

THE ANNUAL REPORTS

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CHURCH OF PEACE

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PASTOR'S REPORT

To the Members and Friends
Of the Church of Peace:-

We have gathered for our 1st annual Congregational Meeting of the Church of Peace just one week before the 1st anniversary of Charter Member Sunday. This day was observed January 22, 1956 when 30 persons became the initial membership of Church of Peace. Additional members were received on April 22, July 22, October 21 and December 23. Thus, as we complete our first year our goal was achieved in that our Charter Membership was doubled.

Membership January 1, 1956 -----	0
Members gained by Confession of Faith	9
Members gained by transfer from Evangelical U. B. Churches	40
Members gained by transfer from other churches	12
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Total gained in 1956	61

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On February 14 we gathered for our first congregational meeting for the purpose of organizing and election of officers.

The first Local Conference for our Church of Peace was held February 28 with Dr. F. A. Spong, our Conference Superintendent, presiding. At this time a suggested program and budget for the year 1956 was adopted.

During the year seven fellowship gatherings were held at various homes for our Church Family. Along with occasional congregational business it was our purpose at these gatherings to strengthen and deepen the friendships of our Church Family. As a result we found ourselves working together "with one accord".

Evangelism

Evangelism is not the task of the Pastor alone nor of the officials of the Church, but the responsibility of all members. It is the job of laity and clergy alike. Every Christian counts in reaching others for Christ and His Church. In your home, at work, in leisure hours make everything count by way of winning others for Christ. You can report new neighbors and likely prospects to the Pastor. You can pray for specific persons. You can call upon those who need an invitation to our Church and its activities. You may even stop and bring someone along with you. During the past year several couples did some visitation in behalf of Christ and His Church. These efforts proved fruitful. You can tell others about your Church. Christ needs your help! Your Church needs you! Will you lend a hand?

Appreciation

The pastor and family express deep appreciation fo all of you for your excellent cooperation, your prayers, your thoughtful words of encouragement and your cheerful acceptance of the unusual handicaps under which we have been forced to operate. A hearty thanks to those who in their repective offices have served so well: our trustees, church treasurer, financial secretary, board of stewards, class leaders, building fund treasurer, Sunday School officers and teachers, ushers, choir members and pianist, and all others who have worked so diligently for the greatest Cause in the world - the Cause of Christ and His Church.

Your pastor was asked to serve Hope Church of Minneapolis along with the duties of this congregation from January 1st to May 20, 1956. It was an opportunity to serve where a definite ^{need} was indicated. The pastor preached 104 times, baptized 8 infants, performed 1 marriage, conducted 3 funerals and made 532 calls. He also served as Director of Junior Camp for one week, as a member of the Conference Board of Evangelism, as a member of the State Youth Fellowship Council, as conference representative to the

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Minnesota Council of Churches. A week was spent at our Rice Lake Church as guest evangelist. Presently he is secretary of the Richfield Ministerial Association and President of the Twin City E. U. B. Ministerial Fellowship.

For all evidence of advance, progress and growth we give thanks to our Heavenly Father, "who works in us both to will and to do", and for the willing cooperation and unfailing loyalty of so many of you devoted people we give hearty thanks.

Lowell Reinking

Lowell A. Reinking, Pastor

Trustees Report

Valuation of the parsonage -----\$20,000
Parsonage Rental Value 125 per month
Insurance on the parsonage 15,000
 \$7500 at Mutual Benefit Insurance Society
 \$7500 at Hardware Mutual Insurance

The deed of the parsonage is in the Conference Safe at Calvary Church, St. Paul.

The general condition of the property is good.

Improvements planned for next year:

Paint exterior of the parsonage.

The term of office for the trustees is:

Oscar Mueller	Elected 1956	for 3 year term
Harold Lindahl	Elected 1956	for 3 year term
Emmet Wegner	Elected 1956	for 1 year term
Norman Johnson	Elected 1956	for 2 year term

Oscar Mueller, Chairman
Emmet Wegner, Secretary

Class Leader's Report

	Worship	Sunday School	Midweek
Number of Services	53	53	39
Average Attendance	37	29	6

One Communion Service was held with Oakland Avenue Church.

Second was held on August 19, 1956 when 47 communed.

Third service was held October 7, 1956 when 57 communed.

Mrs. Robert Newcomb, Class Leader

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are glad to be able to make a favorable report on the progress of our Sunday School during this past year. We have had a busy and a happy year laying the ground work for a proper school. Our enrollment and attendance has shown a steady increase. The enrollment of children and teachers being 27 on January 1, 1956 as compared to 57 January 1, 1957. A loss of 7 members throughout the year took place as a result of moving etc. We now have 5 classes, 2 of which could again be divided if our facilities were adequate. Each class has 2 associate teachers (nursery has 3) so that the teachers may alternately teach and attend worship.

"Even a child maketh himself known by his doings" and our children have shared generously in the Sunday School Offerings, for the total Sunday School Offerings amounted to \$165.74. Although our Sunday School receipts and disbursements are included in our church budget, it is interesting to note that the Sunday School is almost paying its own way. We have found the envelope system very worthwhile in the Sunday School for it not only promotes regular giving but we find the offering is not so easily mislaid or dropped.

Although not much equipment can be gotten as yet, we did purchase an easel and flannelboard plus small equipment such as scissors. The Olivia church donated an oilcloth for place mats and book covers and a wooden easel. Magic plates were donated to the Nursery Department by Mrs. Roger Poore's mother. We appreciate these expressions of kindness.

The Sunday School sponsored several special programs and events during the year. The children shared in the church worship service at Easter, on Children's Day and Rally Day. Special recognition of the teachers and pupils under the guidance of our Director of Christian Education, Rev. Leo Kisrow, was given on Rally Day, Sept. 30. The Sunday School picnic with games, prizes and ice cream was enjoyed on June 10 at Lake Harriet. Our Sunday School accepted the invitation of the Oakland Avenue Church to attend their 10 day Vacation Bible School. A number of our children attended with parents taking turns driving. Several of the mothers also served as teachers and helpers during the school. Two children's parties were held this last quarter at the parsonage, a Halloween costume party and then the Christmas party and program practice on December 21st. Preceding the Christmas party the older children, under adult supervision, went caroling at the home of shut-ins. Both parties were well attended and heartily enjoyed.

The Christmas program was held following the Sunday morning worship service on Dec. 23. Each class had a part in the program and the efforts of the teachers and pupils were well rewarded by the fine response on the part of the congregation. The Sunday School gave the children boxes of candy and nuts following the program.

The Sunday School Council has met regularly on the second Monday of each month. Sunday School problems, adjustments and improvements have been studied. Filmstrips have helped to add interest and help to some of our meetings.

A very worthwhile Children's Workers Institute was attended by 7 of the teachers on September 17 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Following this 7 of our teachers enrolled for the Life and Leadership School at Plymouth Congregational Church. This began September 26 and met for 2 hours each week for 6 weeks. We appreciate the teachers giving of their time and energy to better prepare themselves for the important task of teaching our children. The teachers express their appreciation to the Church Council for defraying the cost of their registration and books.

It is hard to find words adequate to express deep and sincere appreciation to the teachers who have so loyally and sacrificially, under severe handicaps and inconvenience given of themselves to promote the work of the Sunday School and to bring to the children the Love of Christ. A sincere "thank-you" to each of you with a prayer that your sincere efforts will be well rewarded.

Mrs. Lowell Reinking, Sunday School Superintendent

BOARD OF STEWARDS

The Board of Stewards is pleased to report that in our first year our budget was reached and topped. The Board has met several times preparing the budget for 1957 which was approved by the Council of Administration and presented to the Congregation.

Your growing Church of Peace ^{budget} is supported entirely by the voluntary contributions of its members and the gifts of friends interested in our work. Our financial policy is simple, direct and efficient. At the beginning of the year a complete financial budget, including local, annual Conference and our World Wide work is presented to our membership. Every member in his vows of Church Membership promises to support the Church financially according to his ability. To make this support natural each member is given a packet of Weekly Contribution Envelopes and asked to use them regularly. Teaching sermons and instruction in the joys of giving are, by the very nature of the Gospel's emphasis, a part of our program. Church of Peace through the regular weekly giving for current expenses, missions and benevolences and the building fund has advanced satisfactorily toward its goals. The total plan is business like, Christian, efficient and a thing of joy, with a place for persons of every status, and by it our Church of Peace has made excellent progress during its first year.

Ray O'Connor, Chief Steward

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

First Quarter (beginning March 11)		
Pledged contributions received	-----	\$147.00
Non-pledged contributions		3.00
Number of contributors by envelope - 15		<u>\$150.00</u>
Second Quarter		
Pledged contributions received	-----	\$731.75
Non-pledged contributions		72.45
Number of contributors by envelope - 21		<u>\$804.20</u>
Third Quarter		
Pledged contributions received		\$ 796.50
Non-pledged contributions received		203.85
Number of contributors by envelope - 24		<u>\$1000.35</u>
Fourth Quarter		
Pledged contributions received	-----	\$ 934.13
Non-pledged contributions received		364.85
Number of contributors by envelope - 28		<u>\$1298.98</u>

Lloyd Avery, Financial Secretary

BUILDING FUND

At the November 6th meeting of the Church Council of Administration a Building Fund treasurer was elected. Because of the increasing interest in this portion of our program it was felt advisable to select someone to handle these funds.

Balance at the beginning	-----	\$000.00
Total receipts as reported at the		
Jan. 8th Council meeting	-----	<u>\$723.00</u>

These funds are deposited on savings at the Northwestern National Bank of Bloomington-Richfield located at 78th St. at Penn Avenue So.

Kenneth Hausauer, Building Fund Treasurer

CHURCH of PEACE TREASURER'S REPORT
January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

Balance at beginning 000.00

Receipts

Envelopes	\$3236.78
Loose Offering	648.43
Initial Offering Envelopes	6.55
Sunday School Offering	165.74
Koronis Improvement Offering	14.50
Building Fund	8.00
Gift Collection	33.00
Special Gifts for Equipment	114.80
Conference Journals	7.00
Lenten Offering	45.50

Total Receipts \$4280.30

Receipts and Balance \$4280.30

Disbursements

Augustana Book Concern	\$ 39.46
Augsburg Publishing	30.47
Postage and Stationery	62.84
Women's Society of World Service	.43
Church Budget Envelope	15.50
Mission & Benevolence Fund	207.00
Sewer Tax	12.50
United Crusade	45.50
Pianist	226.05
Telephone	59.19
Sunday School Material	26.55
Repairs & Material for parsonage	100.53
Beacon Book Store	13.40
Crook & Hanley, Inc.	31.79
Financial Secretary's Book	2.15
County Treasurer - Tax	17.81
Annual Conference delegate Exp.	25.00
Otterbein Press	108.10
Koronis Improvement Offering	11.00
Visiting Hostess Service	8.00
Parsonage Insurance	37.60
Pulpit Supply	20.00
Conference Treas. - Journals	14.50
Board of Christian Education	5.25
Missionary Expansion Fund	37.50
Evangelism Book Center	23.03
Materials & paint for sign	38.76
Gift for Rev. Reinking	100.00
Schmitt Music Co.	12.10
Greater Mpls. Council of Churches	28.35
Church Cuts - Ray Jordan	10.25
England Press	25.40
To Building Fund Treasurer	8.00
Rent & Custodian Service	897.90

Total Disbursements \$2301.91

To Be Carried Forward \$1978.39

Joseph Urista, Treasurer

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