.02 136.23 \$ - 62.79 Minus for the year on the 2 properties

In 1969 we paid out 475.00 Taxes
475.00 New septic system for 3 Cottage St.
31.50 Water bill for 1 Cottage St.
1.172.00 Mortgage payments on 1 Cottage St.

Receipts 960.00
742.29

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Sheehan

Treasurer

Budget

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH GEORGETOWN, MASS. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET

We expect to spend for

Operating Our Church	Present Budget 1/1/70 to 12/31/70	Proposed Budget 1/1/71 to 12/31/71
l. Leadership & Services of Our Ministry	\$14,210.00	\$15 , 098.00
2. Adminis. & Operational Expense 3. Church Property Maint. &	6,845.00	6,995.00
Repair 4. Equipment	2,720.00	2,220.00 50.00
5. Debt Retirement	2,950.00	2,950.00
Helping Others		
6. Benevolences	3,120.00	3,120.00
We expect to set asid	de for	
Improving Our Facilities	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$31,895.00	\$32,433.00
	BUDGET GOALS	
RECEIPTS	DODGET GONED	
THORICID		
201. Pledges - Current Expense	\$19,500.00	\$20,038.00
202. Loose Collect 203. Missions	1,050.00	1,050.00
1. Pledges - Benevolend 2. Specials	2,800.00 125.00	2,800.00 125.00
204. Church School		
1. Regular Collect	500.00	500.00
2. Missions 205. Dividends, Interest	120.00	120.00
& Reimbursements	2,800.00	2,800.00
206. Improvement Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00
207. Miscellaneous Church Fair, etc.	1,850.00	1,850.00
208. Reserved for continge		650.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$31,895.00	\$32,433.00

DI	SBURSEMENTS		
		Present	Proposed
1.	LEADERSHIP & SERVICES OF OUR MINIS' 301. Minister's Salary	\$7,125.00	\$7,675.00
	302. Pulpit Supply	210.00	210.00
	303. Health Insurance	360.00	360.00
	304. Minister's Annuity	950.00	1,013.00
	305. Minister's Car Allowance	600.00	600.00
	306. Traveling Exp. (Conf.)	60.00	60.00
3	307. Deacons' Supplies	100.00	100,00
	308. Organist-Choir Director	1,600.00	1,700.00
	1. Substitute Organist	75.00	150.00
	309. Music Supplies 310. Bd. Christian Education	13.00	
	(Church School)	1,500.00	1,500.00
	313. Per Capita Fellowship		
	(Conference)	600.00	600.00
	314. Flowers	50.00	50.00
	315. Deaconess' Expenses	200.00	200.00
	316. Social Comm. Expenses	30.00	30.00 350.00
	317. Treasurer's Expenses	300.00	350.00
	318. Collector's Expenses	300.00	50.00
	319. Long Range Planning Comm.		
	TOTAL	\$14,210.00	\$15,098.00
	ADMINITORD ARTON & ADDROVATION AT		
2.	OUR ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONAL		
	EXPENSE 401. Church Secretary	700.00	750.00
	402. Stationery, Postage,		
	Printing & Office Supplies	900.00	900.00
	403. Sexton's Salary	2,070.00	2,070.00
	404. Church Utilities		7 000 00
	1. Heat	1,700.00	1,800.00
	2. Electricity	400.00	65.00
	3. Water	65.00 350.00	350.00
	4. Telephone	60.00	60.00
	5. Gas 405. Parsonage Utilities	600.00	600.00
	40). Taibonage outilities		and the second s
	TOTAL	\$6,845.00	\$6,995.00
3.			
	& REPAIR		
	501. Church Building Care)	1,500.00	1,000.00
	502. Parsonage Upkeep	1,500.00	1,000,00
	503. Supplies) 504. Insurance	1,220.00	1,20,00
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	TOTAL	\$2,720.00	\$2,220.00
4.	CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND		
	EQUIPMENT	50 00	50.00
	601. Office Equipment	50.00	JU 800
	602. Church School Equipment 603. Improvement Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00
	ool. Imbrovement rand	2,000,00	
	TOTAL	\$2,050.00	\$2,050.00
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DISBURSEMENTS (Cont.) 5. DEBT RETIREMENT AND RESERVES	Present	Proposed
701. Mortgage Payments on Parsonage & Church Properties 702. Reserve for Contingencies	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
& Depreciation of Building Equipment	650.00	650.00
TOTAL	\$2,950.00	\$2,950.00
6. OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION AND OTHER BENEVOLENCES		
901. Missions & Benevolences 1. Regular	2,500.00	2,500.00
2. Andover Newton Theo. School 3. Veterans of the Cross 4. Church School Missions 5. Specials	200.00 50.00 120.00 250.00	200.00 50.00 120.00 250.00
TOTAL	\$3,120.00	\$3,120.00

Nominating

Report of the Nominating Committee

October 1970

Moderator

Leeland Lowell

Clerk

Mrs. Arthur Marble

Treasurer

Mrs. Joseph Sheehan

Collector

Mrs. Edward Jones

Deacons for Three years

Clyde Tozier Allan Barlow

Deaconesses for Three years Mrs. Arthur Outram

Mrs. George Condon

Trustee for Five years

Robert Davidson

Finance Committee Three years Donald Johnson

Music Committee Three years

Mrs. Calvin Pingree

Board of Christian Education

Three years

William Haid Mrs. Helen Snow

Nominating Committee

Five years

Mrs. Donn Chatterton

Auditing Committee

H. Nelson Pingree Mrs. Harris Rogers

Bocial Committee

Mrs. Richard Tidd

Flower Committee

Mrs. M. R. Kelloway

Social Action

Miss Ida Bancroft

Ushers

Ernest Kelloway Robert Thompson

World Service

Miss Olive R. Metcalf