ANNUAL REPORTS 2006

Including a consolidated financial statement for 2006, and the 2007 Budget Report

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ Georgetown, Massachusetts

Meetings

The First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc. 7 Andover Street, PO Box 200 Georgetown, MA 01833

January 17, 2006

WARRANT

The members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown are hereby advised that in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of said Church, <u>The Annual Meeting of the Church</u> will be held Sunday, January 29, 2006, immediately following worship, in the Church Sanctuary, 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 action thereon:

Article II: To hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee in regard to the 2005 financial operations and the 2006 proposed budget, or take any other action there;

Article III: To see if the Church will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Finance Committee, to transfer money among the various accounts from time to time during the ensuing year, for the purpose of maintaining an equitable cash flow and of financing current expense obligations, or take any other action in relation thereto;

Article IV: To hear and act on the report of the Nominating Committee, or take any other action in relation thereto:

Article V: To hear and act on any other business and to take any other actions, relative to the Church and its property, which may be brought before the Annual Meeting in accordance with the Bylaws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

By direction of the Church Cabinet

Emily J. Knapp Clerk

Minutes of the Annual Church Meeting

January 29, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Moderator, Nancy Aberman.

The Clerk read Article I: "To receive the reports of the several boards, committees and officers of the Church and to take action thereon:"

A motion was made that the Church vote to accept the 2005 reports of the several Boards, Committees, Coordinators and Officers. The motion was seconded, discussion followed. Nancy thanked all those who wrote the reports and thanked all those who put the Annual Report together for distribution to the members. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Article II was read: "to hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee in regard to the 2005 financial operations and the 2006 proposed budget, or take any other action thereto:

A motion was made that the Church vote to accept the 2005 Financial Report and 2006 Budget as printed. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

The Chair of the Finance Committee spoke on the very difficult financial situation the Church is facing. There are significant deficits and we, as a Church, need to begin some fundraising projects to aid our budget.

No additional discussion, the vote was taken and the motion carried.

The Clerk read Article III: "To see if the Church will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Finance Committee, to transfer money among the various accounts from time to time during the ensuing year, for the purpose of maintaining an equitable cash flow and of financing current expense obligations, or take any other action in relation thereto:

A motion was made that the Church vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Finance Committee, to transfer money among the various accounts from time to time during the ensuing year, for the purpose of maintaining an equitable cash flow and of financing current expense obligations. The motion was seconded. The Moderator asked for discussion on this motion – none appearing, a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Article IV was read. "To hear and act on the report of the Nominating Committee, or take any other action in relation thereto;"

A motion was made that the Church vote to elect the slate of Officers, Board, Committees, Coordinators and Auditors listed in the Nominating Committee's Report in the **Annual Reports 2005** and to signify such election, the Clerk will be directed to cast one ballot in favor of the slate as presented. The motion was seconded. The names of those who will newly serve on committees was read. The Clerk cast one ballot to elect the slate of officers.

Article V: "To hear and act on any other business and to take any other actions, relative to the Church and its property, which may be brought before the Annual Meeting in accordance with the Bylaws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

At this time Moderator, Nancy Aberman was recognized and thanked for her hard work and dedication as our Moderator. The members of the Church Cabinet appreciate the kindness and professionalism that Nancy has shown in her position as Church Moderator.

No additional business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily J. Knapp, Clerk

The First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc. 7 Andover Street, P.O. Box 200 Georgetown, Mass. 01833

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WARRANT

The members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown are hereby advised that in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of said Church, a Special Meeting of the Church will be held Sunday, March 26, 2006, immediately following worship, in the Church Sanctuary, then and there to act on the following listed Articles:

ARTICLE I: To hear the report of the Board of Trustees concerning a proposed lease for installation, operation, and maintenance of wireless transmission and receiving equipment within the Church belfry and edifice;

ARTICLE II: To see if the Church will vote to authorize the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Chair of the Finance Committee to act for and on behalf of the Church to complete negotiations and sign a lease for installation, operation, and maintenance of wireless transmission and receiving equipment within the Church belfry and edifice, or take any other action in relation thereto;

ARTICLE III: To see if the Church will vote to adopt the following changes to its Constitution and Bylaws:

- 1. Effective with the 2006-2007 school year the voluntary position of Superintendent of the Church School is eliminated and the financially compensated position of Director of Religious Education is established;
- 2. Effective January 1, 2007, the Treasurer is permitted to transfer funds among the various accounts with Finance Committee approval instead of annual Church Membership authorization;

Or take any other action in relation thereto;

ARTICLE IV: To hear and act on any other business and to take any other actions, relative to the Church and its property, which may be brought before this Special Meeting in accordance with the Bylaws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

By direction of the Church Cabinet

Emily J. Knapp Clerk

Special Church Meeting

March 26, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 AM, by Moderator, Karen Flom. Rev. Eric Marean opened the meeting in prayer.

The Clerk read Article I: "To hear and act on the report of the Board of Trustees concerning a proposed lease for installation, operation, and maintenance of wireless transmission and receiving equipment within the Church belfry and edifice."

Chuck Davis, Chair of the Board of Trustees presented members with a Power-Point presentation of the proposed T-Mobile plan to install wireless transmissions within the Church edifice. If we receive the go-ahead from the appropriate town boards, T-Mobile will place and operate wireless communication equipment in the Church building. In return, the Church will receive \$1200/month rental income. Questions were entertained and a motion was then made that the Church vote to accept the proposed lease for the installation, operation and maintenance of wireless transmission and receiving equipment within the Church belfry and edifice. The motion was seconded, additional discussion asked for, the vote was taken and the motion carried.

Article II was read. "To see if the Church will vote to authorize the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Chair of the Finance Committee to act for and on behalf of the Church to complete negotiations and sign a lease for installation, operation, and maintenance of wireless transmission and receiving equipment within the Church belfry and edifice, or take any other action in relation thereto;"

A motion was made that the Church vote to authorize the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Chair of the Finance Committee to act for and on behalf of the church to complete negotiations and sign a lease for installation, operation, and maintenance of wireless transmission and receiving equipment within the Church belfry and edifice. The motion was seconded, discussion called for, the motion carried.

Article III: "To see if the Church will vote to adopt the following changes to its Constitution and Bylaws:

- Effective with the 2006-2007 school year, the voluntary position of Superintendent of the Church School is eliminated and the financially compensated position of Director of Religious Education is established.
- Effective January 1, 2007, the Treasurer is permitted to transfer funds among the various accounts with Finance Committee approval instead of annual Church membership authorization.

or take any other action in relation thereto;

The Moderator indicated that we would call for two separate motions for this Article.

1. A motion was made that the Church vote that effective with the 2006-2007 school year; the voluntary position of Superintendent of the Church School is eliminated and the financially compensated position of Director of Religious Education is established. The motion was seconded; discussion called for.

The Chair of the Board of Christian Education spoke on how difficult finding a qualified volunteer would be to take on the position of Church School Superintendent; and the Board felt that at this time making the position salaried would be in the best interest of the Church. They Board would be looking for a person who could ignite new energy into the Sunday School and Youth program with hopes of establishing growth and excitement for both teachers and youth. The Board greatly appreciates all the Pam Sheehan has brought to the Sunday School and Youth programs. Pam originally offered to serve for one year until the Board could find a new Church School Superintendent. This one year period has extended to about 5 years now. Pam will continue as Church School Superintendent until June, 2006.

No additional discussion, the vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made that the Church vote that effective January 1, 2007, the Treasurer is permitted to transfer funds among the various accounts with Finance Committee approval instead of annual Church membership authorization. The motion was seconded; discussion called for.

The Chair of the Finance Committee spoke of this proposal. By adding this information to our Constitution and Bylaws, it will no longer be necessary to have this as and Article at our Annual Church meeting.

No additional discussion, the vote was taken and the motion carried.

The Clerk read Article IV. "To hear and act on any other business and to take nay other actions, relative to the Church and its property, which may be brought before this Special Meeting in accordance with the Bylaws, or take any other action in relation thereto.

No additional business at hand, the meting adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily J. Knapp Clerk

The First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc.

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October 11, 2006

WARRANT

The members of The First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc., are hereby advised that in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of said Church, a special meeting of the Church Membership will be held Sunday, 19 November 2006, in the Church Sanctuary, immediately following worship, then and there to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE I: To hear the report of the Church Cabinet, acting as a Pastoral Search Committee, regarding the proposal of Eric and Sara Marean that they be **Called** as co-Pastors & Teachers and co-Directors of Religious Education.

ARTICLE II: To see if the Church will vote to Call the Reverend Sara E. Marean and the Reverend Eric M. Marean as its co-Pastors & Teachers and appoint them as its co-Directors of Religious Education, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE III: To see if the Church will vote to accept the resignation of Reverend Eric M. Marean as its sole Pastor and Teacher to clear the way for him and Reverend Sara E. Marean to sign a new contract to become the Church's co-Pastors and Teachers, or take any other action in relation thereto.

By direction of the Church Cabinet

Emily J. Knapp Clerk

Special Church Meeting

November 19, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Moderator, Karen Flom. Rev. Eric Marean and Rev. Sara Marean were not in attendance at the meeting while the vote for the Co-Pastor position was entertained.

The Clerk read Article I: "To hear the report of the Church Cabinet, acting as a Pastoral Search Committee, regarding the proposal of Eric ad Sara Marean, that they be Called as co-Pastors & Teachers and co-Directors of Religious Education.

A motion was made that the Church membership vote to accept the report of the Cabinet acting as a Pastoral Search Committee. The motion was seconded. Discussion was then asked for...Moderator, Karen Flom gave an overview of the time-line and how the Co-Pastor proposal came about. The Cabinet agreed to proceed with the proposal and copies of the information was presented to the Church membership. The Cabinet formed a sub-committee to review and present a Contract. Meetings with our Area Minister, Rev. Michael Penn-Strah occurred to obtain information from other Churches who have husband and wife Co-pastorates. We also were assisted by our Interim Minister, Rev. Alice Erickson who gave us very helpful information to work with. The Cabinet feels very excited about the possibility of have the experience of two ordained Ministers to work in our Church community.

Questions from the Church membership were received, including how will we know if this ministry is successful and is a there a time frame established for reviewing the Copastors. Laura Zalewski, Chair of the Diaconate told members that the Diaconate will be working together with Area Minister Rev. Michael Penn-Strah and our Pastoral Relations Committee to come up with effective guidelines for Ministerial Review. A meeting with all these parties will take place before year end, with hopes of having guidelines in place shortly thereafter.

The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The Clerk read Article II: "To see if the Church will vote to Call the Reverend Sara E. Marean and the Reverend Eric M. Marean as its co-Pastors & Teachers and appoint them as co-Directors of Religious Education, or take any other action in relation thereto;

A motion was made that the Church Membership vote to CALL Reverend Sara Marean and Reverend Eric M. Marean as its co-Pastors and Teachers as authorized by the *Constitution and Bylaws*, (Paragraph 4.4.1a) and further, if this Call is accepted by Reverend Sara E. Marean and Reverend Eric M. Marean, to direct the Board of Christian Education to appoint Reverend Sara E. Marean and Rev. Eric M. Marea as co-Directors of Religious Education in accordance with Paragraph 4.4.9b of the *Constitution and Bylaws* with the Call and appointments to become effective on the 20th day of November, 2006.

The motion was seconded and discussion called for.

Some of the items raised during discussion were concerns that have been raised regarding the performance of the pastorate here at the Church. These issues are being addressed and will be worked out in a constructive manner. The Cabinet feels that the Co-pastorate is an excellent answer to our Christian Education situation. If the Church were to look for a college student to work as Religious Education Director the chances of them staying long term at the Church are not good. There would be high turnover which would not be effective in developing an expanding Church School and Youth program.

At this time the Moderator asked that the vote be taken by secret ballot. When all votes were cast and counted, the Moderator announced that by a greater than 2/3 majority vote, the motion to Call Rev. Eric M. Marean and Rev. Sara E. Marean as Co-Pastors passed. The Moderator left the sanctuary to let Eric and Sara know of the voting results, at which time, Rev. Sara E. Marean and Rev. Eric M. Marean signed the CALL form.

Article III was read by the Church Clerk: "To see if the Church will vote to accept the resignation of Reverend Eric M. Marean as its sole Pastor and Teacher to clear the way for him and Reverend Sara E. Marean to sign a new contract to become the Church's co-Pastors and Teachers, or take any other action in relation thereto.

A motion was made that the Church membership vote to accept the resignation of Reverend Eric M. Marean as its sole Pastor and Teacher. The motion was seconded, discussion called for, the vote taken and the motion carried.

No additional business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily J. Knapp Clerk

Minister

Report of Reverend Eric M. Marean

The Hartford Institute for Religion Research at Hartford Seminary just released a study detailing the dynamics of growth and decline in American congregations. Among their findings, researchers discovered congregations that are willing to change to meet new challenges are more likely to be healthy and growing than those which are not. That's good news for us because we certainly belonged in the former category in 2006.

We met new challenges head on and made some exciting adjustments. We began the year by adding a new position to our church staff, a Director of Christian Education, to manage the needs of our church school students and teachers. We responded to the need for additional funds to finance our ministries by creating new opportunities for giving. The Giving Tree was a wonderful success, as was the Golf Outing and the return of the Strawberry Social. The birth of my son Zephaniah (a major change in my life!) led to several changes in the life of the church. First, the congregation adjusted well to the leadership of Reverend Alice Erickson when she provided pastoral coverage during my paternity leave; I haven't enough room in this report to express how grateful I am to this congregation for that time with my family. The second, and perhaps biggest change of the year, culminated in November when the congregation called Rev. Sara Marean to share with me the position of Pastor as well as the additional duties of Director of Christian Ed. This new arrangement is working well based in large part on the support and enthusiasm of the congregation. Finally, we topped off the changes in the month of December with new musical opportunities in the church. Our caroling Sunday was well attended and a lot of fun and we had a great response to the Brass Group which played during the season of Advent.

With these challenges addressed, I believe we will carry into 2007 the palpable energy and excitement many of us felt by the end of last year. Our worship attendance spiked in November and December, new visitors and members participated in our ministries, our weekly giving increased and the spirit of the congregation as a whole was, and is, healthy and good. With all of this in mind, it is easy to remember what an honor it is to serve as a co-pastor here in Georgetown and what a blessing it is to now spend more time supporting our church school teachers and students as a co-director of Christian Education.

Of course, our ministries would not be successful without the faithful staff and countless volunteers who answer God's call in this church. Thanks to Emily Knapp, Bob Knapp, Evelyn Boose and Marion Harding for their music leadership. Thanks to Pamela Sheehan for her years of dedication to our church school programs. Thanks to Tom Bold who served as Office Manager for the past year-and-a-half. Thanks to everyone who offers their time and talents in visible and not so visible ways. And this year I'm pleased to thank Pastor Sara for sharing her ministerial gifts with us.

With God's help, we can keep First Church healthy and growing, addressing each new challenge that comes our way.

Blessings, Eric M. Marean

Report of Reverend Sara E. Marean

As many of you know, on November 19, 2006 First Congregational Church of Georgetown, UCC called me to be a co-pastor along with my husband Rev. Eric Marean, and on November 20, 2006 I began my ministry with you. Though I had been attending services here for quite a while, I have appreciated getting to know you in a different way. You have all made me feel so welcome! In the past few weeks I have enjoyed moving my books into the office, putting up pictures on the walls, and leading worship. This is a very exciting time for me, and I hope for you too. I'm looking forward to continuing our ministry together, and to many years of laughs, conversation and good work.

Though I have only been with you as pastor for a few weeks I have been able to meet with several committees and have begun my pastoral duties. This upcoming year I will be working with the Trustees and the Deacons and will focus my energy on worship, visitation and church administration. I will also be working with the youth groups. Of course over the next few months Pastor Eric and I will be figuring out the details of how the division of labor will look in this co-pastorate, and I'm eager to continue the great ministry he, you and the church staff provided this community together. We have a wonderful staff filled with talented people! I'm looking forward to working with our Music Director Bob Knapp and our Organist Emily Knapp, as well as the Children's Choir Directors Evelyn Boose and Marion Harding. We have just hired a new Church Office Manager Debra Porter and I'm excited to see the skills she brings to her new position. And, I am thankful to Pastor Eric for the wonderful pastoral skills and hard work he has brought to this congregation during the past four years.

As we embark on this the beginning of our ministry, I find I am grateful that we have been called together. I have enjoyed meeting many of you, and can't wait to meet many more of you in the months and years ahead. This is an exciting time of new beginnings, new friendships, and new ventures into God's ministry of love. May God bless us in these endeavors, giving us the strength and hope we need to live out this call. And may we learn to share ever more fully God's love with one another and the world that needs it so badly.

May God's peace be with you, Sara Marean

Clerk

Report of the Church Clerk

Listed below you will find the many activities and events that were held at The First Congregational Church of Georgetown during 2006.

January:

- Three Kings Sunday

Book Club- "Plain Truth"Annual Church Meeting

- Rev. William Fleming, former Church minister (1958-1965), passes away

February:

Valentines Candy and Craft Sale for Heifer Fund (to purchase Water Buffalo)

Book Club- "Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night"

March:

- Mid-winter Pot Luck Supper & Game Night

- Confirmation Class Begins

- Ash Wednesday

- Adult Lenten Book Study: "The Heart of Christianity"

Moonlight Productions: "Cinderella"
Tour of Emmaus House, Haverhill MA
Book Club- "Under the Banner of Heaven"

- Special Church Meeting: T-Mobile Cell Tower Discussion

April:

- Fund Raising Committee sets up "Giving Tree" in Narthex

Book Club- "Memoirs of a Geisha"

Church Clean-Up DayPalm Sunday Service

- Maundy Thursday Service of Passover and Tenebrae

- Easter Sunrise Service at Penn Brook School

Sunrise Service Breakfast at Church
 Easter Morning Worship Service
 Emmaus House Food Drive

- Walk Against Violence in Newburyport

May:

- Sr. High Youth Group Pasta Supper

- Welcome New Members into our Church Family

Co-pastor Proposal presented to Cabinet

Laity Sunday

Book Club- "Night"

June:

Children's Sunday

- Graduate Recognition Sunday

- Confirmation Class joins into Church membership

Strawberry Social and Band Concert

- Moonlight Productions: "Pirates of Penzance"

Book Club- "The Glass Castle"

July;

Union services with Second Church W. Boxford in Georgetown

- Sr. High Youth Group Retreat at Horton Center, Gorham, NH

- Moonlight Productions: "Once On This Island"

August:

Union services with Second Church W. Boxford, in W. Boxford

Moonlight Productions: "Forbidden Moonlight"

Arrival of Zephaniah David Wildasin Marean 8/29/06

September:

Laity Sunday

- Rally Day - Welcome Back to Sunday School

Welcome Interim Minister Rev. Alice Erickson to our pulpit

Book Club- "Light on Snow"

October:

World Wide Communion

- Collection for soldiers in Iraq (150 pounds of goods sent!)

- Harvest Moon Fair

Golf Outing/Fundraiser

- Book Club- "Memory Keepers Daughter"

November:

- All Saints Sunday Service of Candles and Remembrance

- We say farewell to Rev. Alice Erickson, Interim Minister and thank her for all her support and care during Eric's paternity leave.

- Welcome back Rev. Eric Marean, Sara and Zeph!

- Book Club - "Can't Wait to Get to Heaven"

- Candidate Sunday and Special Church Meeting to Call Rev. Eric Marean and Rev. Sara Marean as Co-Pastors of the First Congregational Church Inc.

- Church membership votes to approve the Calling of Rev. Eric Marean and Rev. Sara Marean as Co-Pastors.

- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service in Haverhill

December:

- Christmas Carol Sing and Performances by our Church Musical Groups

- Christmas Caroling around down-town Georgetown

- Book Club- "Mutants Down Under"

- Gifts for HOME

- Christmas Eve Service of Candles and Carols

Our Church building is home to many outside groups and organizations. Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownie Troops, Joyce Dance Studio, AA, TOPS, Moonlight Productions, Georgetown Garden Club, Georgetown Woman's Club and the Georgetown Council on Aging make use our building for meetings, rehearsals and performances. It is a busy place, our Church, and we thank all who work hard to keep our beacon of light shining for all to see!

Respectfully submitted,

Emily J. Knapp Clerk

Membership Information

Members as of 12/31/05

New Members
Confirmation Class

Membership Removal:

Transfer to Inactive
Deaths

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4

Total Membership as of 12/31/06

In Memoriam
Florence Harrington
Jane Kennedy
Wilhelmina Marble
Bdwin Perkins

Rev. William Fleming
Former Minister, First Congregational Church, Georgetown MA
1958-1965

From The Ministers Records

Baptisms:

4

Weddings:

2

Funerals:

9

Diaconate

2006 Report from the Diaconate

I think I will always remember 2006 as a year of great changes and continued traditions for our church.

New Events and Directions:

- In March, Reverend Eric Marean announced the news of his wife Sara's pregnancy. Excitement and happiness filled the church!
- At the April deacons meeting, Eric informed us that he would be taking a paternity leave to assist Sara with the new baby.
- In May, Sara and Eric presented the Cabinet with a very interesting proposal: both of them would serve as pastors and the duties of Director of Christian Education would be added to their job description. They would split the positions, both working 25 hours. This arrangement would enable them to provide care for their baby and to minister to the church's spiritual life. The Cabinet and the Diaconate discussed the proposal and both boards recommended it to the members as a great opportunity for our church. The Cabinet and Diaconate hosted meetings, formal and informal and encouraged members to ponder this proposal and to share their thoughts with us.
- On August 29th, we welcomed Zephaniah David Wildasin Marean into the world!
- In September, we welcomed the Reverend Alice Erickson as our supply minister for the duration of Eric's paternity leave. We enjoyed Reverend Erickson's messages and her welcoming and comforting presence among us.
- In November, we voted to call Sara and Eric as co-pastors to our church, starting a new page in the history of our church.

Continued traditions:

- The Maundy Thursday Seder meal and Tenebrae service was celebrated on April 13th. It was a solemn, thoughtful and powerful service. Many thanks to Janice Murphy, the deacons, the Confirmation class and Sara for donating their time and energy.
- During the 10:30 Easter service, we revived an old tradition of decorating a large cross with fresh flowers. After service, the flower bedecked cross stood in the front of the church reminding all those who drove by that Christ had truly risen.
- The deacons coordinated two worship services this year. Both services were well received.
 Beth Desrochers touched us all with her message concerning her work with the elderly and
 Jeff Fitzpatrick shared his reflections of 9/11 on its 5th anniversary. Many thanks to Beth and
- We welcomed a large Confirmation class and 3 new members into our church.

The Future:

In the new year, the Diaconate will continue the traditions that enrich our spiritual lives. We will focus on becoming more welcoming and hospitable to our new church members as well as tapping into the pools of talented individuals already within the church who would be interested in serving on projects and committees as the need arises.

I would like to thank all the members of the Diaconate for their support and hard work during this challenging year. In their efforts and enthusiasm they have served as models of a Christian community at work in the world.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Zalewski Chair

Christian Education

Report of the Co-Directors of Christian Education

Pastor Sara and I would like to express what a joy and privilege it is to serve this church, our church school teachers, and our students as Co-Directors of Christian Ed. In our few short weeks, already we have seen the hard work and dedication so many individuals volunteer to our educational ministries. I am the primary pastoral contact for our church school and Pastor Sara is the primary pastoral contact for our youth groups. We have been and will continue to familiarize ourselves with the needs of these ministries and look forward to an exciting year of opportunities in 2007. In the coming year both Sara and I will spend time in our church school classrooms each month in an effort to establish deeper relationships with our students and offer our knowledge of the church and the Bible to our teachers and students. Again, I must express my gratitude to Pam Sheehan for her dedication to this ministry over the years; I am learning just how much she did behind the scenes. Thanks Pam!

Respectfully submitted,

Eric M. Marean

School Superintendent

Report of the Church School Superintendent

Really, this is my last report as Church School Superintendent. I would again, like to thank Eric & Sara, Dorothy Blanchard, and the Board of Christian Education for all their support and help over the years. I couldn't have done it without them. We continue to have an extremely dedicated group of teachers, student assistants, nursery caregivers, and substitute teachers. They do an amazing job every Sunday and we are very lucky to have them. As always, thanks to Jamie Kren for the wonderful job she does running the nursery

Year in Review:

- 1. We are in the 3rd year of our curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit. This is a lectionary-based curriculum. They also have a great website, www.spiritseasons.com, which is worth checking out.
- 2. Children's Sunday was as hit with students participating in all aspects of the service.
- 3. Our annual Heifer Fund Candy & Craft sale helped us purchase several animals.
- 4. Rally Day continues to be a great kick-start to the new Church School Year.

Concerns:

My concerns continue to remain that same. Families are pulled in many directions and Sundays are no longer a day of rest but a day of choices for parents and children. I continue to urge parents to talk to the sports and other organizations who schedule games, practices, etc. on Sunday mornings to schedule these things later in the day.

It's been an honor and a privilege to serve as our church school superintendent. I look forward to our co-pastors helping to enrich and grow our church school.

Respectfully submitted, Pamela Sheehan

Youth Fellowship

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP 2006

We had another great year in Senior High Youth Group in 2006! We continued with a lot of our favorites this year. Valentines party, movie nights at Chunky's, bowling at Leo's super bowl, our Annual Pasta Supper and meetings at the church. Though our group is small our spirit is mighty!!!!

The highlight of the year was our trip to Horton Center this past summer. Eric and I started out with a carload of kids each and a lot of excitement. Originally we were supposed to be going to the Big Youth event at the University of Maine in Orono. Due to a low turnout in registration we ended up with a much smaller group in the beautiful White Mountains of NH. What a week!!! Meeting new friends, worship, activities such as rock climbing, cave exploring, archery, sleeping among the stars every moment was memorable! When the youth event was cancelled we were all so disappointed and the next thing you know another opportunity came along and as it turned out nothing could have been more special than the Horton Center. God truly did find a way!!!!

As always I don't know who has more fun the kids or me!!! I feel very blessed to be a part of the very special group of teens who make up our Senior High Group. A big thanks you to the congregation for their continued support.

We are looking ahead into 2007 and excited about the possibilities of planning a mission trip this summer, stay tuned!

Blessings, Susan Stead

Trustees

Annual Report of the Board of Trustees Year 2006

We have had another year with many activities and groups using the church. We host many groups which include Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, TOPs, AA and Moonlight Productions.

Mike Hearney, Eagle Scout Candidate, of Boy Scout Troop 51, coordinated a major painting project for us this year. He had well in excess of 100 people hours of volunteer labor, and successfully repainted the Fellowship Hall, Long Room, lower entry hall, and the Second Floor classroom area. We also had on of our Cub Scout packs paint some of the Third Floor corridor. We thank both groups for their generous contributions of service.

During the year we worked diligently with T-Mobile Communications to install a cellular communications base station in our steeple. We successfully negotiated a contract with them, had it approved by the congregation and jointly proceeded into the building permit phase. Unfortunately, our application was rejected by the Town Zoning Board of Appeals. Regretfully the effort is halted at the present time, although the contract is still in-place should T-Mobile wish to reopen the effort.

Our beautiful flowers were maintained during the year by Jamie Krenn and Michelle Brock with help from the Georgetown Country Gardeners.

With our concern about traffic and our guests' safety, we have posted signs on the driveway requesting through traffic to be cautious.

Thanks also to Our Sexton, Sharon Smith, who works hard keeping the church clean, and we thank her for her hard work. The lawn and sidewalk snow removal are voluntarily taken care of by Chris and Alex Pinto. This saves the church considerable expense.

Clean-up Day was held in April. We had many volunteers which made this annual event a success.

I would like to extend my appreciation to fellow Board members: Steve LeBlanc, Allan Barlow, Jeff Gillen, Steve Pinto, and Chris Pinto. They have put in countless hours during the year.

One of our biggest challenges is financial. We are working hard to minimize our expenses, and optimize our revenue. We ask those using the building to help us by turning down the heat and shutting off lights to reduce our utility expense.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Davis Chairman, Board of Trustees

Music

Report of the Music Committee

The Music Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank our leaders for their faithful and talented contributions to our music program: Organist – Emily Knapp; Music Director – Bob Knapp; Bell Choir Director – Evelyn Boose; Junior and Cherub Choir Directors – Evelyn Boose and Marion Harding. The congregation is truly blessed to have their musical leadership.

We would also like to thank all those who participate in the Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Bell Choir, and Band, as well as those who accompany and support these groups whenever necessary. Music is a vital part of our worship and your efforts enable us to truly 'Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord'.

The Music Committee continues its search for a new, up to date Hymnal. In May a request form was distributed in the Church Newsletter and also inserted in the bulletin on several Sundays. Response was light but insightful. Due to various unforeseen circumstances final discussion and decision on a new Hymnal has been postponed to 2007.

On May 21st the Junior Choir and Friends presented 'All Creatures Great & Small' to raise money for Heifer Project International. The event featured entertainment by the Junior Choir, Bells and Teens, followed by an Ice Cream Smorgasbord. The entire event was well received.

In June the 'World's Most Dangerous Church Band' provided entertainment for the Strawberry Social.

Music is so important during the Advent and Christmas season. On December 10th we presented a Carol Sing and Mini-Concert, with carols selected by the audience and musical selections presented by our Cherub Choir, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Bell Choir and Band. On December 13th the Junior Choir had their annual Christmas Party. On December 17th we celebrated our first annual Outdoor Caroling event, with 20 joyful voices we walked around Georgetown center caroling and having an all around good time, returning to the Church for hot cocoa and homemade cookies.

Our music groups are always looking for additional members. The only requirement is your desire to 'Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord'.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Rawlins, Chair

Guild

2006 Women's Guild Annual Report

We began our 83rd year of the Women's Guild with a Valentine Luncheon, in February, at Barbara Morehouse's beautiful Wheelerbrook Farm. Teri Adams, from Lexington, was our guest speaker, representing the A.B.C. Quilt project for which we have worked diligently over the past twenty-five years. It was a great way to start off the Guild year.

Our March meeting revolved around a "chocolate delight" afternoon when we welcomed Lonnie Brennan and his daughter from the Chocolate Cellar located at Georgetown Square. They not only brought us chocolate treats from their fun shop, and shared "chocolate stories", but we were also shown how to dip and mold our very own candies to take home. It was a delightful program.

In April we held our annual work party for quilts and UCC missions. Our hard-working quilt coordinator, Millie Gangloff, headed up the work bee of tying baby quilts, while Vivian Rasmussen had another group counting coins from the Coffee Hour Penny Bowl-those funds went to help victims of hurricane Katrina through at the UCC Massachusetts Conference.

Our Annual Restaurant Luncheon found us at the Pond View Restaurant in Kingston, N.H., always held in May. Everyone enjoyed the scenery and the outing.

Betty Cooke, longtime Guild friend, and superb storyteller once again visited us while we "armchair" traveled with her to far-off places on her sailboat at our September 2006 meeting. "Sea Stories & More" was the title of her talk, and there was certainly "More"! Her stories are warm, humorous and always informative.

Because of the Church Fair, we skip October and go right to November-this year the November meeting was our annual Guest Social. And what a joyous occasions it was! With 75-80 folks in the audience, J.T. Turner from Moonlight Productions wowed us with a performance. He gave us the gift of Dickens' "Christmas Carol", taking all the character parts and making them come alive. Sandi Nason complimented J.T.'s performance as pianist and songstress. At intermission, the Guild served a Silver Tea that was enjoyed by all.

We left 2006 as we had started it, by returning to Wheelerbrook Farm and Barbara's gracious hosting, for a Christmas Luncheon, carol-sing, and Jackie Moore reading us wonderful Christmas stories, as only she can!

This year was saddened by the passing of two of our oldest members: first, Mickey Harrington, and then just a week later, Mina Marble, who had been a Guild member all of her adult life. They are very much missed.

In closing, we invite the women of our congregation to join us in fellowship and service. We meet seven times a year for lunch (usually at the church) and a program. This year our mission for "babies in crisis" produce eighteen quilts and four Afghans; we collected 141 pairs of men, women's and children's socks for Ruth House in Haverhill, and \$100 for hurricane victims.

Sincerely,
Marion Harding, Church Cabinet Representative
Joan Chatterton, Secretary

Mission Coordinator

REPORT OF THE MISSIONS COORDINATOR FOR 2006

Thanks to all individuals and groups who have contributed in any way to the mission efforts of our church. Your prayers, your talents, your resources and your time are always needed and much appreciated. Opportunities are always present for each one of us to make a positive difference in this world. Some of our mission activities for this year are outlined below while other activities are reported by other groups, committees and/or boards:

- The Church School Valentines' Candy and Craft Sale raised approximately \$404.00 for Heifer International. Well over the \$250 needed for the purchase of a water buffalo. Additional funds also sent to Heifer.
- Tour of Emmaus House, Haverhill, on March 8, 2006. Thanks to all who attended. Let Pastors Sara or Eric or me know of future interest in another tour.
- One Great Hour of Sharing offering raised \$277.00.
- The Lenten Offering was divided with 80% being directed to the renovation fund and 20%, or \$289.20, to the Philippine Mudslide Relief (UCC).
- On April 30th a group from our Church family participated in the "Walk Against Violence" sponsored by the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center of Amesbury & Newburyport and raised \$360.00 in support of this organization.
- Non-perishable food items and personal care products were collected on Easter Sunday,
 Children's Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday and delivered to Emmaus House.
- The Junior Choir and friends presented "All Creatures Great & Small" in May and raised \$197.00 through a free will offering for Heifer International. The concert featured the Junior Choir, Bells & Teens.
- A notice in our June Newsletter informed all of the 18th Annual "Cycle for Shelter" which took place in Haverhill in July for the benefit Emmaus, Inc. Did you bike or otherwise volunteer?
- In October donations of non-perishable snacks and other food, toiletries, personal care products, etc., were collected and sent to Jonathan Young for him to share with soldiers within his unit. We packed up 8 banker-size boxes of items weighing 154 pounds along with cards made by our Church School children. Money donations of \$115 were received to defray postage costs—the total shipping costs being \$114.60!
- The Advent offering was divided with 80% being directed to the Reserve Fund and 20%, or \$455.40, to the Diaconate Fund for local missions.
- Christmas gifts were donated to H.O.M.E. (Homeworkers Organized for More Employment) in Orland, ME for children who would otherwise not receive gifts.
- Donations in the amount of \$150.00 were received in support of Church World Service for Hurricane Katrina Recovery Emergency and Disaster Relief.
- Contributions to the Massachusetts Conference UCC for funding of outreach programs was 6.8% of our weekly pledges for a total amount of \$7,879.69 for the year.
- The Guild Penny bowl raised \$100.00 for Church World Service.
- 20%, or \$50,80, of the Church School offering went towards missions, primarily to Heifer International.

Please let me know of any suggestions, ideas or thoughts you may have for future mission activities/projects we might pursue. Quoting Quaker Missionary Stephen Grellett, I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Respectfully submitted,

Church Fair Report

The Harvest Moon Fair was held October 20-21. We planned and prayed for a wonderful 2 day event and we got it!

Thank-you to our Table Chairs,
Meal Coordinators,
Our Church Family,
Middle School and High School Youth,
Boy Scout Troop 51, Brownie Troop 827,
Over The Hill Band, Moonlight Serenade,
and Erie Fire Company.

We said this many times, the most important part of the Fair is the Fun and Fellowship!

Janice Murphy and Laura Zalewski

Fair Total \$12,654.38

Flowers

January 28, 2007

REPORT FROM THE FLOWER COORDINATORS

After two years, the flower coordinators finally have the schedule of special occasions mastered and are realizing that keeping good notes is to our advantage when it comes to writing the annual report. Resolution for 2007: Keep better records of who generously assisted with flowers throughout the year! We thank all of you-you know who you are, even if we can't recall you by name. The communion table in the sanctuary always had something pretty on it, from a simple vase of flowers to a beautiful floral arrangement or poinsettia that someone thoughtfully shared with all of us.

The gardens around the church provided a special challenge this year-an abundance of weeds! It was just about impossible to keep up with them, and for the better part of the growing season, they triumphantly filled in every spot where a happy perennial did not shade them out. Despite the competition, the Clark St. garden had an abundance of flowers, all from the many donations several years ago. It's amazing how they have taken over and filled that space. We've added some spring bulbs to the front of the church and a little witch hazel tree which we hope will provide welcome relief to the barren cold season when it flowers in late winter. The Brownies added some lovely planters to the front stairs, and many of the chrysanthemums that a mystery green thumb planted in front of the church sign the previous fall survived the winter to bloom again last fall! Ingraham Tree Farm donated wintergreens and extra poinsettias for the holiday season.

Just a reminder that we are always looking for people to help with flowers in the sanctuary. They don't have to be fancy arrangements from a florist-a bouquet from your garden or the local supermarket, the first blooming branches of forsythia or pussy willows, the loan of a pretty houseplant, or even daffodils blooming in your garden during an unseasonably warm January would be greatly appreciated. Although we love it when someone volunteers for a whole month, a week here and there is great, too! Just let us know a week in advance when you'd like to help out.

Again, we thank all who helped us bring the beauty of flowers to the inside and outside of our church this past year.

Sincerely,

Michelle Brock and Jaime Krenn

Social

Report of the Social Committee 2006

Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hour) continues to be an integral part of our Sunday worship and our every day lives. Our church can take pride in our fellowship commitment and reaching out to new and familiar faces each Sunday.

The Fellowship Hall was used this year to celebrate some wonderful birthdays, "welcome home" celebrations and a funeral, as well as all the other weekly activities going on. We appreciate all those who use the Hall and the kitchen and keeping it as neat and clean as possible. We request that everyone using the kitchen respect the signs regarding use of kitchen supplies. We are trying to keep our costs down and your help by supplying your own items such as paper goods, food, and drinks is appreciated.

Our annual plea is for more Coffee Hour host families! We greatly appreciate all those who have signed up and hope that more will do so in 2007. As usual, help and directions are always provided!

Please do not hesitate to contact Janice or myself if you wish to sign up for Coffee Hour (sign-ups are always out on the Coffee table!) or if you and your family requests use of the Fellowship Hall or church supplies.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Davis
Janice Murphy
Social Committee Coordinators

Vision

Report of the Vision Team

During 2006, we set about the task of creating a slogan and vision statement for our church. Three special church meetings at the close of 2005 provided the framework. We worked with the thoughts, ideas and written statements you offered about our church history, the core values we live in this community today, and the areas in which you thought we need to improve. Time and again, we heard you express a desire to grow.

At one meeting we heard statements such as "There have been many good programs established throughout our history. We need to grow and evolve to meet the church community's needs." You said, "We need to find ways to encourage others to join and participate," and "The church has been around for a long time, and it will be here for much, much longer, provided we can get more members from all different age groups."

At another meeting, one small group discussed several places where we could improve. You wanted to see an increase in membership, improvements to church property, growth in the church school, and increased financial stability. Another small group discussed their vision for our future. You hoped for full pews on Sunday morning, renovations to our building, a paid church school superintendent (already accomplished!), more handson mission opportunities, more multigenerational activities, an emphasis on welcoming everyone, and growth in our stewardship giving.

After many hours of prayerful consideration, many meetings and many drafts, we are pleased to propose the slogan and vision statement listed below. This invitation names our desire to increase both the overall ministries and membership of this church as well as our own personal faith development and relationships with others. *Come Grow With Us!* suggests that all are welcome to join us on our continued, and life long journey of growth and development as individuals and a community.

On the back of this page are the initial steps we propose the congregation should take in order to make this vision a reality. We will offer you a full report about our discernment process at the annual meeting. We look forward to hearing your comments.

Nancy Aberman, Kirsten Davis, Karen Flom, Eric Marean, and Bill Nutter

The First Congregational Church of Georgetown United Church of Christ

Come Grow With Us!

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." (John 15:5)

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at The First Congregational Church of Georgetown, UCC. With the Holy Spirit as our guide, we strive to *nurture our relationships* with God and each other, *deepen our faith* through worship, music, study and prayer, *reach out* to our neighbors in times of need, and *offer God's love to everyone*. Come share in the bounty and grow with us!

Proposed Action Plan

1. NURTURE OUR RELATIONSHIPS

• Form a Hospitality Team that, utilizing available resources and materials from our denomination, will welcome visitors and guests, invite them to participate in our ministries, and follow up with them after their visits. The Hospitality Team should also teach current members and friends of the church how they can welcome and engage new people effectively.

2. DEEPEN OUR FAITH

 Cabinet meetings and committee meetings should begin with prayer/devotions and include time for purposeful reflection on the components of our vision statement: deepening our faith, nurturing our relationships, reaching out, and offering God's love to everyone.

REACH OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS

Explore additional opportunities for the congregation to focus outwardly
on the needs of our neighbors and assess our members' willingness to
participate. That may include more "hands-on" mission projects on a
local, national and global scale.

OFFER GOD'S LOVE

• Form a Stewardship Team that, with assistance from the Massachusetts Conference, will assess the stewardship needs of the church. This team should develop and implement an annual stewardship campaign and, in conjunction with the recently formed Fundraising Committee, encourage financial benevolence year round within the church. When we support the ministries of this church financially, we ensure this church can bear the fruit of God's love.

Other Actions:

- Our vision slogan/ statement should be used on our letterhead, bulletins, agendas, and news publications. It should be taught in new members' classes and each annual meeting should reflect on how we are doing living out our vision.
- 2. Each committee of the church should develop one yearly goal relating to our church vision and evaluate their progress on a regular basis.
- 3. Committees and groups within the church should add fresh information to our website on a regular basis.
- 4. Committees and groups should utilize congregational surveys to determine what members and friends of the church have the energy and desire to do.

Finance

Report of the Finance Committee

A great big thank-you to all who contribute to this church. Your continued support keeps this church and it's ministries a vital part of Georgetown and beyond. The Finance committee would also like to thank JoEllen Fielding & Peggy Smith for the amount of time and effort they devote to their respective positions as Collector and Treasurer. These are tough, detail oriented jobs which they continue to cheerfully perform. Finally, a special thank-you to Dave Smith, not only for assisting Peggy, but also for producing our Lenten & Advent envelopes.

We entered 2006 with great concern over a budget \$60,000 in the red. Thanks to extra giving from the congregation, some extra fund-raising events, and some help from Mother Nature we were "only" \$26,000 short. Our investments and endowments performed extraordinarily well so that our net worth actually increased by \$38,000 despite this loss.

As we enter 2007 we are concerned once again that we have a budget projected over \$50,000 out of balance. We are also concerned that the number of pledges dropped from 90 in 2005 to 78 in 2006 and to 66 (so far) in 2007. The amount of money we collected in 2006 (pledges & nonpledges) was actually higher than 2005 so we are hoping this is just a change in the way people give. Once again in 2006 we put off any real form of renovation to our building, which has many areas that are deteriorating.

We expect to sell the property in Rio Rancho, New Mexico in 2007, which was donated as part of the capital fund drive to build the addition to the back of the church in 1991. The area is now being developed and we can expect in the area of \$60,000 from this. Ideally this money would be invested in our future. Unfortunately it may go to pay for electricity etc.

Our plan for the next two years is to **not** save additional funds for the future since, for the last few years, that money has gone to meet our deficit anyway. Our hope is that this will allow us time to grow our church family or find other ways to increase our income. We trust that, as a congregation, with God's help, we will meet this challenge.

Respectfully submitted,
George Desrochers Kurt Hogan Robert Knapp

Collector

2006 Collector's Report

2006 Collection Plate

Description	Number	Pledged	Collected	Unpaid
and an exercise to the exercise of the		\$	\$	\$
2006 Pledges	78	90,193.00	84,976.00	5,217.00
2005 Pledges		ast state of the	11,253.00	3 2 300
Regular Contributors			19,499.00	
2007 Pledges	10 P		150.00	
Loose Cash		73: 75 J. Tape	3,262.00	
Church School			254.00	ar a track
Stewardship Total	78	90,193.00	119,394.00	(5,217.00)

2006 Pledges by Range

\$	Qty
1 - 300	9
301 - 600	16
601 -1000	17
1001-1500	14
1501-2000	12
2001-3000	7
3001-4000	2
4001-5500	0
5501-	1
Total	78

\$ 90,193.00

2007 Pledges by Range

\$	Qty:
1 - 300	10
301 - 600	14
601 -1000	13
1001-1500	12
1501-2000	6
2001-3000	9
3001-4000	2
4001-5500	0
5501-	0
Total	66

\$ 69,276.00

Respectfully Submitted,

JoEllen Fielding

Collector

Treasurer / Budget

2006 Financial Report and 2007 Budget

The following pages contain a basic breakdown of our church's income and expenses for the year as well as the proposed 2007 budget.

Each category has 4 columns of figures.

The first column (2005 Actual) shows what we received & spent in 2005
The second column (2006 Budget) shows what we planned for 2006
The third column (2006 Actual) shows what we actually took in & paid out in 2006
The fourth column (2007 Budget) shows our plan for 2007

At the top of page 1 is a recap of our financial assets at the start of the year. Following that is a listing of annual receipts.

Finally is a review of our investment's performance. We acquire capital from our investments two ways. First in the form of dividends and interest, which are paid to us on a regular basis;

Second is Capital Gains. The various items (stocks, mutual funds etc.) that we posses increase (hopefully) in value. We only receive this if we "cash in" our investments, but it does affect our net worth.

The second page lists all of the ways we spent our money.

Beginning page 3 is a recap of our financial assets at the end of the year.

The second section demonstrates the annual results.

90 % of pledges and 100% of all other non designated income is used to keep the church running.

7% of pledges, a portion of special collections, and 100% of any direct appeals or fund raising is donated to those in need. (Missions)

3 % of pledges, a portion of special collections, half the fair proceeds, and investment income is set aside for our future.

When expenses exceed income, (We wish that was "If" instead of "When") we must dip into our savings to meet the short-fall.

The last section on this page explains where we do the dipping.

Page 4 presents the various Funds & Endowments that make up the church's assets.

The Finance Committee:

Kurt Hogan Robert Knapp George Desrochers

Collector: JoEllen Fielding Treasurer: Margaret Smith

DESCRIPTION	2005 ACTUAL	2006 Budget	2006 ACTUAL	2007 Budget
Church Assets 1/1				
Checking Account	16,761.51	18,610.40	18,610.40	19,512.73
Investments	411,691.39	390,608.32	390,608.32	428,352.00
TOTAL Assets	428,452.90	409,218.72	409,218.72	447,864.73
	2005 ACTUAN	2006 Budget	2006 ACTUAL	2007 Budget
Receipts	2005 ACTUAL			
Collection Plate	109,877.50	104,343.00	120,623.55	110,250.00
Pledges, Regular Givers, Loose Collect				
Special offerings/donations	17,211.14	10,025.00	15,404.00	14,425.00
Advent, Lenten, Memorial etc.				
Fund Raising	15,776.25	14,000.00	16,538.04	70,300.0
Church Fair, Youth Groups etc.				
Mission Giving	4,007.88	1,850.00	1,278.00	1,400.0
Neighbors In Need, Disaster Relief etc.				
Use of Facilities	14,160.00	11,610.00	13,135.00	12,210.0
Theater Groups, Weddings, Sr. Center etc.				
Investment Dividends	12,164.73	11,995.00	13,962.78	12,800.0
Payments from our investments				
Other	8,425.46	1,050.00	3,641.20	1,250.0
Reimbursements, refunds etc.				
TOTAL Receipts	181,622.96	154,873.00	184,582.57	222,635.00
Investments	2005 ACTUAL	2006 Budget	2006 ACTUAL	2007 Budget
Investment's change in value	-1,088.38	18,320.00	50,205.26	30,400.00
Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, etc.				
This can go up or down				
Investment Dividends	12,164.73	11,995.00	13,962.78	12,800.00
Same as Receipts				
NET PROCEEDS Investments	11,076.35	30,315.00	64,168.04	43,200.0

Disbursements	2005 ACTUAL	2006 Budget	2006 ACTUAL	2007 Budget
P Salary	63,175.12	64,438.54	65,128.40	69,957.36
A Salary, Housing & Auto				100 0 000
S Insurance, Tax & Pension	27,755.91	27,445.04	27,867.39	30,583.80
T Health Insur., Soc. Sec., Pension O Reimbursed Expenses	209.38	2,000.00	1,656.84	2,000.00
R Continuing Ed. & Business Exp.				
Staff	35,895.22	38,346.04	32,337.35	37,946.35
Office Mgr, Sexton, Organist etc.				
Office Expenses	4,074.28	4,680.20	4,044.15	4,267.28
Office Supplies, Xerox Machine etc.				
Utilities	17,622.95	19,725.00	17,685.64	17,750.00
Electricity, Telephone, Gas, Oil etc.				
Maintenance	7,651.73	7,259.50	6,751.52	6,030.00
Snow Rem., Cleaning Sups, Elevator etc.				
Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Insurance	11,562.40	14,000.00	13,804.20	15,411.00
Liability, Comprehensive, Worker's Comp.				
Missions	18,654.82	12,019.92	11,443.11	12,074.00
To aid the needy, what comes in goes out	Carry April			
Conference Dues	3,510.84	3,510.84	3,807.96	3,840.00
Support for the United Church of Christ				
Christian Education	6,507.93	6,415.41	4,236.58	5,500.00
Sunday School & Youth Groups				······································
Worship & Fellowship	2,027.17	2,350.00	7,322.86	2,975.00
Birthday Roses, Flowers, Punch etc.				
Other	1,101.01	1,650.57	625.82	1,300.00
Music, Finance exp., Miscellaneous etc.				
TOTAL Disbursements	199,748.76	203,841.06	196,711.82	210,634.79

Church Assets 12/31	2005 ACTUAL	2006 Budget	2006 ACTUAL	2007 Budget
Checking Account	18,610.50	0.00	19,512.73	1,000.00
Investments	390,608.32	378,570.66	428,352.00	489,264.94
TOTAL Assets	409,218.82	378,570.66	447,864.73	490,264.94
Net Change in Assets	-19,234.08	-30,648.06	38,646.01	42,400.21

This will differ from the net gain or loss for the year because some disbursements are from the previous year and some still need(ed) to be paid.

Gain () or Loss (-)	2005 ACTUAL	2006 Budget	2006 ACTUAL	2007 Budget
Day to Day expenses	-28,144.44	-61,151.28	-26,033.89	-52,149.79
Keeping the Church Open				
Mission Expenses	-2,809.76	-1,542.60	1,389.00	-269.13
Helping those in need				
Investing in our Future	14,194.20	32,061.39	63,306.47	94,819.13
Saving for improvements or emergencies				
NET Gain () or Loss (-)	-16,760.00	-30,632.49	38,661.58	42,400.21

When our Income fails to cover current expenses, we take money from our savings and investments.

Transfers for deficits	2005 ACTUAL	2006 Budget	2006 ACTUAL	2007 Budget
Reserve Fund	28,144.11	41,387.04	25,811.12	52,057.15
For Day to Day expenses	ST CONTRACTOR A			
Reserve Fund	1,703.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
For Mission expenses				
Diaconate Fund	1,105.84	1,542.60	0.00	1,666.51
For Mission expenses				
Elliott Endowment		16,150.55	0.00	0.00
For Day to Day expenses				
Pingree Endowment		1,956.32	0.00	0.00
For Day to Day expenses				
Renovation Fund		1,341.96	0.00	0.00
For Day to Day expenses				
TOTAL Transfers	30,953.87	62,378.47	25,811.12	53,723.66

12/31 Ending Balances		1		
Equity & Liabilities	2005 ACTUAL	2006 Budget	2006 ACTUAL	2007 Budget
What makes up our Assets				
Capital Outlay Fund	9,193.64	11,525.63	12,239.60	13,858.52
Diaconate Fund	2,473.23	994.44	2,627.63	1,074.01
heifer Project Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memorial Fund	6,111.92	7,323.69	7,914.34	8,675.75
Renovacion Fund	17,570.06	20,069.11	19,955.44	22,105.80
Reserve Lund	32,984.22	0.00	17,515.20	31,030.98
School Oission Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Group Funds	315.41	0.00	92.64	0.00
Elliott Endowment	32,195.17	16,743.00	35,218.85	38,364.71
Dole Endowment	13,145.63	13,430.70	14,380.23	15,664.72
Pingree Endowment	5,829.86	4,000.00	6,377.38	6,947.03
Housing Endowment	289,384.01	304,484.01	331,543.42	352,543.42
Remaining Liabilities	15.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
	409,218.72	378,570.58	447,864.73	490,264.94

Lunds are for dedicated purposes.

Money has been raised or donations accepted with the understanding that they will be used for the stated purpose only.

Endowments are special donations to the Church with the stipulation that the original amount be invested but never spent. The Church may use the proceeds. We reinvest 10% of the dividends & interest back into the endowment to help it grow. Earnings are left in the endowment but are available should the need arise.

To have our Assets work for us, our Funds and Endowments are invested in higher yield accounts.

We currently use A.G.Edwards, Georgetown Savings Bank, and the United Church Foundation to handle this for us.

Nominating

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee nominates the following Church Officers (*) and Committee/Board members (* or **) to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown

*The following are elected for a 1- year term

ModeratorKaren Flom*TreasurerPeggy Smith*ClerkEmily Knapp*CollectorJoEllen Fielding*Asst. Coll.Vivian Rasmusen*

Auditors Dwight Southwick* & Jeff Moore*

Coordinators for

Ushering Donn Chatterton* & Charles Locke*

Missions Diane Townsend*

Social Kirsten Davis* & Janice Murphy*

UCC Delegate Nancy Aberman*

Flowers Michelle Brock* & Jamie Krenn*

*The following are elected for a 3-year term with no restrictions on length of service.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Kurt Hogan (2008)* George Desrochers (2009)* Robert Knapp (2010)*

SAFE CHURCH COMMITTEE

Safe Church Advocate Pam Sheehan (2009)*

*The following are *elected for a 2-year term & restricted to 2 terms or **elected to fill a vacancy for the last year of a 2-year term & restricted to 2 terms.

DIACONATE

Estelle Passieri	(2008)*	Kristen Arsenault	(2009)*
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