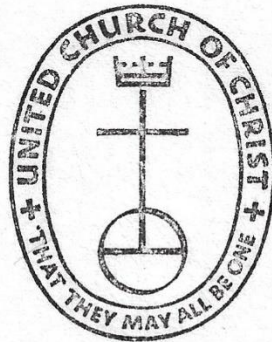


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ANNUAL REPORTS



OF THE
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Meetings

First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Massachusetts

Minister

REV. PHILIP H. SOUTHWICK
5 Hart Circle

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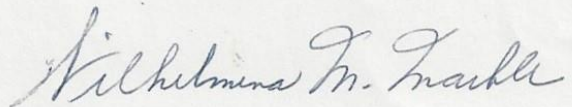
January 4, 1971

The Members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown are hereby advised that in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of Said Church, the Annual Meeting of the Church will be held Thursday January 28, 1971 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 take any other action relative to the Church and/or its property.

BY DIRECTION OF THE CABINET



Clerk

Posted January 19, 1971.

ANNUAL MEETING

January 27, 1971

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

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Philip Southwick.

The Chairman of the Social Committee Carol Tidd and her Committee were thanked by the Moderator for the delicious dinner served before the meeting.

The report of the Clerk 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 printed reports were passed out before the meeting and those present were given the opportunity to read them and then the highlights of each report were brought out. Rev. Southwick spoke on the Union involving several major denominations. The Fire Alarm System is not yet in, quotes are still being awaited.

The following motion was made by Homer K. Tapin: I move that the reports of the several Boards, Committees and Officers be accepted as printed. Motion seconded by Alice Lowell and so voted.

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

Dr. Lewis Skeirek's resignation from the Board of Deacons was read.

David Stewart moved that the resignation be accepted, seconded by Forrest Bridges and voted. *Single Census duly elected to fill vacancy this year*

The motion was made, seconded and voted that letters of transfer be granted to Elizabeth Haskell to unite with the Community Church of Newton, New Hampshire and to John Russell to unite with the Reynolda Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Edward Jones asked about fees for the upkeep of the Organ. Miss Bancroft told us that several years ago the Benevolence Society had given \$1000.00, the interest to be used for the upkeep of the Organ. Homer K. Tapin would like to have an Organ Concert each year, the proceeds to be used for the Organ and the Music Committee. Mr. Tapin also told us that in the three years the Church edifice will be 100 years old.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P. M., after which the Rev. Southwick showed a film entitled "Windows of the Soul".

36 members
2 guests

Respectfully submitted

Adelmina M. Traylor

Clerk

First Congregational Church
of
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WARRANT

October 6, 1971

The Members of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown are hereby advised that in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of Said Church, the Autumn Meeting of the Church will be held Thursday October 14, 1971 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 take any action relative to the Church and/or its property.

BY DIRECTION OF THE CABINET

Wilhelmina M. Marble

CLERK

Posted October 6, 1971.

AUTUMN MEETING

October 14, 1971

Moderator Leeland Lowell called the meeting to order at 8:10 P. M.

The Moderator read the Warrant, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. Southwick.

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

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

David Stewart read the following report of the Nominating Committee:

Moderator	Donn Chatterton
Clerk	Mrs. Arthur J. Marble
Treasurer	Mrs. Joseph Sheehan
Collector	Mrs. Edward Jones
Deacons Three years	Forrest Bridges
	Ernest Poore
Trustee One Year	Lawrence Tripp
Trustee Five Years	Charles Margeson 3rd.
Finance Committee Three years	Guy Minchin
Deaconesses Three years	Mrs. Merton Pitkin
	Mrs. Donald Gammon
Music Committee Three yrs.	Mrs. Robert Dunton
Board of Christian Education Three years	Mrs. Robert Davidson
Two years	Mrs. Emery Boose
Social Committee	Mrs. Richard Tidd
Auditing Committee	Mrs. Harris Rogers
	Leeland Lowell
Flower Committee	Mrs. Matthew R. Kelloway
Church World Service	Miss Olive R. Metcalf
Ushers	Ernest Kelloway
	Robert Thompson

Nominating Committee

Five years

Mrs. Clyde Tozier.

Anna Tozier moved that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted and nominations closed. Motion seconded and voted.

Anna Tozier moved that the Clerk cast one ballot for the Officers for 1972 as submitted, seconded and voted.

Clerk cast one ballot for the Officers as submitted and the Moderator declared them elected for the year 1972.

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

Henry Grissino Chairman of the Finance Committee reported a Goal of \$37,670.00 for 1972, this is an increase of \$5237.00 over the 1971 Budget. He asked that more emphasis be placed on Christian Education and that all members get out and help and asked all to help keep all of our members interested and active. Mr. Grissino asked for increased pledges, all carry the load, not just a few. He emphasized that the figure submitted was a goal, not a Budget. Donald Johnson moved that the proposed goal of \$37,670. be accepted. Robert Davidson seconded and it was so voted.

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Georgetown, Inc., was called to order on January 27, 1972 at 8:05 P. M. by the Moderator Donn Chatterton. 20 present.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Philip Southwick.

Moderator thanked Carol Tidd and family for a very delicious dinner served to 18 members before the Meeting.

The Clerk read the Warrant.

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

The Moderator thanked the Secretary Sandy Annis for her efforts in preparing the Annual reports.

Article I; To receive the reports of the several Officers, Boards and Committees of the Church, and to take any action desired thereon.
Passed to Article II.

Article II: To hear the report of the Finance Committee and to take action thereon.

Calvin Pingree reported the Budget could not be balanced, \$4000.00 is needed to meet the basics. Asked all to tighten belts. Methods of the Canvas were discussed. It was suggested that if the rentals are not paying their way rents should be increased. Calvin Pingree made the following motion: I move that the Budget of \$32,800.00 be accepted, motion seconded by Lawrence Tripp and so voted.

Article III: To hear the report of the By-laws Revision Committee and to take action on their recommendations.

Leeland Lowell reported for the By-laws Committee. The Committee recommended that the existing by-laws and the recommended revisions be mailed by May to the Church families. Matthew Kelloway moved that the recommendations of the by-laws committee be accepted. Seconded by Audrey Magown and so voted. The Moderator thanked the Minister and Clerk for assistance given the Committee.

Returned to Article I. The various reports as printed were perused and discussed. Moved, seconded and voted that the various reports of Officers and Committees and Boards be accepted as printed.

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

Matthew Kelloway moved that letters of transfer be granted to Miss Miriam Vorbeau to unite with the United Church of Christ of Wareham, Massachusetts and to Paul, Thelma, Paul Jr. and Nancy Cameron to unite with the First Congregational Church of Exeter, New Hampshire. Motion seconded and voted.

Report of the ~~Nominating~~ ^{Auditing} Committee was read.

James Gammie reported for the Self Study Committee and announced the following Committees:

Co-Chairmen	Mr. and Mrs. James Gammie
Vice Chairmen in Charge of Community Studies	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blanchard
Vice Chairmen in Charge of Church Studies.	Mr. and Mrs. Allen Barlow.

We study our Church	
1. Membership	Mrs. Arthur J. Marble
2. Finances	Mr. Donald Johnson
3. History	Mr. Homer Tapin
4. Leadership	Mr. Richard Annis
5. Church Programs	Mr. Allen Barlow
6. Church Property	Mr. Edward Jones

We study our Community	
1. Housing and Public Health	Mr. Calvin Pingree
2. Public Education	Mrs. Donald Johnson
3. Jobs, Economic Growth	Mr. Mayland Lewis
4. Recreation, Culteral and other Religious Facilities	Mr. Robert Davidson
5. Delinquency, Crime and Law Enforcement	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blanchard.

Each member will be asked to fill out a questionnaire. This will be backed up by a series of neighborhood meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P. M.

Helmina M. Marble

Clerk

Pastor

REPORT OF THE MINISTER

During 1971 the Church became more community minded. We arranged for the Haverhill Area Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board to have their area office in Metcalf House. This has meant that our Church has been the scene for more activity in the area of mental health, which is certainly part of the wholeness God desires for everyone. Boy Scout Troop #51 was looking for a new home. They were given permission to use our facilities. In the fall we became the sponsoring organization.

I believe these are steps in the right direction. As a Church we have both a responsibility and an opportunity to serve the community by making the best and the most use of our facilities. We have moved from isolation to involvement; there is still room for improvement.

Financially, 1971 will be remembered as the year of the freeze. Committees spent as little as possible. Our bills are paid. But like local town and city governments we must find more sources of income, because we can not reduce expenses further and have much of any educational program left.

In June five of us attended a weekend Stewardship workshop in Framingham so we would be able to conduct a better canvass in the fall. I believe that the canvass was a success in the sense that people did more talking about the Church with one another than in previous years. Financially we did not increase our pledges as we had hoped to do. Since our Mission Advance pledges will be completed in the spring of 1972 we had hoped that those who had pledged to it would increase their pledges for local expenses in the amount of their Mission Advance pledges. In most cases, this did not happen. What distresses me more, however, is that some people cut their support of our Christian World Mission. In other words, our concern for and assistance of those beyond our own community dropped significantly, so that the Finance Committee has been forced to reduce our pledged support of Our Christian World Mission.

Some people feel that the solution to a church's financial squeeze is to increase the base of support - get more members. While this helps to some extent, and we welcome all who wish to join our fellowship, I feel that the better solution lies in the spiritual realm. We would benefit personally and the Church would become stronger by greater personal commitment to Jesus Christ. Stewardship begins in the heart; we must learn to relate to each other better. As human relations improve, we will have a more meaningful fellowship; commitment will increase, and with it, I believe, also money.

Counselling has been time consuming and rewarding. I see people not only being helped and healed, but a reaching out by those who have been helped, a ministering to others by them who know the pain and anxiety. There is more ministry in the spirit of Christ going on in our midst in this respect than can show up in any report.

During the first half of 1971 the Self-Study floundered for lack of leadership. But the Long Range Study Committee felt that it was their responsibility to organize and carry it through. The committees

are now organized and working; reports are due in the hands of the chairmen by March 15. I believe that even if the study does not reveal solutions to our problems, it will show us the problems which we must solve. It is better to light a candle and spot our problems than to sit and curse the darkness.

During 1971 I've made monthly reports to the Deacons on my activities. I believe that communication between us has improved and that together we're becoming better able to determine directions our ministry should take. One change being proposed by our By-Law Revision Committee is to combine the present Boards of Deacons and Deaconesses into a Diaconate responsible for and sensitive to the spiritual health and vitality of the Church.

In the summer of 1971 we combined for nine weeks with the Byfield Parish Church for union services. We plan to repeat the practice this coming summer. Speaking of cooperation, relations with St. Mary's have been good. Our Church School attended mass there. The Mormon Church Cub Pack held its banquet in our church last year and is planning to do the same next month.

There is growing concern about the role of the church in our lives. More people became aware that their spiritual life left room for growth and improvement. Some realized that things in the Church won't get done without not only their participation but also their leadership. One of the biggest problems here as I see it is not a shortage of willing workers but a lack of leaders.

The three choirs and the variety of music they provide are a joy and asset to our worship week by week.

I am looking forward to more adult study programs in 1972 - the Parables of Jesus on Wednesday evenings at the parsonage, Bible study during committee meetings, a retreat for Church School teachers, a closer look at COCU, an increase of significant programs, a reduction of unnecessary, outdated ones.

The days ahead never seem easy. There's always the frightening and challenging need to grow in mind and heart. We must not become satisfied; rather we must remain restless, pushing out, reaching out toward the future with faith in God and confidence in the leading and strength of His spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip H. Southwick
Minister

Clerk

REPORT OF THE CLERK

The following is the report of the Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1971:

Membership January 1, 1971		372
Admissions:		
Letter of Transfer	9	
Confession of Faith	2	
Reaffirmation of Faith	2	13
Losses:		
Transfers	4	
Death	3	7
Membership December 31, 1971		378
Baptisms		13
Weddings		8
Funerals		9
Memorial Services		2
Church Meetings	2 Regular 1 Special	
Cabinet Meetings	9	

On May 18th, Miss Ida Bancroft died. Miss Bancroft joined the church in 1922 and took a very active part in the life of this church. At the time of her death she was Chairman of the Social Action Committee. Although no longer here, Miss Bancroft will continue to be an influence on those whose lives she touched.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilhelmina M. Marble
Clerk

Deacons

REPORT OF THE DEACONS

The following highlight items are in addition to the routine business of making arrangements for special services, meeting with new members, etc.:

1. Discussions on the serving of Communion to children--it was decided that rather than have a written policy on this matter, it should be left to the discretion of individual Deacons.
2. Ross attended meetings at Topsfield on the proposals for Church Union (COCU).
3. Instituted combined summer services with the Byfield Church.
4. Discussed and proposed a By-Law revision which would replace the Deacons and Deaconesses with a joint Diaconate--had three joint meetings with the Deaconesses.
5. Discussed with the minister certain aspects of his performance and effectiveness.
6. Agreed to support the sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 51 by the church.
7. Responded to several (3, I think) cases of need among the membership through monetary grants from the Deacons' Fund.
8. Purchased through the Deacons' Fund (a) new candle followers, (b) a new guest book, (c) a tape recorder to provide services for shut-ins, (d) a Christmas wreath.

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

P.S.--Please keep in mind the auction in the month of May--we are trying to raise a little money to beautify our church.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew R. Kelloway
Chairman

Deaconesses

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONESSSES

Each month the Deaconesses visited the shut-ins, sent many cards to hospitals, rest homes, and one or more attended each funeral.

A Memorial for Miss Ida Bancroft was held May 18, 1971.

At Easter we delivered 21 plants and 4 baskets of fruit to shut-ins and 12 Ideals were sent to shut-ins and past ministers.

The Easter Service was taped by Anna Tozier and taken to Bertha Poole and her friends at the rest home.

In April the Deaconesses met with the Deacons at Ross Kelloway's and plans were made to form a Diaconate. It was planned for the Deaconesses and Deacons to meet together in the future and work as a joint board.

At Christmas we delivered 12 plants and 2 boxes of food were prepared and jars of candy and gifts to the Carlton Home and others.

The Christmas program was taped and taken to the Carlton Home where it was happily received.

Our Chairman, Anna Tozier, held three meetings and Mary Outram held the November meeting. We had a representative at each Cabinet meeting.

We had two new members join in January--Mrs. Condon and Mrs. Outram. We welcomed these new members and enjoyed working with them.

All six members attended a meeting in February of all Deacons and Deaconesses for all the churches in the Association, and the Deaconesses served tea, coffee, and cookies.

Our Chairman, Anna Tozier, goes off the Board in January and we will miss her thoughtful leadership. We welcomed our new member, Mrs. Isabel Gammon.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Tozier, Chairman
Marjorie Pitkin, Secretary

Christian Education

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The members of the Board: Larry Tripp, Audrey Magown, Helen Snow, Beth Bond, Bill Haid, Carol Dispenza, Evelyn Boose, and Phil Southwick.

Larry Tripp and Audrey Magown were co-chairmen of the board and Carol Dispenza was secretary for the year.

The main project for the year was the remodeling of the Youth Room (previously the Ladies' Parlor). Funds were raised to paint the walls, carpet the floor and get new curtains for the windows. Some new chairs were also donated for the room. At year's end, the project has been completed.

The use of the church as a drop-in center by a community youth group was discussed. The board got permission from the trustees for the use of the church. The group has not as yet made use of the offer.

After the Children's Day service this year, it was decided to have an informal picnic on the church lawn.

Teacher installation was held October 17; Sunday School started on September 26. The hour that Sunday School starts has been changed from 9:15 to 9:30 A.M.

The Sunday School Mission funds were given to "Compassion" for a Korean war orphan from January to September.

It was then decided to stop sending the money to "Compassion" because there had been so many changes of orphans in the last year. It was decided that instead we let the children in the Sunday School decide what charity they would like to support. The children decided to send the mission money to Project Hope.

In June, Evelyn Boose resigned as superintendent of Sunday School and Helen Snow became superintendent for the Sunday School year 1971-1972 beginning in September.

The yearly Christmas workshop was not held this year. Instead, each department of the Sunday School worked on their own projects or planned their own parties.

It was decided this year that UNICEF should be a community project rather than a project just for our Sunday School. The P.T.A. was contacted to see if they would like to sponsor UNICEF. The P.T.A. was interested but were not organized as yet so we sponsored the project again this year. The boxes were distributed at the school and were delivered to the church. Next year the P.T.A. is interested in sponsoring the UNICEF if contacted again.

During this year the purchase of a duplicator for the Sunday School teachers' use and the repairing of bulletin and black boards were discussed. Funds have not been available for either project.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dispenza
Secretary

Superintendent

REPORT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The Church School closed its 1970-71 year with a Children's Day program on June 14 which followed an ecology theme. It stressed God's world is our world and we must do all we can to preserve it for ourselves and for future generations. Evelyn Boose retired as Church School Superintendent and was given a gift from the church. Three teachers who retired were given certificates of appreciation: Natalie Tidd, Florence Hamelin, and Warren Stone.

Church School recommenced September 26 with a complete staff of teachers and a few reserve volunteers. We have 13 full-time, 5 part-time teachers and 4 helpers. A few classes are so large that we have had to put two teachers in charge, and this system is working well. Starting time was changed from 9:15 to 9:30 A.M. and we have been starting promptly. Total enrollment to date is 190. Attendance is erratic as always. Perhaps one new reason contributes, viz., three-day holiday weekends make camping and longer trips out of town possible for more families.

In September a delegation of three attended a work shop at the Congregational Church, Haverhill: a representative from the Board of Christian Education, a teacher, and the Church School Superintendent.

Teacher Dedication Sunday was October 24. Star Island representatives from our church shared their memories of a most meaningful experience.

Because the curriculum this year is "The Church", the 9:30 session of Church School plans to visit churches of other denominations and started this program with a Mass at St. Mary's on November 7. Reactions to this change of service varied greatly. No one was indifferent!

During the Advent season the 9:30 session followed the Advent Candle ceremony and learned of its tradition and the meaning of each candle. Each week the candles were lit in order by different children as the Christmas story reached its completion.

Both our Thanksgiving and Christmas contributions were given to the Spanish-speaking Center of Haverhill. Our gifts made possible a Christmas party with presents for 150 children. The Center honored us with a beautiful poinsettia for the Vestry.

Consensus of opinion chose class or departmental Christmas parties in lieu of a workshop which for now appeared to be "old hat". Both teachers and children agreed the new plan was just as much fun and far more meaningful.

On November 5th the teachers held a bake sale at the IGA to raise money for the Youth Room drapes. A profit of \$50.00 was realized. Another bake sale is planned.

Because of the frequent change in Korean Orphan (supported by church school contributions the first Sunday of each month), the children voted by ballot for a new cause to serve. HOPE won.

Several teachers' meetings have been held in the Youth Room. Teachers have been very cooperative in attending. I feel we have a remarkably dedicated, enthusiastic, and capable group of volunteers in this area of church work, and I urge all parents to give them cooperation and support in every way possible. Come visit the classroom and show your children you're interested in their religious education. You are welcome any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen T. Snow
Church School Superintendent

Trustees

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monthly meetings were held as scheduled except for July and August for the transaction of such business as should regularly come before us.

Items of interest during the year other than routine:

In the winter we entertained a request for the use of one room in Metcalf House for use as an office for unit four of Northern Essex Mental Health. After checking insurance and tax aspects and checking with the Superintendent of the Sunday School, we agreed to let them use it and signed a one year agreement from April 1971 to April 1972.

The installation of the fire detection system was completed under the direction of Allan Barlow. The cost of a sprinkler system was found to be prohibitive.

We agreed to the purchase of carpet for the former nursery room.

In the spring estimates were obtained for painting the Church and repairing the brickwork; however, it was found that there were insufficient funds to do this in 1971. Hopefully it can be done in 1972, as the work is badly needed.

Trustee Douglas Melzard moved to New Hampshire and was replaced by Larry Tripp, who is your chairman for 1972.

Troop 51 Boy Scouts was granted permission to meet regularly in the vestry. The Girl Scouts have not met here since June 1971.

We have attempted to stop through traffic from going across the parking lot from Cottage Street to Clark Street, so far unsuccessfully. We put up barrels and they were stolen; we installed a chain between two trees and first the cars bypassed the chain, and then the chain was stolen.

We moved the upright piano from the Sanctuary to the vestry; the Weber is available; make an offer if interested.

The initial set up for the Church Fair was attended only by the Trustees and the co-chairmen of the Fair; more help would be in order next year.

We continue to rent our Cottage Street properties as in the past with rents collected to date as of Jan. 3.

I would like to thank Ed Jones for faithfully maintaining the combination lawn mower-snow blow as he has for several years now. I would also like to thank all others who have helped to maintain our church property this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard S. Gynan
Chairman

Guild

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S GUILD

During the year 1971 the Guild held eight meetings.

Rev. Mildred Palmer spoke to us on "Life Is What You Make It". The Youth Choir also entertained at this meeting. Other speakers have included Anne Low on Cake Decorating, Maurice Martel on Interior Decorating, Flower Arranging by Mrs. Gabor Enyedi. A Material Aids work party was enjoyed and we were given an opportunity of seeing first hand the many accomplishments of this hard-working committee. A Christmas Party was held at the home of Lillian Kelloway. We have enjoyed covered dish dinners, a progressive dinner at the homes of Pat Barlow and Lillie Townsend, a delicious ham dinner at the home of Connie Tripp and our Annual Banquet at Towne Lyne House.

While we all have enjoyed our social activities, we have had the usual fund raising projects which have added over \$600.00 to our treasury. Our pledge of \$300.00 was paid at the end of our fiscal year.

In May we were saddened at the passing away of Miss Ida Bancroft.

A cordial invitation is extended to all women of the church to attend any of our meetings and hopefully become a member of the Guild.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilhelmina M. Marble
President

Couple's Club

REPORT OF THE COUPLES' CLUB

The most ambitious project of the year for the Couples' Club was the play "Blithe Spirit" presented May 7 & 8. The audience was seated at tables, cafe style, and were served refreshments during the performances. The most rewarding part of the play, besides the fun it brought everyone, was that so many in the church helped to make it a success. Instead of soliciting ads from local businessmen, church members were contacted to act as patrons. This effort of all concerned helped to overflow a nearly depleted treasury.

Activities of the club during the past year have included such things as a talk by psychologist Dr. Clifford Cassidy, a concert by the Georgetown High Stage Band, a mid-winter swim and bowling party at Hathorne, a square dance, bingo, the newlywed game, speakers on ESP and ending the year with a Christmas Party and Dance held at our church.

The club is comparatively small this year, averaging about seventeen couples a month. However, we are active and enthusiastic and always looking for new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick and Audrey Magown, Presidents
Tony and Gail Annis, V. Presidents
Steven and Elaine Kimball, Secretaries
Allan and Pat Barlow, Treasurers

Missions

REPORT OF CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

What is "World Service"? Is it what our church as individuals and through various organizations gives to "Church World Service" each year? No. It is all that and much more. It is all that we as concerned people in a church that really cares about meeting human needs can do with our money, our materials and our time to help people in need wherever we find them, whether in our own neighborhood, in the United States, or anywhere in the world.

It is not something expensive which only the most prosperous churches and the most wealthy people can support; nor is it something dry and boring which only the most dedicated people would care to bother with. There is something for every one - old and young - to do to help. It is exciting and heartwarming to have even a small share in the really tremendous amount of good being done by church people the world over, contributing what they can to help others whose need is great.

The Church School at Thanksgiving time collected food which went to the Spanish American Center in Haverhill. They also received some of the used clothing which was left over from the church fair. The rest of the clothing from the fair was turned over to the Material Aid Committee. This and other clothing which has come in liberally all year has been widely distributed, some to the above Spanish American Center and another one in Lawrence, some to American Indians in South Dakota, some to a Thrift Shop in Tennessee, and some to Church World Service to be used as they see fit.

The Women's Missionary Society contributed to Mission Advance, Biafra, Southwest Indian Foundation, Least Coin Offering and Walker Missionary Home.

All of you help when you support the Material Aid Committee's Food Sale or any other efforts. There is always a need for good used clothing and household articles, such as bedding, curtains, small rugs, pillows, etc.; also worn sheets and white shirts, also worn garments that contain enough good cloth to be made into some smaller garment. Also yard goods and remnants and yarn remnants. If you have anything you don't want, it might be usable for something.

A group of women have been making quilts whenever they can get together. Some of these have been sent out to various places; others have been sold and the money used for Material Aid needs.

By far the greater part of the Material Aid money is spent for postage, express, and the 10¢ per pound requested by Church World Service to cover their shipping costs. During 1971 over 300 lbs. of used clothing went to Church World Service, much of it by the CWS pick up in April and October. More than 100 lbs. of clothing and household articles went to a Thrift Shop at Pleasant Hill, Tennessee. Quilts and knit goods were sent to Indians in South Dakota. A limited amount of selected used clothing and new and recovered pillows were sent to Walker Missionary Home, also a money contribution from the Guild. Contributions were made to the Riverside Memorial Church Building Fund. Money was contributed for Christmas gifts at Walpole State Prison, and handmade articles and other new or nearly new items were sent to Boston City Missionary Society for their Christmas gift program. We also sent bandages, hospital johnnies, and other articles

made by some of our women.

Our thanks go to Graf's Express. They deliver to the Boston City Missionary Society free. On shipments to CWS in Maryland, Tennessee and other places, they cancel their part of the bill, and we are only billed for the other carrier who receives the shipment from Graf.

There is no end to what needs to be done in this field -- no end to what we might do. If you would like to help, call me at 352-2941 and let me know what you would like to do. We can always find something.

Two committee members resigned last spring, the Misses Eleanor and Satira Stetson. It would be impossible to list all the ways they have contributed to this program. Enough to say that we all appreciate what they have done, and we are extremely happy that they are still working loyally as before, only we hope with a little less pressure and responsibility than before. The Material Aid Committee now is Olive Metcalf, chairman, Mrs. Henry Dea, Mrs. Clifford Emerson, Mrs. Merton Pitkin, Mrs. Harry Sweetland and Mrs. George Swanton.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive Metcalf
Chairman

Missionary Society

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

During 1971 there were nine monthly meetings--two were held at the church, the others at homes of the members.

We have a membership of seventeen at present, having lost two members during the year, Bertha Jewett and Ida Bancroft, the latter having been a very faithful Secretary for many years.

Our recent study book has been "Queen Of The Dark Chamber".

We contributed \$100 toward the support of the church--which is our yearly custom. Other contributions have been to Mission Advance, the South West Indian Foundation, the Least Coin of Church Women United, the Riverside Church and the Walker Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie H. Dea
Secretary

Music

THE REPORT OF THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

"With a voice of singing", words from a favorite anthem, our choirs contribute much to the worship services of our church. We appreciate the many hours that the members of all three choirs give so generously.

The Senior Choir has grown this past year under the guidance of Mr. Carl Krumpe, organist and choir director, and presented a Christmas Cantata on Christmas Sunday, special music at Easter, assisted by the Junior and Youth Choirs, and also participated in two ecumenical choral concerts presented in Haverhill. One of these concerts was on Palm Sunday in the First Congregational Church and the other in the fall at the Riverside Memorial Church, at the dedication of its new organ.

In the spring, a modern rock mass was presented one Sunday morning with an instrumental group from Phillips-Andover Academy, accompanying the Senior choir. This was inspirational and unique for us.

We sincerely appreciate the time and effort of Mrs. Emery Boose and Mrs. Charles Flyzik in directing the Junior Choir and Miss Carole Bridges who continues to direct the Youth Choir. These choirs of young people are indeed faithful and dedicated and add much to our program of church music.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel Gammon, Chairman
Frank Savory
Mrs. Calvin Pingree

Finance

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

1971 has been a rough year financially with a last quarter pile-up of bills totalling almost \$3,000. Thanks to the eleventh hour windfall of money from the Church Fair, we were able to pay almost all our current expense bills.

At the October church meeting the Finance Committee submitted a budget of \$37,000.00, which would have provided adequate operating funds and revitalized our church programs. It was our hope that the membership would increase their pledges to meet this challenge.

The all-member canvass for 1972, during the month of November, yielded \$1,000 less than the 1971 pledges. The church's financial challenge was not met for 1972.

The monies pledged for 1972 are as follows:

Current Expenses.....	\$16,699.90
Missions.....	1,848.00
Improvement Fund.....	1,993.00

In view of the decrease in the total pledges the budget was revised at the January meeting and cut back to the 1971 level. The fact remains that with rising costs we cannot operate on less than a \$33,000 budget.

The following is a copy of the budget for 1972.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Grissino
Chairman

Collector

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR

<u>Month</u>	<u>Current Exp.</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Church School</u>	<u>Div. Int. Reimb.</u>
Jan.	\$1,924.17	\$290.15	\$83.22	\$287.39
Feb.	1,428.35	271.30	64.17	348.92
Mar.	1,342.59	212.00	54.70	309.28
Apr.	1,681.08	226.65	48.73	237.70
May	1,463.91	352.05	64.87	451.15
June	1,036.66	243.85	15.73	121.65
July	909.40	248.50	4.30	620.08
Aug.	1,583.00	264.85	4.00	446.92
Sept.	1,242.46	270.85	22.54	117.00
Oct.	2,457.63	387.90	89.70	297.72
Nov.	1,996.08	281.90	53.35	108.97
Dec.	1,807.42	237.65	51.86	395.50
	<u>\$18,872.75</u>	<u>\$3,287.65</u>	<u>\$557.17</u>	<u>\$3,742.28</u>

	<u>Build. Fund</u>	<u>Imp. Fund</u>	<u>Misc.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jan.	\$10.00	\$214.95	\$129.32	\$2,939.20
Feb.	4.00	190.15	15.00	2,321.89
Mar.	4.00	127.50	11.10	2,061.17
Apr.	4.00	171.35	872.05	3,241.56
May	4.00	162.10	153.78	2,651.86
June	2.00	128.35	9.80	1,558.04
July	-----	163.35	-----	1,945.63
Aug.	12.00	117.20	27.25	2,455.22
Sept.	5.00	131.90	-----	1,789.75
Oct.	5.00	246.80	2.00	3,486.75
Nov.	4.00	235.90	4,077.65	6,757.85
Dec.	4.00	173.50	448.06	3,117.99
	<u>\$58.00</u>	<u>\$2,063.05</u>	<u>\$5,746.01</u>	<u>\$34,326.91</u>

We had 160 pledges for 1971, plus 2 families with envelopes, no pledge.

As of January 16, 1972, we have received:

112 paid in full
 22 nearly paid in full
 17 very little paid
 9 nothing paid
 2 moved away

On these pledges we have received----- \$21,344.60
 Unpaid--- \$ 2,279.05

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth L. Jones
 Collector

Treasurer
REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RECEIPTS

201	Pledges Current expenses	\$17,747.80
202	Loose Collect	1,124.95
Missions		
203.1	Regular Collect	2,228.90
203.2	Special Collect	1,058.75
Church School		
204.1	Regular Collect	425.42
204.2	Missions	131.75
205	Dividends, Interest & Reimbursements	3,742.28
206.1	Building Fund	58.00
206.2	Improvement Fund	2,063.05
208.1	Church Fair 1970	51.52
	Church Fair 1971	3,872.82
208.2	Initial Offering	22.40
208.3	Special Donation	1,567.84
209	Memorial Fund	57.00
211	Misc. (Drapery Money from Bd. Chr. Ed.)	174.43
		\$34,326.91

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF RECEIPTS

*205	<u>Dividends, Interest & Reimbursements</u>	
	\$400.00 Interest from Perley Fund	
	264.00 Interest from General Fund	
	754.56 Interest from Mass. Congregational Fund	
	105.78 Fuel reimbursements from Elliott's	
	223.50 Flower reimbursements	
	1,916.00 Rental income	
	10.00 Use of vestry	
	18.50 Eden Publishing House	
	3.65 S. Baptist Convention	
	36.94 Reimbursement for Sunday School chairs	
	9.35 " from Essex North Association	
*208.3	<u>Special Donation</u>	
	\$ 72.95 Christmas 1970 for Riverside Memorial Church Building Fund	
	500.00 Gift for special project	
	407.00 Easter 1971 to defray cost of driveway	
	208.94 UNICEF	
	378.95 Christmas 1971 for painting of church	

DISBURSEMENTS

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES OF OUR MINISTRY

302	Minister's Salary	\$ 7,675.00
302.1	Pulpit Supply	60.00
303	Health Insurance & Pension Board	355.50
304	Minister's Annuity	940.48
305	Minister's Car Allowance	600.00
306	Traveling Expenses - Conf., Etc.	55.00
307	Deacons' Supplies	68.34
308	Organist, Choir Director	1,700.00
309	Music Supplies	122.10
310	Board of Christian Education	571.35
313	Per Capita Fellowship	595.20
314	Flowers	198.20
315	Deaconess' Expenses	106.10
316	Social Committee Expenses	22.75
317	Treasurer's Expenses	350.00
318	Collector's Expenses	350.00

\$13,770.02

OUR ADMINISTRATIONAL EXPENSES

401	Church Secretary	\$ 750.00
402	Stationery, Postage, Printing & Office Supplies	712.20
403	Sexton's Salary	2,083.00
404	Church Utilities	
	Heat	\$1,379.07
	Electricity	293.42
	Water	142.82
	Telephone	397.05
	Gas	19.60
	Total	2,231.96
405	Parsonage Utilities	600.00

\$6,377.16

OUR CHURCH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

501	Church Building Care	\$ 564.95
502	Parsonage Upkeep	98.31
503	Supplies	251.11
504	Insurance	317.10

\$1,231.47

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

601	Office Equipment	\$ 18.70
602	Church School Equipment	----
603	Improvement Fund Savings Account	2,470.05
	Building Fund Savings Account	58.00
604	Reinvestment of 10% of Dividends and Interest	135.17

\$2,681.92

DEBT RETIREMENT AND RESERVES

701 Mortgage Payments on our Properties(Prin., Int. & Taxes)
(1 & 3 Cottage St. & Parsonage) \$3,096.44

702 Reserve for contingencies & Depreciation of Building
Equipment 1,793.56

\$4,890.00

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION AND OTHER BENEVOLENCES

901 Missions
Regular Missions \$1,928.90

Women's Missionary Society to OCWM 100.00

901.2 Andover Newton 200.00

901.3 Church School Missions
Korean Orphan 60.00

UNICEF 208.94

Mission Advance 1,058.75

(" " Total \$3,593.25)

\$3,556.59

DISBURSEMENTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

1208 *Miscellaneous \$558.62

1208.3 Special Donation given to Riverside Church
Building Fund 320.25

1209 Memorial Fund 57.00

\$935.87

*1208 Miscellaneous

St. Mary's Sunday School Visitation	10.00
Williams' Oil Service (Rental Property	12.00
Merrimack Valley Bank Safe Deposit Box	7.00
Mal's--4 Sunday School Chairs (have been reimbursed)	35.88
Elliott's (Drapes-Reimbursed from Sunday School)	202.80
Georgetown School Lunch (Fair Expense)	100.68
Gazette (Fair Ad)	5.25
Georgetown Savings Bank (Reimbursed Fair Chairman Account)	185.01

SUMMARY

Balance on hand January 1, 1971 \$ 971.96

Total receipts January 1, 1971 to December 31, 1971 34,326.91

\$35,298.87

Total disbursements 1971 - 33,443.03

Balance in checking account December 31, 1971 \$ 1,855.84

*Special Holds - 974.43

\$ 881.41

*Held in checking account as of December 31, 1971

Church Sunday School \$ 95.48

Christmas Offering 378.95

Special Donation 500.00

\$974.43

SAVINGS ACCOUNTSGEORGETOWN SAVINGS BANK

#14284	Memorial Fund	
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971	\$1,269.39
	Deposits	57.00
	Interest	66.65
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		\$1,393.04
	Withdrawals	164.55
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971	<hr/>
		\$1,228.49
#14425	General Fund (Special Notice)	
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971	\$4,770.27
	Deposits	135.17
	Interest	264.00
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		\$5,169.44
	Withdrawals	264.00
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971	<hr/>
		\$4,905.44
#14426	Deacons' Fund	
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971	\$1,731.56
	Deposits	386.12
	Interest	94.37
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		\$2,212.05
	Withdrawals	250.00
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971	<hr/>
		\$1,962.05
#14427	Mission Fund	
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971	\$1,027.68
	Interest	56.11
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		\$1,083.79
	Withdrawals	56.11
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971	<hr/>
		\$1,027.68
#15513	Deacons' Fund (Special Notice)	
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971	\$2,500.00
	Interest	137.48
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		\$2,637.48
	Withdrawals	137.48
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971	<hr/>
		\$2,500.00
#15401	Rug Fund	
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971	\$64.37
	Interest	3.41
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971	<hr/>
		\$67.78
#16617	Reserve Account	
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971	\$1,825.44
	Deposits	1,793.56
	Interest	91.78
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971	<hr/>
		\$3,710.78

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (Cont.)

#19360	Fair Chairman Account	
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971	\$200.00
	Deposits	185.01
	Interest	7.99
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		\$393.00
	Withdrawals	193.00
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971	<hr/>
		\$200.00

#20099	Annual Fixed Expense Account	
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971	\$490.22
	Interest	9.21
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		\$499.43
	Withdrawals	475.00
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971	<hr/>
		\$24.43

#14417	Improvement Fund	
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971	\$6,111.77
	Deposits	2,470.05
	Interest	189.16
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		\$8,770.98
	Withdrawals	5,248.43
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971	<hr/>
		\$3,522.55

Further details on Improvement Fund
Merrimack Valley National Bank \$1,264.43
Quarterly Payments on Loan
(Dec. 31, 1971 Loan Balance \$600.00)

Alarm Engineering Co. 3,809.00
Fire Alarm System

Elliott's (Rug for small room) 175.00

FAMILY MUTUAL SAVINGS BANK

#161328	Building Fund	
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971	\$2,426.02
	Deposits	58.00
	Interest	131.44
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971	<hr/>
		\$2,615.46

MORTGAGE ACCOUNTS

#3594	5 Hart Circle	Parsonage		
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971			\$7,961.57
	Payments:	Interest	\$383.55	
		Principle	641.37	
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971			\$7,320.20
#3293	3 Cottage St.	Rental		
	Balance Jan. 1, 1971			\$3,902.44
	Payments:	Interest	\$179.78	
		Principle	412.06	
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971			\$3,490.38
#170	1 Cottage St.	Rental		
00193	Balance Jan. 1, 1971			\$2,186.54
	Payments:	Interest	\$128.14	
		Principle	798.62	
		Taxes	283.20	
	Balance Dec. 31, 1971			\$1,387.92

1 Cottage St.	\$1,209.96	Mortgage payment: principle, interest & taxes
	31.50	Water bill
	<u>\$1,241.46</u>	
	- 1,080.00	Receipts from rent
	<u>- \$ 161.46</u>	

3 Cottage St.	\$591.84	Mortgage payment: principle, interest
	288.28	Taxes
	65.90	Water bill
	7.00	Furnace repair
	<u>\$953.02</u>	
	- 836.00	Receipts from rent
	<u>- \$117.02</u>	

\$161.46	
<u>117.02</u>	
\$278.48	Minus for the year on our 2 rental properties

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline E. Sheehan
Treasurer

Budget

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1972

We expect to spend for

<u>Operating Our Church</u>	<u>Present Budget</u> 1/1/71 to 12/31/71	<u>Proposed Budget</u> 1/1/72 to 12/31/72
1. Leadership & Services of Our Ministry	\$15,098.00	\$15,235.00
2. Administrative & Operational Expenses	6,995.00	6,995.00
3. Church Property Maint. & Repair	2,220.00	2,220.00
4. Equipment	50.00	50.00
5. Debt Retirement	2,950.00	4,350.00
<u>Helping Others</u>		
6. Benevolences	3,120.00	1,970.00
<u>We expect to set aside for</u>		
<u>Improving Our Facilities</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$32,433.00	\$32,820.00

BUDGET GOALS

RECEIPTS

201. Pledges - Current Expense	\$20,038.00	\$17,190.00
202. Loose Collect	1,050.00	1,050.00
203. Missions		
1. Pledges - Benevolences	2,800.00	1,850.00
2. Specials	125.00	----
204. Church School		
1. Regular Collect	500.00	500.00
2. Missions	120.00	120.00
205. Dividends, Interest & Reimbursements	2,800.00	3,700.00
206. Improvement Fund	2,500.00	1,900.00
207. Miscellaneous		
Church Fair, Etc.	1,850.00	1,250.00
208. Reserved for Contingen- cies	650.00	1,250.00
209. Receipts from auctions, suppers, organ concert, etc.		<u>4,010.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$32,433.00	\$32,820.00

DISBURSEMENTS

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>1. LEADERSHIP & SERVICES OF OUR MINISTRY</u>		
301. Minister's Salary	\$7,675.00	\$7,675.00
302. Pulpit Supply	210.00	210.00
303. Health Insurance	360.00	500.00
304. Minister's Annuity	1,013.00	1,010.00
305. Minister's Car Allowance	600.00	600.00
306. Traveling Expense (Conf.)	60.00	60.00
307. Deacons' Supplies	100.00	100.00
308. Organist-Choir Director	1,700.00	1,700.00
1. Substitute Organist	100.00	100.00
309. Music Supplies	150.00	150.00
310. Bd. of Christian Education (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
317. Treasurer's Expenses	350.00	350.00
318. Collector's Expenses	350.00	350.00
319. Long-Range Planning Committee	50.00	50.00
TOTAL	\$15,098.00	\$15,235.00
<u>2. OUR ADMINISTRATIONAL & OPERATIONAL EXPENSE</u>		
401. Church Secretary	750.00	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		
1. Heat	1,800.00	1,800.00
2. Electricity	400.00	400.00
3. Water	65.00	65.00
4. Telephone	350.00	350.00
5. Gas	60.00	60.00
405. Parsonage Utilities	600.00	600.00
TOTAL	\$6,995.00	\$6,995.00
<u>3. OUR CHURCH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & REPAIR</u>		
501. Church Building Care)		
502. Parsonage Upkeep)	1,000.00	1,000.00
503. Supplies)		
504. Insurance	1,220.00	1,220.00
TOTAL	\$2,220.00	\$2,220.00
<u>4. CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND EQUIPMENT</u>		
601. Office Equipment	50.00	50.00
602. Church School Equipment	----	----
603. Improvement Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,050.00	\$2,050.00

DISBURSEMENTS (Cont.)

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
5. <u>DEBT RETIREMENT AND RESERVES</u>		
701. Mortgage Payments on Parsonage & Church Properties	\$2,300.00	\$3,100.00
702. Reserve for Contingencies & Depreciation of Building Equipment	<u>650.00</u>	<u>1,250.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,950.00	\$4,350.00
6. <u>OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION AND OTHER BENEVOLENCES</u>		
901. Missions & Benevolences		
1. Regular	2,500.00	1,650.00
2. Andover Newton Theo. School	200.00	200.00
3. Veterans of the Cross	50.00	----
4. Church School Missions	120.00	120.00
5. Specials	<u>250.00</u>	<u>----</u>
TOTAL	\$3,120.00	\$1,970.00

Audit

August 24, 1971

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

Respectfully submitted,

H. Nelson Pingree
Virginia R. Rogers
Auditing Committee.

Nominating

The Nominating Committee submits the following Nominees for 1972:

Moderator	Donn Chatterton
Clerk	Mrs. Arthur J. Marble
Treasurer	Mrs. Joseph Sheehan
Collector	Mrs. Edward Jones
Deacons Three years	Forrest Bridges Ernest Poore
Trustee One Year Five Years	Lawrence Tripp Charles Margeson 3rd.
Finance Committee Three years	Guy Minchin
Deaconess Three Years	Mrs. Merton Pitkin Mrs. Donald Gammon
Music Committee	Mrs. Robert Dunton
Board of Christian Education Two Years Three Years	Mrs. Emory Boose Mrs. Robert Davidson Rupert Annis 3rd.
Social Committee	Mrs. Richard Tidd
Auditing Committee	Mrs. Harris Rogers Leland Lowell
Flower Committee	Mrs. Matthew R. Kelloway
Church World Service	Miss Olive R. Metcalf
Ushers	Ernest Kelloway Robert Thompson
Nominating Committee Five Years	Mrs. Clyde Tozier

Wilhelmina M. Marble
Barbara H. Haring
Ruth O. Daniels
Donna E. Chatterton
 Nominating Committee