

*Minutes of the New
Sanctuary Fund Committee
Brighton Reformed Church
Rochester, New York.*

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Motion Originating Committee.

We move that: The Consistory shall authorize a committee of seven (7) men whose duties it shall be to:

- 1- Develop greatest interest in a fund for a new sanctuary.
- 2- Canvas the church's membership and friends in order to create a desire to accelerate the receipt of gifts toward this fund.
- 3- Develop a system of regular donation by each member and friend capable of assuming some share in this project.
- 4- Gather and record the accumulation of these monies.
- 5- Deposit these funds in the most reliable and gainful manner at their disposal.
- 6- Report at least 3 times annually,

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January, June, and October, the status of the fund, to the Consistory.

7- Advise the Consistory of the necessity of appointing and obtain their approval of additional or replacement members required to carry on the duties assigned to this committee.

The committee members shall include the Finance Chairman and at least one other member of the Consistory. The number of members may be increased to allow this condition. The two specified members need not continue on the committee beyond their terms of office.

The committee shall continue, and shall exert itself to hasten the time when, there are sufficient funds to erect a new sanctuary.

The committee shall assume the responsibility for all monies previously on deposit for this project upon the

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adoption of this motion.

It will not be the duty of this committee to do any exploratory work on the design of a structure, although an ~~study~~ analysis of the cost of a suitable edifice is consistent with their proper functioning.

This motion includes the names of seven men who are willing to organize or who hold the offices expressed in this motion as requiring representation to activate such a committee. They are as follows: Henry De Rou, Isaac Thibregsen, Gordon Tait, Arthur Stickney, William DeWitte, Marene Asbrook, and Roy Hand.

(Motion adopted Jan. 7, 1952)

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Jan. 25, 1952

The organization meeting of the New Sanctuary Fund Committee was held at the Brighton Reformed Church.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Isaac Hubregsen, Arthur Stickney, Anthony Luidens and Roy Hand.

Officers elected were: Co. Chairmen—Henry DeRoo and Isaac Hubregsen.

Secretary—Roy Hand and Treasurer—Gordon Tait.

The preamble and motion by Consistory for the organization of the Committee ^{were} read and discussed item for item.

Goal of \$100,000 in 5 years, was set.

This amount to be obtained before any start toward building is considered.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Luidens.

Members present were DeRoo, Hubregsen, Tait, Asbrook, DeWitte, Stickney, Luidens, Hand

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Accepted as read 2/6/52 Roy Hand

Feb. 8th 1952

The 2nd meeting of the New Sanctuary Fund Committee was called to order by Henry DeRoo. and opened with prayer by Messrs. Hubregsen, Hand, Luidens and DeRoo. Other members present were Messrs. DeWitte, Asbrack and Tait.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. — William DeWitte reported on speakers for explaining building fund drives. Speaker or speakers to be arranged by Mr. DeWitte. — Dr. Luidens asked committee to appoint a member to confidentially confer with himself on matters of wills, legacies, etc. Same to share knowledge of names of those already remembering our church in this manner. — Discussed opening date of drive. Decided Easter offering most appropriate with Arabian Missions Fund in hand. Motion that Consistory be asked to approve action by Finance Chmn. to write or have written, ^{an} ~~an~~ Easter letter to the Congregation for the

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purpose of acquainting ~~them~~ every member with the committee's plan and appeal for financial support on that day, designating same as the beginning of the drive.

Meeting adjourned with Lord's prayer.

Roy Hand

Feb 26th 1952

A special meeting of the N.S.F. Committee called to order by Henry DeRoo, with prayer by Messrs. Stickeney, Hand, Hubregsen and DeRoo.

Mr. Hubregsen introduced Mr. Taylor of the "Taylor and Associates" of Buffalo who explained the "Columbian Plan of Financing". Cost of this plan is 8% Payable after 10% is received. Takes about 8 wks after test is made and final set up presented for acceptance by Consistory.

Involves life Insurance investments by those not willing to donate unselfishly to the cause. Mr. Taylor thought we could raise about \$67,000.00 in 5 yrs based on present church pledges.

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Roy Hand

Feb. 29th 1952

The 3rd regular meeting of the N. S. F. Committee was called to order by Chmn. Henry DeRos. Mr. Strickney led in prayer.

W^m DeWitte introduced Mr. Louis Eilers (Layman from 12 Corner Pres. Ch.) Mr. Eilers led a question and answer discussion period regarding raising of funds by their church under direction of John Reed (In chg. Presby. Financing)

Individual subscriptions obtained by enthusiastic systematically trained canvassers (in Mr. Eilers judgment) would probably obtain a Minimum of \$5000 and Maximum of \$8000 over a 3 year period from our congregation. Better a successful campaign or none at all since it will require more than one such to finance our project.

Dismissed by prayer. All members were present.

Roy Hand

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Interim Sub-committee Meetings during period March 1 to May 1 handled items of speaker for Palm Sunday Service and Easter Morning presentation of plan of drive. Dr. LaMar Hankamp gave the talk on Palm Sunday and Roy Hand made a short summary at both services Easter Morning. The offering received on Easter and the following week via ~~£~~ envelopes mailed to the Congregation amounted to \$1578.00 (not including a \$1000⁰⁰ check from the Ladies Aid-presented on Palm Sunday or another of equal value received that week in memory of the DeHillander estate) Envelopes and cards were also devised and printed in readiness for the drive proper.

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May 2nd 1952

The fourth meeting of the N.S.F.C. was held in the home of Marene Asbrook. Members present were: H. DeRos, chmn., I. Hubregson, G. Tait, M. Asbrook, W. DeWitte, Dr. Luidens. and R. Hand.

Minutes of Feb. 29 meeting were read and approved.

There was a general discussion of funds on hand:

Total deposit- Mon. C. Savings	3573.56
" " 1 st Federal (App)	2500.00
" " Memorial Fund (")	3800.00

Decisions made were: 1- Ask Consistory for 4 special N.S.F. offerings per year - February, being Foreign Missions Month would be best for the Arabian Missions Fund - therefore Easter, June, September, and Thanksgiving or Christmas were chosen. (June, would emphasize Anniversary Gifts) And 2- Start at once with every member, meaning EVERY, canvas. Also 3- Devise a new thermometer 8 ft. high.
Adjourned at 11:10 for refreshments.

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Roy Hand.

June 13, 1952

A report meeting was held at the home of Isaac Hubregsen. No minutes were recorded but it was noted that the average pledges for 5 years totaled more than \$200⁰⁰ each. The general method of keeping card record files for the fund was discussed and Mrs. Hubregsen will maintain these records for the Committee. The first public reading of "Our New Sanctuary", a poem especially written for our drive, was made here. The poem is to appear on the back of the Special Offering Sunday Bulletins. Roy Hand was asked to make the special announcement ~~the~~ Sunday June 15, and Janna DeGraff was asked to read the poem on June 22nd.

Roy Hand.

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Following Poem Written Expressly For Our
New Sanctuary Fund Drive

Our New Sanctuary

Sometime in the after-a-while,
 As day draws to a close
 And the peace of dusk is falling
 About you, just suppose
 You walk along a certain street-
 And so suppose, do I-
 You nod and smile at those you meet;
 I greet friends passing by.

You'll see a new church standing
 On that street, and so will I-
 It's stained glass windows gleaming,
 Tower pointing toward the sky.
 Will your heart beat a little faster
 Because you have had a share?
 Will I have a happy feeling because
 I helped to place it there?

On a pleasant Sabbath morning
 As we hear the church bells ring,
 We go in and hear the preacher;
 See the choir rise to sing.
 Will then your heart be gladdened,
 Will I breathe a thankful prayer
 That our toil and wealth together
 Helped to build His house so fair?

Then all the little needless things
 Our money did not buy
 Will seem but dross amid the gold,
 You will be glad and so will I.
 Then let us do the best we can,
 With no thought of reward
 Except a place where all may come
 To pray and praise our Lord.

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July 18, 1952

A report meeting was held at the home of Henry De Roo. No minutes taken. Reports showed excellent reception of the committee by our church members, and a fine response from all who had returned their pledge cards. Present were Hubregsen, De Roo, De Witte, Asbrook, Tait and Hand.

Aug. 20, 1952

A regular meeting of the N.S. F. C. was held at the home of Henry De Roo. Meeting having been opened with prayer by Isaac Hubregsen, the several teams reported.

Added pledges reported totalled \$1700⁰⁰

Thermometer to be set at \$14000 Gifts & Pledges and \$4318³⁹ Cash in Bank.

59 Calls had been completed, 67 were in process. Moved to hear Chester Engler, Sept 21st. Mr. Stickney had resigned from committee.

Next meeting to be Sept. 23rd. Present were Hubregsen, Asbrook, Baker, Jund, De Roo, Tait & Hand.

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Ray Hand

Sept. 23, 1952

The Sept. meeting of the N.S.F.C. was held at the home of Roy Hand. After prayer by Isaac Hubregsen the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports on calls completed added 14 calls totalling \$1583⁰⁰ bringing the total calls made to 128, the No. of calls completed to 56, the No. of pledges received to 53, with a Grand Total (Gifts + Pledges) standing at \$16,029.17

Discussed method of notifying pledgees of status of payments. No definite procedure set but decided to notify only on request. Dr. Luidens was asked to say a few words prior to the N. S. Fund Offering (9/28). Increased effort by canvassers to be made during next month. Dr. Luidens reported on

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results of generally good feeling ~~re~~
~~satisfying~~ following our calls.

Roy Hand was to see Edw. DeBrine
about mention in the bulletin of
the amount received in memoriam
of his mother.

Thermometer was to be moved up
as of October 5th.

Next meeting to be October 28th
at the home of Mervin Baker.

Members present were H. DeRoo, I.
Hubregsen, Gordon Tait, Mervin Baker,
Marene Abbrook, Clyde Jund, ~~Dr. H.~~

R. Hand. Dr. Luidens also attended,
closing the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Roy Hand.

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New Sanctuary Fund Committee Report To Consistory - For September 1952

A- Financial: - Easter Offering & April Gifts 3578.06
 Receipts - Month of May 130.00
 - Interest 6.03
 " - Month of June 303.20
 " - " " July 102.20
 " - " " August 275.50
 " - " " September 988.26

Total Receipts & On Deposit in Bank 9/20/52 \$5383.25

B- Activities: The Committee has held nine regular & two report meetings.

They have heard two Finance discussions by men in that field. They were: Mr Taylor of Taylor & Associates, Buffalo & Mr Louis Eilers, associated with 12 Corners Presbyterian Church. Neither of these men were able to provide us with a satisfactory plan suitable to our needs & the committee therefore adopted the plan of an every member canvas by the members of the committee as soon as possible, and to carry on using the two-man team system wherever possible. We believe the results to be somewhat above expectations. The reception by the (Confid)

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church members has been very hospitable and their cooperation is to be commended. The goal was set for \$100,000⁰⁰ in 5 yrs., to be obtained by gifts or pledges payable within that period.

The plan has been presented to the congregation 3 times: Palm Sunday by Dr. LaMor Hankamp, June 15 by Roy Hand & Sept. 20 by Chester Engler.

Special offerings were received on the next Sunday following these talks.

C-Drive Status: As of Oct 1st Score

Total Calls Made	128
Calls Completed	56
Pledges Rec'd	53
Total-(Gifts & Pledges) ^{\$}	16,029.17

D-Committee Members: Marens Abbrook, Mervin

Baker, Henry DeRoo, W^m DeWittie, Roy Hand, Isaac Hubregsen, Clyde Jund & Gordon Tait.

Mrs. Hubregsen is keeping Committee Records.

Signed: Isaac Hubregsen, Henry DeRoo
Co-chairmen.

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October 1952 (20th)

The October meeting of the N.S.F.C. was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order by Henry DeRoo with prayer by I. Hubregsen.

A roll call of members showed that H. DeRoo, I. Hubregsen, M. Asbrook, W. DeWitte, M. Baker, C. Jund, R. Luidens & R. Hand were present. Meeting was held at the home of Mervin Baker. = Reports of canvassing showed 20 new pledges totaling \$5444.00. = Decided to advance the Gifts & Pledges thermometer column to \$21,000.00.

Cash on hand was only slightly changed. = Discussed N. Scherff & Wm Ross, Jr. for new committeemen. = Dr. Luidens was asked to mention the N.S.F. Thermometer on Nov. 2nd. = M. Baker will request the financing of N.S.F. campaign from Church Current Expenses. = Meeting closed with prayer by Dr. Luidens. Next meeting to be at parsonage on Nov. 25th.

R. y Hand, Secy

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Nov. 25th 1952

Meeting called to order at the parsonage.
Isaac Hubregsen led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting (10/28)
and the Treasurer's Report were read & approved.

I. Hubregsen reported that Mr. Scherff
would be unable to assist the committee.

Report on Calls ~~added~~ completed, added
16 Calls totalling \$1776.⁰⁰ & 1 in Memorium
of \$135.06 = Total of \$1911.06

Thermometer columns to be set at
\$23000.⁰⁰ & \$6173.⁰⁰. = Next N.S.F. Sunday
to be Dec. 21st. C. Pearson was to be asked
to speak Dec. 14. = Discussed visitations
in general - their benefit to the church.

A suggestion "In Memorium Gifts" card
or letter to be composed & circulated among
our church members as best advisable after
further study. Calls attention to wording of
death notice columns. Letter to acknowledge

"In Memoriums".

(19) Tentatively Next Meeting Jan 5. - G. Tait's.

Jan. 13, 1953

N.S.F. Committee met at the home of Mr & Mrs Gordon Tait. Meeting called to order by H. De Roo at 8:10. Isaac Hubregsen led with prayer.

Reports of visitations indicated 23 completed calls totaling \$2198.⁰⁰ Plus one paying without making pledge. One anonymous gift of \$800.⁰⁰ was also reported, being received thru Dr. Luidens.

The old "New Sanctuary Fund" prior to our drive was reported at \$2634.02

Memorial Fund stands at 3916.34 with loans Payable from F.L. at 550.00 or a total of \$7100.36 available for building beside funds from our drive.

Members present were Anderson, Baker, De Roo, De Witte, Hand, Hubregsen, Jund, Porteous & Tait.

Discussed some general problems. Referred the New Sanctuary picture, like "A Mighty Army,"
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to the Fireside Fellowship Group. Clyde Jund & Ray Hand were directed to write a letter & endeavor to have undertakers tie in ~~the~~ with the usual death notices in the newspapers a definite, clearly stated form for "~~Flowers~~" "Kindly Omit Flowers, Memorial gifts may be sent to -" Suggesting ~~flowers~~ among other worthy causes that of our Brighton Reformed Church New Sanctuary Fund 219 Arbordale Ave., Rochester 14, N.Y. The letter mentioned was to be mailed to all our congregation & friends inviting them to consider this type as a much desirable way of remembering members of our families and friends as they pass to the "other side". Discussion & decision on this subject while calm consideration can be given would be much better than hurried last minute determinations. Next N.S.F. Offering to be taken Feb. 22nd. Refreshments served by Mrs. Tait. Meeting adjourned until March 3rd.

Ray Hand

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March 3, 1953

Henry DeRoo opened the N.S.F. Committee meeting at the home of Marene Asbrook with a selection from the "Upper Room". Isaac Hubregsen led in prayer. The minutes of the Jan 13 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer's report was approved as read, showing total cash on hand as \$9881.68

Members reported a total of 41 calls, 30 of which were completed showing an ~~advance~~ advance in Pledges of \$2140.00 and cash receipts \$266.00. These increased the thermometer columns to \$10,147.00 in cash & Cash + Pledges to \$29,308.82. Since total Cash on Hand would swell the present account above the \$10,000.00, making it advisable to start a second account. In view of this a motion was made to use the facilities of the Columbia Savings & Loan if that bank system could be adapted to our method of deposit. H. DeRoo was to investigate.

John Kerry offered (Thry M. Asbrook) the services of a Quartet for an evening's entertainment. A question of Sponsor was not settled. The 1st draft of a letter to the congregation & friends on the subject of "Lasting Memorials" was read
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and constructively criticised. Letter to be rewritten & presented at next meeting. Our hostesses, Mrs & Miss Asbrook provided refreshments following adjournment until a date to be set later.

Roy Hand.

4-14-53

Henry DeRoo opened the April meeting of the N.S.F. Committee with a few remarks at the home of Mr & Mrs. Hubregson. Mervin read the "personal experience of J.C. Penny" from "Personal Living" magazine. We should be proud of such business men. — Minutes of the last meeting (March 3rd) were read & approved. — Treasurer's Report of Total Cash On Hand as of April 12 as \$10729.63 was also approved. — Convassers reported an increase of 59 Calls made, 31 of which were completed bringing in \$3216.⁰⁰ in Pledges, \$170.⁰⁰ of which was cash. — Decision was made to move the columns of our thermometer up to \$10,899.⁰⁰ Cash & \$32,534.⁸² Total gifts ~~cash~~ & pledges. — Our 2 younger members were commended for their first report of their canvas
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among the youth of the church, many of them with parents not members. "Edw." & "Bob" reported 16 Calls, 12 Complete. Of the 12, 6 were "No Pledge" & the other 6 totaled \$1305⁰⁰. \$105⁰⁰ Cash was turned in with the pledges. It was noted ~~throughout~~ throughout the reports that the great majority of pledges were for 1 year with invitations to return next year. — This is very encouraging when estimating the probable value of the 5 year drive. — The suggestion from the Consistory that our Committee Minutes be reported to the Consistory was discussed with following items made prominent: — 1- Our Committee must report to Consistory each January, June, & October on the "Status of Funds" and 2- Since we are a Committee of Consistory there could be no reason why our "minutes" are not open to the parent body but certainly no need to send extra copy for examination. — The "Memorial Fund" letter was read and minor suggestion made for improvement. Letter to be readied for mailing just prior to May 24th the date set for the next N.S. Special Offering. — A "Thank You" & informative letter proposed by Marene Abbott
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was approved to be sent to "Supporters" of the Fund. Letter to be prepared & timing of mailing to be determined later. — Last minute plans for presenting "Like A Mighty Army" at the evening service April 19th by the Fireside Fellowship Unit were discussed. Special announcement to be made at both morning services. — A motion was made ~~to~~ and passed to advise the Consistory that due to certain prevailing conditions our Committee felt it inadvisable to use any money previously or presently collected for the New Sanctuary for "self financing" any other project. It was noted that some funds were presently being used by approval of donors to the "Memorial Fund" treasury.

Members present were: Anderson, Asbrook, Baker, De Roo, Hand, Hubregson, Jund, Porteous, & Tait. Dr. Luidens was also present for discussion & made the prayer at adjournment. Refreshments were served by Mrs & Miss Hubregson. Date of next meeting to be set later.
Roy Hand.

6-4-53

The June 4th meeting of the N. S. F. Committee was called to order by Henry De Ros, at the home of Edward Anderson, 182 Linden St. After brief opening remarks, Robert Porteous led devotions by reading 1 Corinthians 12, followed by prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report were both approved.

Convassers reported 25 completed calls with a total of added pledges amounting to \$1961.86 and added cash including additional cash receipts not previously included ~~at~~ totaling \$1073.96 making the totals for the New Sanctuary Thermometer stand at Total Pledges & Gifts \$35,570.64 with Total Cash on Hand \$12,049.68

Approximately 180 calls must be made to complete our first "Every Member" objective. Recalls on those pledging for 1 yr. must be begun. General discussion centered about this subject. It was suggested that the balance of calls be di-
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vided among the committee for immediate drive to complete the goal. Summer activities ~~however~~ would understandably interfere considerably with this move but nevertheless the plan was still the only proposal forthcoming.

Meeting adj. ^{our} ~~our~~ ^{with prayer by Dr. Luidens} ~~AG~~ ^{was} lunch ^{was} served by our hostesses. ~~Members present were~~

Roy Hand

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The N. S. F. Committee meeting of Aug. 6th, was called to order by Henry DeRoo at the home of Mr & Mrs Clyde Jund. Devotions (Reading of 1st Psalm & Prayer) were led by Isaac Hubregsen.

Minutes of the June 4th meeting were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was read and approved.

Conversers reported total added cash & pledges of \$1962.⁰⁰, \$172.⁰⁰ of which was cash. \$98.47 interest was reported by the treasurer. Totals were advanced to \$37631.11 Gifts & Pledges & ¹³ \$409.15 Cash on Hand.
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A note was to be placed in the bulletin indicating the Gray Ballard Memorial in lieu of Flowers to have been over \$100⁰⁰ (Actual total reported \$107⁰⁰)
The older New Sanctuary Funds Account had been transferred to the present Committee so far as names ~~for~~ withdrawals were concerned.
The account equalling \$2660.36 was & is on deposit with First Federal.

Edw. Anderson was to look for proper "receiving" basket or tray while in Boston

Gift Cards were to be rev^{us}ed by R. Hand.

Had a general discussion of "Brightener" Monthly & decided to table for a future date & more ideas.
Meeting adjourned to a nice repast served by our host & hostess.

Roy Hand.

By sub-committee action, Mr John Olyslager was asked to speak on Sept. 27th in building interest in the Special N. S. F. offering to be taken Oct. 11th.
It is suggested that each member personally thank Mr. Olyslager for his efforts.

R. Hand.

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The October meeting of the N.S.F.C. was called to order by Henry DeRoo in his home and devotions were read by Mervin Baker who read "I Thot I Knew My Wife" by Norman Vincent Peale (Quite appropriate for our committee) and led in prayer. -- Minutes of last meeting were read & approved. -- Treasurer's report read & approved. Canvassers reports the less than each had hoped were still very encouraging totals added being \$1936⁵⁰ in Gifts & Pledges and \$819⁵⁰ Cash received. -- The new Grand Totals are now \$39567⁴¹ and \$15156⁶⁵ respectively. -- Old & New projects discussed included "Ruction", "Music & Kodachrome (Interesting Churches) Night", New Sanctuary "Human Interest Edition of Brightener". The latter was to be developed by Dr. Luidens and Roy Hand. A letter was to be written to the Anonymous donor of \$5000. & to the Service Man for his \$500. -- Carl Dreier was welcomed as a member of the committee & asked to be one to follow up on "Re-Calls". Thanks, Carl, for your offer. Meeting adjourned with prayer by Dr. Luidens. It was nice to see Martha again acting hostess. Signed - Clark
Roy Hand.

Nov. 24, 1953

The November meeting of the N. S. F. Committee was called to order by Henry DeRoo at the church. This was primarily a "report" meeting. After devotions, reading and acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting and presentation of treasurer's report and its acceptance the following items were offered for discussion and general information.

- 1- The N.S. edition of the "Brightoner" (Oct 25) had been issued and plans for another were underway.
 - 2- The presentation of a Memorial Receiving stand by Vito Cimino and Victor Pok Jr. and its use. The stand to be taken to the several funeral parlors as reqd. A letter of thanks was to be sent by committee clerk.
 - 3- Memorials received in lieu of flowers for Edward Zonneville, Victor Pok Sr., Mrs Frank Morris, August W Koyman and Mrs John De Hollander.
 - 4- Memory Quilt project by the Far & Near Circle, proceeds of which are for the New Sanctuary Fund.
 - 5- Miss Cambier was to be asked to present our cause to the Congregation on Sunday Dec 13th. The Special Offering to be received Sunday Dec 20th.
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Committee Canvassing reports indicated a total of 32 calls resulted in 13 resulting pledges or cash gifts, several still considered "uncompleted." The gifts and pledges totolled \$1298.⁰⁰ making a "grand total of \$40865.61. A small amount of cash was received, which, when added to the treasurer's report made a grand total of \$16,690.04 on hand. Of this \$9724.⁵⁰ is in the Monroe Savings Bank and \$4613.⁰⁰ is in the Columbia Savings⁹th Loan. The rest including \$2,660.36 from the original fund is deposited with First Federal Savings & Loan. The ~~The~~ grand total of both funds being \$19,300.40. The committee adjourned to desert served by the Far & Near Circle. "Thank you" ladies.

Roy Hand.

Jan. 5, 1954

The N. S. Committee met at the home of Isaac Hnbregsen. Meeting was called to order by Chmn. Henry DeRoo & devotion by Mr. Hnbregsen. Members present were M. Asbrack, E. Anderson, M. Baker,
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Wm. DeWitte, C. Dreier, H. DeRoo, R. Hand, I.

Habregsen, C. Jund, A. Luidens and G. Taib.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurers report, which was approved - follows - on Deposit in:-

Columbia Savings & Loan \$ 5,275.45-

First Federal Savings & Loan 7,483.76

Monroe County Savings Bank 9,821.39

Total Deposits All Accts. \$ 22,580.60

Old Sanctuary Acct. 2,660.36

Total Deposits - Drive Accts. \$ 19,920.24

It was suggested that we investigate the Manufacturer's ⁹Traders Trust Co., Buffalo as another source of 3% dividends on Deposits.

\$17.25 & \$44.25 were reported "in lieu of Flowers" from Mrs. Hartfeld & Mrs. Watermullen respectively.

Dec. loose offering was \$45.15-. Bank interest added was \$191.28. - New Pledges added a total of \$1,030.00 Cash & \$2,802.93 Total Cash & Pledges. The \$3,000 Real Estate Mortgage item from Edna Hooper Chamber estate was discussed & tabled for action on
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recommendations by the Consistory. It was noted that this was ~~undoubtedly~~ undeniably the results of labors of Dr. Luidens & the Committee recommended that Consistory respect Dr. Luidens recommendations. It was also noted with great enthusiasm that if the \$3,000 were added to our funds, we would to all intent have arrived at the "Half Way Mark" & might so report to the Congregation on Jan. 20th.

Meeting adjourned for refreshments served by our hostesses - Thank you Mae & Evelyn.

Signed - R. Hand, Clerk.

Feb. 15, 1954

Henry DeRos called the February meeting of the N.S.F.C. at the home of Roy Hand. ^{Other} Members present were Ed. Anderson, M. Asbrook, M. Baker, W. DeWitte, G. Jund, R. Porteous, ~~the~~ C. Drier, I. Hubregsen & A. Luidens. ~~The~~ Devotions were read by Roy Hand, after which ~~the~~ the treasurer's report was given. This
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showed \$6,775.45 on deposit in Columbia Savings
 9,821.39 " " " Monroe Co. Savings
 and 7,773.11 " " " First Federal Savings
 A total of \$24,369.95 of this amount
2,660.36 is from the Prev. Funds
 Leaving \$21,709.59 of our drive fund. A mortgage
 of 3,000.00 is also on hand, making a
 total of \$24,709.59

The reports of the committee members received
 showed approximately 30 calls had produced 15
 pledges totaling \$1,854.00 of which \$360.00 was
 cash on hand. These amounts added to the
 Treasurers report of \$24,709.59 and Previous thermometer

$$\begin{array}{r} \$24,709.59 \\ + 360.00 \\ \hline \$25,069.59 \end{array}$$

figures of Jan. 17th
$$\begin{array}{r} \$50,057.02 \text{ Total Gifts \& Pledges} \\ + 1,854.00 \\ \hline \$51,911.02 \end{array}$$

The thermometer columns were ~~by~~ moved to \$24,496.59
 and \$51,911.02 not accounting for ^{\$573.00} regular payments
 received through the envelopes.

March 14th was set for the announcement of the
 special offering on March 21st.
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Refreshments were served after an excellent appeal by Isaac Hubregsen for continued prayer, hard work and the right kind of faith. Only these will bring us to the realization of our goal.

Roy Hand
-clerk

March 30, 1954

The meeting of the N.S.F. Committee was called to order by Isaac Hubregsen, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Asbrook. Marene Asbrook read the 46th Psalm and led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report indicated the receipts for Jan., Feb., & March to be

January -	\$1,647.35	} a total
February -	947.25	
March	838.15	

of \$3,432.75.

Deposits in banks are

} a total	Monroe Savings	\$9,821.39
	Columbia S&L	7,155.70
	First Federal S&L	8,723.01

of \$25,700.10. ~~\$25,700.10~~

\$2,660.36 deducted (Old Acct.) and \$103.50 cash on hand for deposit, also ~~a~~ ^a \$3,000.00 Mortgage total \$26,143.24

Reports of committeemen added \$111.05 to the total Gifts & Pledges (Previous \$51,911.02) making \$53,022.07.

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Cash received against pledges by committeemen totaled \$629.⁰⁰ (Including \$67.⁵⁰ interest on mortgage), bringing our total Cash Recd to \$26,772.29. The thermometer columns are to ~~be~~ show these ^(26,772.)~~(53,022.)~~ totals on Palm Sunday. The loose offering in the March 21 Special New Sanctuary Fund Offerings totaled \$31.⁵⁵. Dr. Luidens reported knowledge of a \$1000.⁰⁰ Insurance Policy in favor of the church.

Dr. Luidens presented 7 topics of interest including the above and some ideas of continuing to stress the program to old & new donors, (1) Supper in Autumn in F.L. (2) Sunday eve. service & coffee hour - Possibly showing picture (The Hidden Heart). (3) An evening speaker or dialog & panel discussion followed by coffee hour. Edward Anderson & Robert Porteous are starting work on the next issue of the "Brightener".

Sarah Cambier was selected for speaker, May 23rd to announce next Special Offering Sunday June 6th at the Anniversary Communion. A letter is to be composed under May 30th date line to assist keeping the project foremost.

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Marlene Asbrook suggested a skit for arousing greater interest. He offered to contact Tom Chambers & report back at next meeting. Next meeting date set at May 11th. ~~Members~~ Present were M. Baker, R. Porteous, M. Asbrook, I. Hubregsen, C. Drier, A. Luidens, & R. Hand. (Chas. Purdy was also present) Meeting adjourned with prayer. Refreshments were served by our hostess during a post adjournment discussion. Signed - Roy Hand, clerk

May 11, 1954

The N. S. F. Committee met at the home of Rev and Mrs. Luidens on May 11. The session was opened by Henry DeRoo and Rev. Luidens Discussed groups of Psalms then read Psalm 92. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was also read and approved. Two accounts are now with Columbia Savings & Loan. Deposits are:

Monroe County Savings Bank	\$ 9,821.39
First Federal Savings & Loan	8,757.01
Columbia Savings - New Sanct. Fund	7,155.70 @ 3%
" - Building Fund	1,198.60 @ 3%
Interest Brg. Mortgage	3,000.00 @
	<u>\$ 29,932.70</u>
Less \$2,660.36 from older fund	= 27,272.34

(Cd. Fwd) \$ 27,272.34

Committeemen's reports added the following:

Cpl. Fred Bradley Memorial	26.70
Dr. LaMar Hankamp	50.00
Cash on Hand for Deposit	<u>102.00</u>
Total Cash Rec'd	\$ 27,451.04
Less Last Month's Report	<u>26,772.</u>
An Increase of	<u>\$ 679.04</u>

Total of Gifts & Pledges (Last Report) \$ 53,022.00

Added by report this meeting 1,317.00

Total Gifts & Pledges for Thermometer \$ 54,339.—

A novelty in N. S. F. Gifts was recorded at this meeting it read "In Lieu of Cigars". Daddy doesn't smoke & daughter likes it that way.

Discussed how to keep youngsters enthused in our project. Reviewed & assigned several of the "1 yr" pledges. Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Mrs. Luickens served refreshments.

Signed- Roy Hand Clark.

A special meeting to complete assignments of work cards was called for Wednesday May 19. at the home of Isaac Hubregson.

7-7-54

The N.S.F. Committee met at the home of Mr & Mrs Henry DeRoo. Henry opened the meeting with a reading "Considering Strangers" from the "Upper Room", followed by prayer.

The balance of all work cards originally in the file were divided by choice or assignment as well as all return calls on 1 year pledges or "call backs" through Aug. and receipts

Calls completed since May 11th added a total of \$883.22 to ~~Gifts~~ Gifts and Pledges and 588.22 to Cash on Hand. The total loose offering June 6th was \$45¹⁵.

Dr. Luidens announced the expected receipt of \$500⁰⁰ from an anonymous friend of the church. This developed into \$1000⁰⁰ when the check was received 7/15 and is ⁵⁰included in the thermometer readings. Columns were moved from \$4,339.- G.G. Pledge and \$2,451.- Cash

up	1,883.-	"	2,465	"
now	5,622.-	"	\$2,916	"

Clerk was moved to make a report to July Consistory & meeting adjourned to refreshments at a late hour.

Signed - Roy Hand

Submitted to Consistory for inspection - 7/20/54 Roy Hand

9-28-54

The N.S.F. Committee met at the home of Mr & Mrs Edward Anderson on the above date. Chairman Henry DeRoo opened the meeting with a ~~an~~ outline preview of the agenda. Edw. Anderson read "The Sermon On The Mount" & Mervin Baker led in prayer. -- The minutes of the 2 previous meetings were read and approved. -- Isaac Hubregsen presented the Treasurer's Report which was also approved. It follows:

On Deposit in Monroe County Savings Bank	\$ 9931.89 @ $2\frac{1}{4}$
(New Sanctuary Fund)	
" " Columbia Savings & Loan (1st)	8558.63 @ 3
" " (Church Bldg. Fund)	
" " (2nd)	2417.57 @ 3
" " First Federal Savings & Loan	10073.43 @ $2\frac{1}{4}$

Interest Brg. Mortgage	3000.00 @ $4\frac{1}{2}$
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Total On Deposit	\$ 33981.52
Amount From Older Fund	2660.36
Total Funds on Hand (This Drive)	\$ 31321.16

The Committee voted to accept the responsibility of handling the "Memorial Fund Acct." as requested by Consistory. Monies from this fund are to be handled in manner prescribed by each donor. --

The New Members added to our Church during

the past 2 years are to be checked with our present "call list". -- A third account which could be opened at Columbia Savings might be called "Church Development Fund". -- Discussed "When & How" of next Special Offerings. -- Decision was to have no special speaker on previous Sunday but to have prominently indicated it in the bulletin for 10/3 & 10/10. Offering to be received laymen's Sunday 10/17. Ladies Aid Check for \$1000.00 is expected to be presented. After receipt of same a "Thank You" note should be sent to the L. A. Society. This check marks the beginning of the 2nd half of the 5 Yr Drive. -- The committee agreed to sponsor a picture ^{Sunday} evening 10/17. -- Reports by committeemen added \$200.00 in Cash and \$740.50 in Total Gifts & Pledges making totals of \$315.30.00 Cash and \$56,962.00 Total Gifts & Pledges. These totals to appear on the Thermometer by Oct. 17th. The next "Brightener" is expected to be mailed by 10/17. Committee invited to meet at the home of Mr & Mrs Carl Dreier at next meeting. -- Meeting adjourned to refreshments by our hosts. -- Signed - Roy Hand

Dec. 14, 1954

The N.S.F. Comm. meeting was called to order by ~~the~~ Chmn. Henry DeRoo at the home of Mr. and Mrs Carl Dreier. Carl led devotions by reading from "Heart to Heart Talks With God". Mervin Baker led in prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was also received and approved. It follows: On deposit - Mon. Cty. Sav. Bk \$9931.89

Columbia-New Bldg. Fund 3587.71

" - New Sanct. Fund 10058.63

First Fed. Sav. & Loan 10073.43

" " - Memorial Fund 4712.42
\$38364.08

Mortgage \$3000.00

\$41364.08

Less Old Funds (Included Above) 7372.78

\$33991.30

Reported 9/28/54 31321.16

Gain Over Prev. Report 2670.14

It had been that best (based on previous understanding) to limit the total deposit in any one account to \$10,000.00. That being the maximum guaranteed by Federal Insurance. However it was reported by ~~the~~ Mr. Hubregsen that after no additional deposits have been

made for a period of 1 Yr. on accounts in Columbia Savings and Loan the interest rate would automatically be reduced from 3% to $2\frac{1}{2}\%$. Motion was therefore made to determine the minimum ~~am~~ ^{deposit} which would keep these accounts at the higher rate of interest, Decision will then be made for future procedure.

The resignation of Edward Anderson from the committee was read and the chairman was asked to advise him we suggest he remain an inactive member for a while.

Mr. Baker will endeavor to co-relate numbers of regular church envelopes with New Sanctuary Account receipts.

Roy Hand was elected Co-chairman of the committee to satisfy regulations pertaining to Committees of Consistory. (Both of the ~~old~~ ^{previous} Co-chairmen are now now consistorymen)

Clerk was to advise our church bulletin secretary that the memorial to our fund in memory of Mr. James DeWolf had not been publicised by either the Bulletin or Brightener. After reviewing and assignment of current calls in file the reports of visitations were received. These added \$425⁰⁰ in Cash and \$1874.19 to the Total Gifts and Pledges.

Thermometer columns are to be changed before the
(Over)

58 916.29
58 836.00

Anonymous Green Envs. Receipts 80.29 (12-14-54 Cont'd)

January Congregational Meeting to show:

Total Gifts and Pledges	\$ 58,836.00
Total Cash Received	34,416.30
Total Pledges Payable	\$ 24,419.70

Previous goal for January 1955 was \$60,000.00 Tot. G. & P.
This indicates we are \$1164.00 short of that goal.
Clerk was authorized to prepare the annual report for Consistory and Congregation.
Meeting adjourned to the dining room for refreshments served by our hostess.

Signed: Clerk, Roy Hand.

Submitted to Consistory for inspection
1/11/55 Roy G. Tell Clerk.

3-7-55

The March 7 meeting of the New Sanctuary Fund Committee was called to order by Co-Chairman Henry DeRoo, who also read "Just Passing By" from "Ideals". He also led in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting (12-14-54) were read & approved. And the Treasurer's report was approved as read.
It follows: -

May 12, 1955

The N.S.F. Comm. met at the home of Mr & Mrs Rene Asbrook on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the co-chairman, Henry DeRoo. Rene ~~Asbrook~~ read John 4:7-14 with meditation & prayer from the "Upper Room". The minutes of the previous meeting & the current treasurer's report were both read & approved. After reports of the committee visitations the financial status was as follows:

On Deposit in Columbia-New Bldg. Fund.	\$ 6754.58
" " " " -New Sanctuary "	10191.25
" " " " - " Chapel "	225.00 *
" " " Mon. County Savings Bank	10443.61
" " " 1st Federal Savings & Loan	10184.78
" " " " " "	" "
New Building Fund	6404.92
Interest Brg. Mortgage	3000.00
Cash on Hand for Deposit	149.75
	<u>46954.39</u>
Total of previous accounts included	<u>7372.78</u>
Total results of present drive	<u>39581.61</u>
Previous Total Gifts & Pledges	60040.19
G. & Pledges reported this date	<u>1155.47</u>
Total Gifts & Pledges to date	<u>61195.66</u>

The thermometer was to be changed by June 1st

*This acct. opened requires \$25.00/Wk to earn 3%
(Cont'd)

Previous Report
37438.42 (6th Increase of 2143.19)

The Easter Special Offering brought in \$1195⁴⁷. \$334⁵⁰ of which was pledge payments leaving \$860⁹⁷ in additional gifts. \$10⁰⁰ was received thru Dr. Luidens from Clarence H. Willink in memoriam of Mrs. Josie De Witte. A "thank you" note was ordered sent in this instance. The clerk was directed to request Consistory for June 19th as the next Spec. offering Sunday. Also to request 2 offerings be taken & all loose offering over \$40⁰⁰ be given ~~to~~ to the N.S.F. It was suggested that the N.S.F. status be brought to the attention of the Congregation 1/M. thru use of the Sunday Bulletin. Dr. Luidens & R. Porteous were to write another letter explaining the Memorial Gifts in Lieu of Flowers at funerals. This was to be sent with a return envelope & especially designed return card so that members might obtain more information if desired or direct our proper action in case a death occurred in their family. H. De Roo asked us to think constructively "How to get more interest in the N.S.F." He & Isaac Hubregsen will bring the Fund to the attention of the S.S. Council at their next meeting. (Cont'd)

(5-12-55)

R. Porteous is to insert, in the Brightener, an open letter to all organizations to entertain the thought of making or increasing their pledge to the fund when they next plan their budgets.

Rev. Hilligonds presented a memo on the N.S.F. regarding a plan for Fall activities in which the complete program now underway might possibly be stimulated to produce our ultimate goal in the shortest length of time. The points were discussed & he was to present the same paper to the consistory with full accord of the N.S.F. Committee.
Members present were: Rev. Luidens, Rev. Hilligonds, Rene Abbrook, Isaac Hubregson, Henry De Roo, Carl Dreier, Chester Engler, Robert Porteous, Mervin Baker, Clyde Jund, & Roy Hand.

Meeting was adjourned to the refreshment table with Mrs. Abbrook, hostess.

Signed: Roy Hand.
clerk

9-22-55

The N.S.F.C. met at the home of the pastor on the above date. Our host read from John, 1st Chapter and followed with prayer. # Minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved. # On deposit in the several accounts were:

Columbia - New Sanctuary Fund \$10,344.61

" - New Building Fund 8,446.39

" - New Church Fund 651.50

Monroe County Savings 10,659.14

First Federal (Regular) 10,184.78

" " (New Bldg Fund) 6,773.02

4% Interest Bearing Note 3,000.00

Total Above 49,569.44

Old Account Included Above 7,372.78

(Similar Total from last Report 42,196.66

39,581.61

Increase Over Last Report 2,615.05

Reports by committeemen increased the total of Gifts and Pledges ~~\$1,363.65~~ from \$61,195.66 to \$62,559.31

This increase included \$400.00 pledge increase, \$58.12 June Offering, \$67.50 Note Interest, \$52.03 Bank Int. \$286.00 from 5 Memorials in lieu of flowers. ~~EO~~

9-22-55

A memo to the fact that \$100⁰⁰ is stipulated in Mr. Samuel Rounds' will. (This to be available later) Special Offering to be received toward the "fund" on Oct. 23rd to be announced in Bulletin 10/9th 116 (2 Offerings to be taken - Next offering requested for Dec. 25th) Interim action by Consistory at the request of our committee through the pastor makes the Thanksgivingnd and the Christmas envelope as well as those Sundays dates of Special N.S. offerings.

Clerk was advised to try to really sell the Congregation^{9/17} on the New Sanctuary Fund. # Discussed other possible new approaches to place our project vividly before the people. In this connection, a letter by Dr. Luidens was readnd approved. Clerk was to confer with Dr. L. and R. Porteous on preparation and mailing same later this year.

Meeting adjourned to lunch served by our hostess.

Signed - Clerk, Roy Hong.

12-5-55

The December meeting of the N.S.F.C. was called to order by the clerk in the home of Mr and Mrs Merim Baker. Mervin read "Words to Live By" from Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's "Guide Post." Our pastor led in prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were both read and approved. The Treasurer's report showed the following deposits:-

Monroe County Savings Bank	\$ 10,169.14
Columbia Savings ⁹ & Loan-New Sanctuary Fund	10,344.61
" " " - New Building Fund	8,846.39
" " " - New Church Fund	1,001.50
First Federal Savings ⁹ & Loan-Regular A/c	10,184.78
" " " - New Bldg Fund	7,612.73
4% Int. Bearing Rate Mortgage	<u>3,000.00</u>
	\$ 51,159.15

Forward From Previous Deposits	<u>7,372.78</u>
Results of Drive to date	43,786.37
Cash turned in by committee	<u>629.63</u>
	44,416.00

Previous Totals of Gifts ⁹ & Pledges	\$ 62,559.31
Gifts ⁹ & Pledges in by committee	<u>2,047.08</u>
Total Gifts ⁹ & Pledges on Record	64,606.39
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12-5-55 (Cont'd)

It was noted that the Special offering of
 October 23rd brot in \$63.64 and of
 November 27th " " 40.44.

It was also noted that \$40.00 had been received
 in Memorium of Mrs. Jeannette Hepsch.

A recount of active pledge cards shows that
 of 266 such pledges 101 cards or 38% are for 5 yrs.
 The letter previously prepared by Dr. Luidens had
 evidently been mislaid and he agreed to prepare
 another which it was hoped would go forward by
 January 15th. The letter is in respect to "In Lieu of ^{Flowers}".

Henry De Roo^{9th} and Isaac Hubregsen expect to approach
 the S.S. Council with respect to a substantial pledge.
 It was also discussed that in view of the evident
 gain by the S.S. by having a new Sanctuary, that or-
 ganization might well be a leader for the fund
 enthusiasm builder.

Meeting adjourned to refreshments by our
 hosts and members were homeward bound at
 a very late hour.

Signed: Roy Hand - clerk.
 P.M. 11.

1-19-56

The January meeting of the N.S.F. Committee was called to order with devotions by our host Isaac Hübregsen, who read a topic from "Garden of Prayer." Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report, which follows, was also approved. Totals on Deposit were:

Columbia Savings ⁹ nd loan - N. Sanctuary F.	\$10,473.91
" - N. Church F.	1,361.51
" - N. Bldg. F.	9682.93
First Federal Savings ⁹ nd loan - N.S. F.	10,440.98
" " N.B.F.	9,305.68
Monroe County Savings - N.S.F.	10,296.25
Also a Mortgage for	<u>3,000.00</u>
Grand Total of Funds	\$54,561.26

Note: It was agreed to report the "Grand Total of Funds" from now on instead of indicating that portion of the funds raised by the drive. Understood of course is that to be 100% by Easter 1957 we must have at least \$107,372.88 in cash by then.

R. Porteous read the letter to the Congregation on the subject "In Lieu of Flowers." Mailing of this letter will be timed with other church mailings. Bob also showed a 2'x3' poster plan for our bulletin board entitled "Is this the one." Motion to use the idea was passed.
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(1-19-56) Cont'd

A motion, previously agreed to by Consistory, that "The last Sunday of each month be a Special N.S.F. Sunday, when a second offering will be received for the Fund" passed with "thanks to Consistory" to be conveyed by clerk. Clerk was authorized to make the annual report for the committee to the congregation. Report to give summary of year's work and include 1952-1956 graph, and to include names of all committee (active⁹ and silent) members. Chairman was requested to personally thank our two silent secretary members, Mrs. Hubregsen⁹ and Mr. Tait for their work. Memorial Fund⁹ and "In lieu of Flowers" receipts were

Albert Lehr	25 ⁰⁰	Tierson	107.50	Church	115 ⁰⁰	and
Reynolds	249 ⁰⁰	- A total of				\$ 496.50
Mr. Samuel Rounds' Estate	has paid us					100.00
Phil Bruce	sent gift from New Orleans, La.					100.00
Ladies Aid	check was received for					500.00
Thanksgiving offering	69 ⁴⁰	Christmas	90 ²⁰	=		159.80
Bank Interest	Reported	Totaled				606.48
Total other cash receipts by committee						287.00

Additional pledges of \$225⁰⁰ were received. Some of the above items were already on deposit. The actual gains over last month's report were \$3,605.98 in cash and \$2,514.78 Gifts⁹ and Pledges, making totals for Thermometer \$74,493.95 - Gifts⁹ and Pledges and \$55,394.00 Cash on hand.

Meeting adjourned after hearing Dr. Hankamp's 195-2
 Present were: R. Abbrack, M. Baker, H. De Roo, W. De Witte
 message, C. Engler, R. Hand, I. Hubregsen, C. Jund, R. Porteous
 and G. Tait⁹ and Rev. Hilligonds⁹ and his wife⁹ Roy Hand.

2-17-56

The following: ~~were present at the~~ Ronc Abrack, Marvin Baker, Carl Dreier, Henry DeRoo, Chester Engler, Roy Hands, William Hillegonds, Isaac Hubregsen, Anthony Luidens, John Olyslager and Robert Porteous, were present at the ^{Feb. 17th} meeting of the New Sanctuary Fund Committee at the home of Dr. ^{and} Mrs. Luidens. Henry DeRoo presided. Dr. Luidens read the story of the "Last Supper" from St. Luke for devotions. John Olyslager attended to obtain promotional information for the new "Study Group" in that field. The minutes of the previous meeting ^{were} the treasurer's current report both read & approved. Funds on hand or deposit are:

Monroe County Savings Bank	\$ 10,296.25
First Fed. Savings & Loan - New Bldg Fund	9,198.24
" " " - New Sanctuary "	10,440.98
Columbia Savings & Loan - New Bldg Fund	9,682.93
" " - New Sanct "	10,473.91
" " - " Church "	1,511.51
" " - " Ed. Bldg. "	1,400.00
Interest Brg Mortgage	3,000.00
Totals	\$ 56,003.82
	645.41 in cash
Committee men reported	\$ 56,649.23 *

and \$595.41 increase in Gifts & Pledges bringing that total from \$74,493.95 to \$75,089.36 *

Discussed improving use of the Memorial Fund Stand.
Marvin Baker is accepting responsibility of handling
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* Thermometer Totals

2-17-56 (Cont'd)

this feature of our program.

Among receipts reported were the Wittke memorial of \$153.60, a John Hauweret memorial from his family 1 year commemoration of \$15.00, and the Special January offering of \$39.81 not paid toward pledges.

The clerk was commended by motion for the report to the Congregation in January.

A special letter is to go to the Congregation requesting a special gift at Easter. Agreement with the church treasurer was accepted designating that all loose offerings be used for regular church expenses. Due to this arrangement we substitute April 1st in the place of March 25th for the next N.S.F. Spec. offering.

A general discussion on "potential" in our congregation and promotion was followed by luncheon served by Mrs. Luidens.

Signed - Roy Hand, Clerk.

Total Memorials in L. off 2,505.60

Special Offerings 4,831.81

March 10, 1956

The N.S.F. Committee met at the home of Mr and Mrs. Roy Hand on the above date. Those present were Rev's. Hillegonds and Luidens and Messrs. Baker, DeRoo Dreier, , Hand, Hubregson and Porteous.

Henry DeRoo presided, devotions by R. Hand included excerpts from "The Greatest Thing In The World" by ^{Henry} Drummond. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Current Report read and approved, follows:

On Deposit-Columbia Savings	N.S.F.	\$10473.91
" "	N.B.F.	9682.93
" "	N.C.F.	1561.51
" "	N.E.B.F.	2400.00
" " - First Federal	N.B.F.	9271.30
" "	N.S.F.	10440.98
" " Monroe County Savings Bank		10296.25
Interest Brg. Mortgage		3000.00
		<u>\$57126.88</u>
Cash Reported by Committee Members		633.40
Total Cash or Deposited =		<u>\$57760.28</u> * Ther.
Previous Total Gifts & Outstanding Pledges		\$75,089.36
New Gifts and Pledges Reported		<u>876.46</u>
New Total of Gifts and Pledges =		<u>\$75,965.82</u> * Ther.

Reports included New Memorials-Mr. Harten \$126.00
 Mr. Van Der Putte 25.00
 and additions to New Mem for Mrs. Wittiez 23.00
 " Lujinck 10.00
 Interest on Mortgage also Included 67.50
 special offering of Feb. 26 amounted to 44.96

Clerk was directed to thank Consistory for directing the Easter offering to the Fund.

3-15-56

Robert Porteous was asked to announce on Palm Sunday the Special Offering to be received on Easter Sunday. Discussed use of "Political Party" type of \$25.00 or \$100.00 per plate dinner as possible "send off" of a New Drive. Mention was made of the possibility of borrowing from our own members' end funds to complete our building. Interest would be less than bank loan rates.

Mr. Houck has urged use of covered receptacle for deposits of Memorial Gifts in funeral parlors.

An article on "Prayer" in the Church Herald was noted by Isaac Hubregsen. Committee agreed that without the use of this Christian tool our campaign would not succeed. Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Signed: R. Houck, clerk.

4-24-56 Cont'd.

Published memorial receipts will show list of names from time to time but no separation of amounts from each.

The Brightener is expected to be out by 4-29-56.

General discussion followed (among other items it developed that building trades rates would be up 30¢/hr next year)

Meeting adjourned to refreshments by our hostess.

Signed (Clerk) Roy Hand

6-5-56

The N. S. F. Committee met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Jund for its June meeting. Devotions from the "Upper Room" included 1st John 4:7 & prayer. Minutes & Treasurer's Report of previous meeting were both read & approved. Considerable discussion ^{resulted in} with very few suggestions of improving procedures while continuing drive activities. The Times Union "thank you" note relative to Mr. Woodworth's death was voted referred to regular expense acct. Later the same note in the Democrat & Chronicle was so handled. Monies collected to date - On Deposit \$57,421.58

Cash for Deposit	200.00	
Mortgage	3,000.00	
Added Memorial Receipts {		
Delehanty 100.00		
Woodworth 50.00		165.00
Abraham 5.00		
reported by M. Baker {		
Hartson 10.00		
Special Offering Receipts {		
April 29 th 38.06		
May 27 th 38.72		
Other Cash reported by canvassers	25.00	

Prev. Totals - Gifts & Pledge \$77,891.13 Cash \$59,475.99 60,811.58

Added this report 423.78 1,335.59
 New Totals \$78,314.91 60,811.58

Committee adjourned to refreshments by our hostess

Signed Clerk, Roy Hand

11-9-56

The NSF. Committee met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Hubregsen. Members present were:- Asbrook, Baker De Roo, Dreier, Engler, Hand, Hillegonds, Hubregsen, Jund, Luidens, & Porteous. Devotions were "Thanksgiving" from "Portals of Prayer", followed by prayer by our host.

Minutes of June 5 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report also read and approved. It follows.

On Deposit at		Division of Gifts & Pledges	
1st Fed.-New Chapel Fund	\$1,516.27	Old Memorial Fund	\$7,372.78
" " Bldg. "	10,140.56	" N. Sanct "	
" " Sanct. "	10,571.48	Memorials	3,161.36
Mon. County Savings Bank	10,424.95	Weddings & Misc	3,296.50
Columbia-New Sanct. Fund	10,604.82	Mortgage & Interest	3,405.00
" - " Bldg. "	10,230.38	Spec. & 1st Easter Off	6,350.74
" - " Educ. "	5,933.25	(Total of Above = 23,586.38)	
" - " Chapel "	2,286.74	Pledges	56,482.60
Mortgage	3,000.00		

Total On Deposit = \$64,708.45 Total Gifts & Pldgs. = \$80,068.98

It was noted that Receipts from other than pledges = \$23,586.38

Subtracting \$23,586.38 from \$64,708.45 = \$41,122.07 = Paid Pledges.

" again \$41,122.07 " \$56,482.60 = \$15,360.53 Unpaid Pledges.

Reports by committeemen increased our figures by \$142.00 in cash including Memorials of \$65.00 Mrs. Willink making Cash on Hand = \$64,850.45

Overpayments of pledges + Memorial + \$25.00 New Pledge Pd. = \$1,844.07

added to Prev. Total of \$78,314.91 = \$80,158.98 *. These (*) figures (Cont'd)

11-9-56 (Cont'd)

are to be shown on the thermometer columns.

They represent an increase over previous column figures of \$4038.87 in Cash ^{9/11} \$1844.07 Total G. ^{9/11} P.

After a short general discussion and a "Thank-you" by the "chair" for committee co-operation the meeting adjourned to lunch by our hostess.

Signed: Roy Hand, Clerk.

1-8-57

The N.S.F. Committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry DeRoo on above date. Devotions, a reading of "Men and Vegetables" by Edgar H. Guest followed by prayer by our host and chairman. Members present were Messrs Baker, Asbrook, DeRoo, DeWitt, Dreier, Engler, Hand, Hillegonds, Hubregsen, Jund and Luidens.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report also read and approved follows:

on Deposit at	\$		
1st Fed. New Chapel Fund	2 225.28	Grand Total Gifts and	
" " " Bldg. "	10 279.98		
" " " Sanct. "	10 716.83	Pledges 11/9/56	\$80 068.98
Mon. Cty. Savings Bank	10 568.28		
Columbia S th New Sanct. F.	10 763.88	Increase 1/8/57	2 688.44
" " " Bldg F.	10 383.83		
" " " Ed. " F.	7 514.22	Gr. Total G nd P ^d	\$82 757.42*
" " " Chapel F.	2 694.34		
Mortgage	3 000.00	*Change Thermometer	
Total This Report	\$ 68 146.64+		
" 11/9/56 "	64 708.45-		
" Increase in Deposits	\$ 3 438.19+		
Additional Cash Reports	222.50+		
Total Cash On Hand	\$ 68 369.14 **		

The ~~\$2~~ 2,688.48 increase in Gnd P includes the following:

\$164⁵⁰ New Pledges, \$693⁰⁰ Pledge Overpayments, \$200.83 Harvest Festival,
 \$870²⁸ Bank Int., Memorials (Johnville) \$2⁰⁰, (Asbrook) \$6⁰⁰, (H. b. Est.) \$400⁰⁰,
 (Mr Mrs W. Tiersen) \$10⁰⁰, (Allan Moore) \$5⁰⁰, Special Off \$59.63, and Misc.

Meeting adjourned after short discussions of report to Congregation.

Signed - Roy Hand, clerk

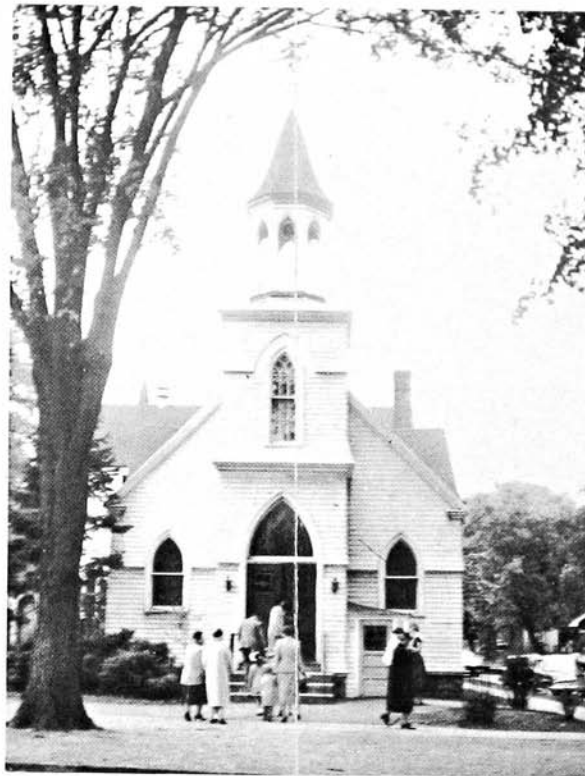
From the desk of —
E. L. HAND

Total Income of
Hartson Memorial
should equal \$200⁰⁰

Check for 64⁰⁰ issued
July 1956 has been mislaid
& Dr. L. is asking R. Webster
to stop payment on this
check & issue a new one
to close acct. This should
come thru soon.

Report thru Pr. L. 1/12/57
R. Hand

*An Invitation to share
in our
Church's Financial Program*



Brighton Reformed Church

An Involvement
Church's

Helen + Louis

This was prepared for one of our financial drives simple enough, but the important one thing is the picture of the inside of the former Church when we were across the street. Do we have other pictures or any of the old Ch. Sanctuary?

Jake



Brighton Reformed Church

For Church Property**\$6,900**

Sexton	\$1820
Fuel and Utilities	2300
Repair and Improvements	1750
Insurance and Taxes	630
Parsonage	400

For Worship and Service**\$1,880**

Organist	\$960
Music	100
Office and Publicity	500
Classis Dues	320

For Christian Education Work**\$400**

Education Supplies	\$200
Equipment Improvement	200

For Pastoral Ministry**\$6,320**

Minister	\$4000
Car Allowance	300
Pension Fund	320
Minister Emeritus	1500
Pulpit Supply	200

*For Benevolences***\$5,000**

Reformed Church in America	\$1030
Arabian Missions	750
College Roll Call	200
New Brunswick Seminary	150
Classical Assessment	200
Church World Service	100
Camp Fowler	150
Pitcher Hill	100
Church Extension	200
National Council of Churches	25
Rochester Federation	50
American Bible Society	10
Gospel Tabernacle	25
New York Council of Churches	10
Eendracht	2000

**GOAL
\$20,500**

THESE ARE THE FUNDS NEEDED FOR OUR FATHER'S WORK
WE ARE HIS STEWARDS

. . . OUR AIMS . . .

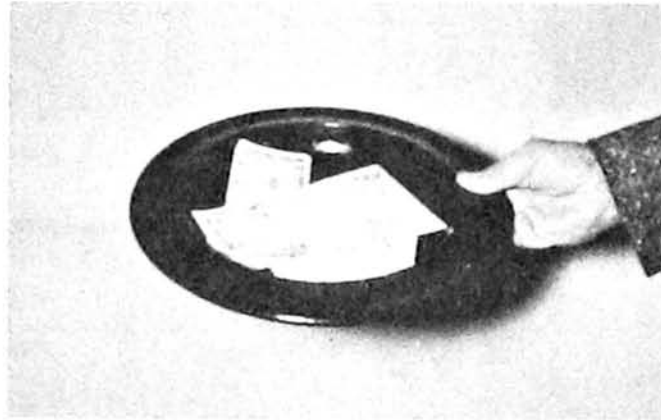
*Every Member a Pledged Giver
More Service for Christ and the Community*



. . . REMEMBER . . .

"Give and it shall be given unto you."

... THIS IS THE ANNUAL CALL
For His House
For His Work
Richly We Have Been Blessed



Let Us Give As Generously
As Has Been Given Unto Us.

NOVEMBER 6 — 20th

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Edward DeBrine
Carl Dreier
Chester Engler

This is our Father's House



We are his Caretakers

Brighton Reformed Church

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1956
*An Invitation to share
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Brighton Reformed Church

For Our Church Property

\$8,690



Sexton	\$1450
Fuel and Utilities	1900
Repair and Improvements	2500
Insurance and Taxes	510
Debt Retirement and Interest	1630
Parsonage	700

For Our Worship and Service

\$2,010



Organist	\$960
Music	100
Office & Publicity Expense	700
Classis Dues	250

For Our Pastoral Ministry

\$6,220



Minister	\$4700
Minister Emeritus	1500
Pulpit Supply	20

For Our Christian Education Work

\$580



Religious Education	\$100
Church Colleges & Seminaries	480

For Our Benevolences

\$2,500



ED. LUIDENS & FAMILY
OUR MISSIONARIES IN ARABIA

Arabian Mission	\$750
Reformed Church of America	655
Field Extension Work	135
Federation of Churches	75
Others	885

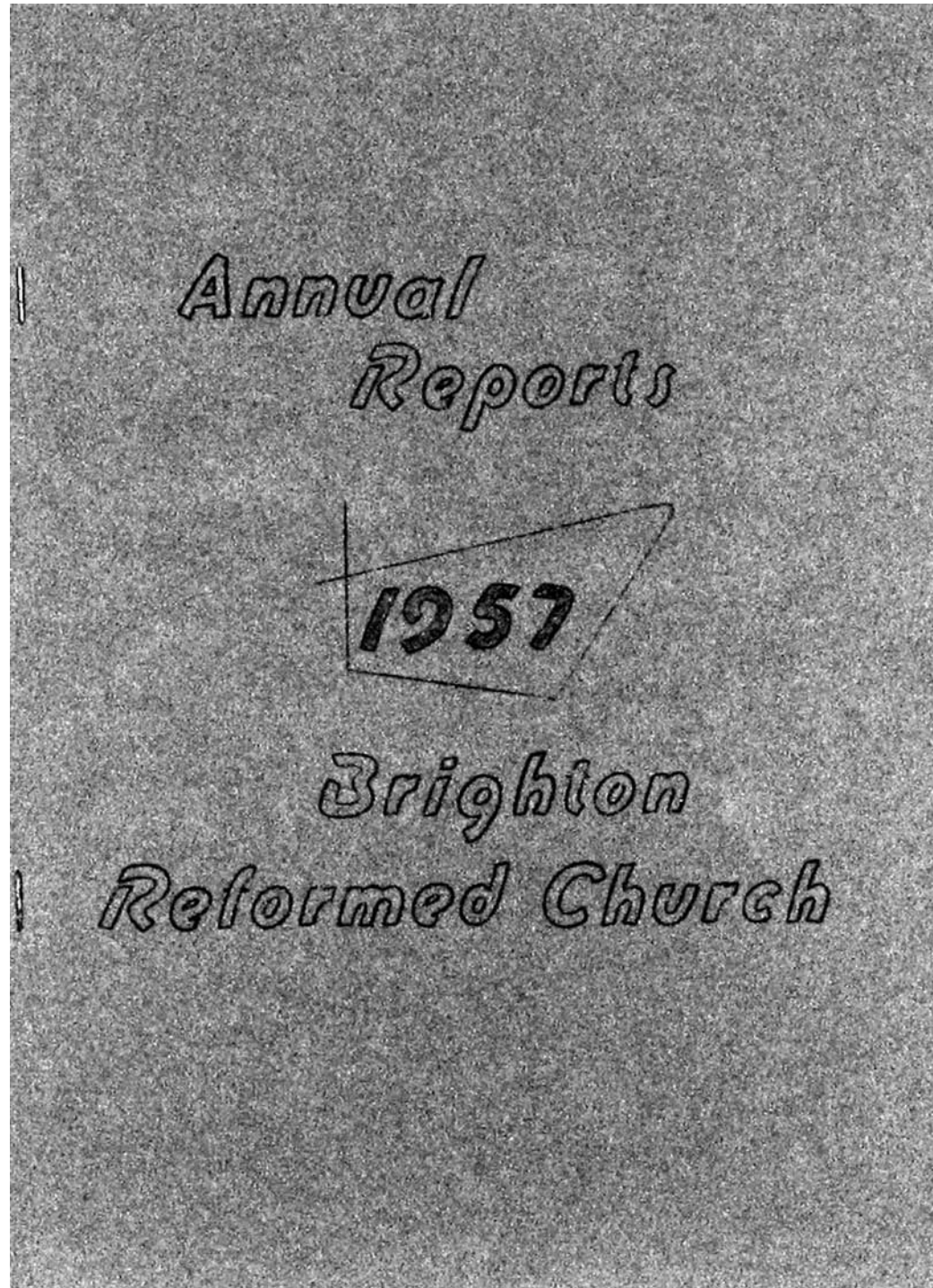
GOAL
\$20,000

Dear Members:

The proposed budget described above represents a realistic financial answer to the needs and opportunities with which the Brighton Reformed Church will be confronted during the coming year. Your church needs the pledged support of all its members to make this proposal a reality. Please think and pray about it. Then give your pledge to the committee members who will call at your home November 7—14.

E. De Brine
W. Blakley
M. Pierce

FINANCE COMMITTEE



BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCHTREASURER'S REPORT - JANUARY 1, 1957 through DECEMBER 31, 1957

BALANCE OF OPERATING FUNDS - JANUARY 1, 1957 \$2,226.17

RECEIPTS

Loose Offerings	1,757.62
Pledge Payments - 1957	16,379.22
" " 1956	813.59

SPECIAL GIFTS

Initial Envelopes	35.27	
Religious Education	12.00	
Christmas Envelopes - 1956	35.35	
Christmas Envelopes - 1957	173.35	
Gift for Mimeograph	200.00	
Sale of Paint Brushes	27.00	
K. W. Class - Typewriter	25.00	
Sunday Nite Club "	20.00	
Men's Bible Class "	20.00	
Far & Near Circle "	20.00	
Ladies Aid "	20.00	
Golden Rule Class "	20.00	
Hub Oil Co. Refund	49.03	
Sunday School - Camp Fowler	71.50	
Sunday School - Chairs & Tables	81.00	
Golden Rule Class - Sacraments	25.00	
Golden Rule Class - Usher's Flowers	10.00	
K. W. Class " "	10.00	
Sunday Nite Club " "	10.00	
Payment for broken windows	20.00	
Rent Refund	70.00	
Garage Rent	50.00	
Girl Scouts #233 - for Lodge	12.00	
Gift for Use of Mimeograph	2.00	
Thanksgiving Envelopes - 1957	74.60	
Lodge Envelopes	70.65	
	<u>\$20,114.18</u>	<u>20,114.18</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$22,380.35

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BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT - JANUARY 1, 1957 through DECEMBER 31, 1957

(Continued from page 1)

TOTAL RECEIPTS (Plus Operating Balance) \$22,380.35

DISBURSEMENTS

Publicity and Office Expense	1,513.35
Maintenance and Repairs	659.50
Classis Dues	384.23
Heat - Church	939.01
" Lodge	620.81
" Guenther House	158.05
Insurance	380.23
Gas - Electric - Water, Church	142.72
" " " Lodge	221.41
" " " Telephone, G.H.	154.27
Music & Choir Expenses	209.59
Pulpit Supply	240.00
Religious Education	181.18
Salary & Car Allowance - Minister	5,099.92
Board of Pensions	324.00
Salary - Organist - 9 months	974.97
" " 3 months	350.00
" Choir Director	400.00
" Sexton	1,200.00
" "	385.00
Taxes	1,002.26
Miscellaneous Expenses	391.58
Personage	292.17
New Furniture & Equipment	1,075.95
Transfers to Cheer Fund	247.95

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 17,548.15 17,548.15

BALANCE IN LINCOLN ROCHESTER TRUST CO., DECEMBER 31, 1957 \$4,832.20

Chester G. Engler
Treasurer

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BENEVOLENT FUND REPORT - 1957

Monthly Gifts & Collections

Disbursements

January	\$577.70	Allied Forces	10.00
February	478.60	American Bible Society	10.00
March	620.60	American Foundation for the Blind	10.00
April	456.30	American Waldensian Society	5.00
May	450.12	Arabian Mission Transfer	150.00
June	494.65	Camp Fowler	400.00
July	300.45	Church Herald - 1957	30.50
August	380.30	" " 1958	150.00
September	560.30	" " New Subscribers	9.00
November	377.70	Church World Service	100.00
December	480.20	Central College	25.00
October	499.85	Domestic Missions - Building Fund	275.00
Total 1957	<u>\$5,675.77</u>	Domestic Missions - 2 Units	750.00
		Eendracht	11.75
		Federation of Churches	425.00
		Fellowship of Reconciliation	5.00
		Gospel Tabernacle	25.00
		Hope College	25.00
		International Reform Federation	5.00
		Kirkside	50.00
		Lord's Day Alliance of the U.S.	10.00
		Migrant Quartet	25.00
		National Council of Churches	25.00
		New Brunswick Seminary	330.00
		N. Y. State Council of Churches	10.00
		N. Y. State C. E. Union	20.00
		New Sanctuary Fund Transfer	50.00
		Northwestern Junior College	25.00
		Particular Synod of Albany	500.00
		Rochester Classis Assessment	274.45
		Staff Conference R. C. A.	1,600.00
		Salvation Army	10.00
		Western Theological Seminary	25.00
		Women's League for Hope College	100.00
		Total Disbursements	<u>\$5,375.70</u>

Balance on hand January 1, 1957	121.39
Gifts and Collections	<u>5,675.77</u>
Balance plus Receipts	5,797.16
Disbursements	<u>5,375.70</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1957	<u>\$421.46</u>

Frederick R. Howlett
Treasurer

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CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Our Sunday Church School has a total enrollment of approximately 265 students and is staffed by 38 teachers and officers. In the face of increased costs for curriculum materials and other teaching equipment, the Sunday Church School has, for the most part, been able to defray its own expenses. Our expenditures for the year 1957 exceeded our income by \$106.27. Costs for the year ahead are expected to continue increasing as our student enrollment grows and as our teachers become increasingly aware of improved teaching aids and methods.

1957 brought a major change in our organizational set-up as a result of certain policies instituted by our Consistory. Our Sunday Church School Council now operates under the authority of the Consistory, through its Council of Religious Education. The general officers of the Church School are appointed by the Consistory and all other personnel are appointed by the General Superintendent and his deputy with the approval of the Council of Religious Education. The second policy change instituted by Consistory relates to our teaching curriculum. "The Christian Faith and Life, a program for Church and Home" has been adopted as the official teaching curriculum of our Church School. The third major policy change was the institution, in September, of the "Junior Church," a supplemental session held during part of the 11:00 A.M. Church hour for boys and girls of kindergarten, first, second, and third grades. Children of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades attend Junior Christian Endeavor during this same time. The Junior Church and Christian Endeavor programs are supplemental programs apart from the regular Sunday School curriculum, which is taught only in the regular Sunday School session from 9:50 to 10:45 A.M. Those boys and girls who attend only the Junior Church and Christian Endeavor programs during the 11:00 A.M. Church hour are not receiving the benefits of our fine Church School curriculum. All parents are urged to bring their children to the regular Sunday School.

As the first visible signs of our building program begins to rise on our building site, our attention should turn to the strengthened and expanded teaching program that should occupy these new facilities. We need a more vital response from our adult congregation to the leadership needs of our program. We need to do some positive thinking about a permanent leadership training program and translate that thinking into positive action. As a first step in this direction, our teaching staff will join with the teaching staff of the Second Reformed Church in a series of quarterly training conferences to be held alternately at each church. Delegates from the First Reformed and Lakeview Churches have also been invited to attend. Brighton and Second Reformed will also coordinate their purchases of slides and film strips to form a common pool of audio-visual aids to be used by both churches in their teaching programs. We are confident that as the teaching staffs of both churches respond to the needs of this common program, between the two churches our common burdens may be lightened and a growing fellowship will come into being.

John Olyslager,
General Superintendent

MISSIONS REPORT - Arabian Fund (Sunday School)

Balance on hand January 1, 1957	\$50.08
Offerings	85.65
Total	135.73
Paid to Church Benevolence Treasurer	100.00
Balance on hand January 1, 1958	\$35.73

Sarah Cambier, Treasurer

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CHURCH SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance January 1, 1957		662.51
<u>Receipts</u>		
Collections (Weekly)	1,045.24	
Miscellaneous	109.16	
	1,154.40	
Total		1,154.40
		1,816.91

Disbursements

Westminster Book Stores	471.23	
The Higley Press (discontinued)	9.00	
Mrs. Tait	3.00	
"My Father's Business"	21.04	
David C. Cook Publishing Co.	52.85	
Standard Publishing Co.	3.78	
Mrs. Porteous	4.00	
Reformed Church in America	14.50	
William H. Dietz	45.59	
Christian Book Store	47.94	
Wm. F. Predmore	6.05	
Lois Olyslager	12.22	
Easter Lily	3.75	
Main Camera Center (Screen)	51.08	
Public Library Film Pool	2.00	
Lois DeBrine	6.72	
Furniture for Church	81.00	
D. V. B. S.	50.00	
Camp Fowler	71.50	
Jr. Department Graduation Gifts	26.25	
John Olyslager	11.60	
Wm. S. Duncan Film Rental	12.55	
International Journal of Religious Ed.	15.00	
Secretarial Supplies	10.65	
Brighton Reformed Cheer Fund	59.45	
Pilgrim Press	109.67	
	1,260.67	
Balance on hand December 31, 1957		
		1,260.67
		\$556.24

Gordon Tait, Treasurer

MISSIONS REPORT - Regular Fund (Sunday School)

Balance on hand January 1, 1957	22.26
Offerings	202.86
	225.12

Disbursements

Federation of Churches	25.00	
Camp Fowler	25.00	
Hope College	15.00	
Central College	15.00	
Western Theological Seminary	15.00	
New Brunswick Theological Seminary	25.00	
Board of Foreign Missions	25.00	
Board of Domestic Missions	40.00	
Board of Publication	5.00	
Board of Education	25.00	
Youth Work	10.00	
	225.00	
		225.00
		\$12

Balance on hand January 1, 1958

Sarah Cambier, Treasurer

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FAR AND NEAR CIRCLE

The Far and Near Circle has ended another very successful year under the leadership of our president, Hildur DeRoo. We had an average attendance of 20 members. Our funds have been made up of dues, rummage sales, baked food sales, oven saver trays, and an apron project. The contributions were given mainly to worthy missions such as N.A.A.C.P., McCall Mission, Foreign Board of Missions, Greece American Farm School, Parcels for Peace, etc. (For complete list see the treasurer's report below.) Cards and sunshine gifts of flowers were sent to those of our number who were ill or shut-in. Thus our year ended very enjoyable to us all.

Jean Hess, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1, 1957 151.92

RECEIPTS

Dues for 1957	129.00	
Christian Business Men's Supper	32.76	
Baked Food Sale	34.76	
Rummage Sale Profit	82.00	
Stationery	5.00	
Baked Food Sale	31.41	
Donation	5.50	
Jack Dandy Tray	104.00	
Food Sale	1.70	
Sale of tray's profit	96.00	
Sewing Circle profit	105.50	
Total Receipts	\$627.63	627.63

Total 779.55

Disbursements

Rummage Sale Rental	16.00	
Post cards	3.00	
Typewriter for church office	20.00	
McCall Mission	30.00	
Women's F. Mission	6.00	
Federation of Churches	40.00	
N.A.A.C.P.	10.00	
Gospel Tabernacle	10.00	
Daily Vacation Bible School	35.00	
Boy's Farm School - Greece	10.00	
Domestic Mission	7.00	
Gift	1.55	
Layette for Domestic Mission	16.50	
New Brunswick Theological Seminary	10.00	
Arabian Mission	100.00	
Jack Dandy Tray	104.00	
Board of Foreign Missions	25.00	
Church World Service White Gift	10.00	
Missionary Salaries, India & Mexico	60.00	
Classical Dues	2.00	
Groceries for Christmas Party	6.40	
	522.45	522.45

Balance on hand January 1, 1958 \$257.10

Signe Pearson, Treasurer

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GOLDEN RULE CLASS

The Golden Rule Class held a Stanley Demonstration for the women of the church on March 5th. Throughout the year the Class has been selling Gift Ribbon. The Trinket Tree sponsored by the Class at the Pot Luck Supper, Dec. 6, was very successful. Refreshments furnished by the members were served following the Women's Fellowship meeting on December 2. The Christmas Candy Boxes for the children of the Sunday School were packed by the members.

Nellie Brouwer, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1, 1957 \$286.70

Receipts

Special projects, class dues and Special Envelopes	502.79	502.79
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Total 789.49

Disbursements

Gifts	35.10	
Missions	73.00	
Sacraments	25.00	
Federation of Churches	25.00	
Flowers	21.50	
Donation - typewriter	20.00	
Projects for class funds	277.42	
Postage & Miscellaneous	1.60	
	478.62	478.62

Balance on hand January 1, 1958 \$310.87

Frances Ruit, Treasurer

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KING'S WORKERS CLASS

The King's Workers this year had very interesting monthly meetings with the following as programs: a film on Cancer which was open to all women of the church, Mrs. Stowell from the Council of Church Women spoke to us about the work of the Council, Shirley Hand spoke to us about Hope College and showed slides of the College, Nancy Neff showed us pictures she had taken and told us about her trip to Mexico. We had a very interesting talk by Mr. Gorman who spoke to us on the Mental Health Agency, Police Sergeant Jean Coolidge told us about the Police Women and their work, and in November a film on Thanksgiving. In September we had a picnic supper to start the fall meetings, and in December a Pot Luck Supper and Christmas Party.

For the past year, the members have sent dry yeast to the Arabian Mission. We packed a Valentine Box for Mrs. Selner, made slips for girls in the Reformed Orphanage in Michigan. We put on the Christian Endeavor Banquet, the Camp of the Woods Dinner, and a dinner for the Girl Scouts of #28 School. We bought equipment for the kitchen of Fellowship Lodge.

Alice Hornberger, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1, 1957		\$159.90
<u>Receipts</u>		
Pledges and Offerings	118.47	
Profit on Sales	35.75	
Dinners	229.90	
Church World Service Collection	24.75	
Profit on sales of plates	106.59	
	515.46	515.46
Total		\$675.36
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Hope College	50.00	
Camp Fowler Dorm	25.00	
Mission Projects	48.52	
Federation of Churches	10.00	
Council of Church Women	5.00	
Japan University	5.00	
Ed & Ruth Luidens' Christmas	25.00	
Church World Service	24.75	
White Gift	10.00	
N. S. Fund (Memorials)	30.00	
B.R.C. Bldg. Fund (from Plates)	112.00	
Dinners	18.14	
Ushers Flowers	10.00	
Church Office Typewriter	25.00	
Easter Flower	3.00	
Sgt. Coolidge (speaker)	10.00	
Equipment	79.14	
	490.55	490.55
Balance on hand December 31, 1957		\$184.81
	Lois Olyslager, Treasurer	

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LADIES AID SOCIETY

The Ladies Aid Society under the leadership of president Alice Zonneville, held 11 monthly meetings with an average attendance of 18.

Our contributions were to the Missionary Box, American Foundation for Overseas's Blind, Edwin and Ruth Luidens salary fund, and to the Library of the International Christian University in Japan. Our white gift went to the Church World Service.

Mrs. E. Zonneville, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total to Missions	\$128.00	
Typewriter for church office	20.00	
Memorials for New Sanctuary	10.00	
White Gift - Church World Service	10.00	
Total Profit from Sales & Suppers	323.21	
Cash balance on hand, January 1, 1957		\$23.50
<u>Receipts</u>		
Fish Supper	159.18	
June Social	69.39	
Rummage Sale	54.39	
Offerings	34.27	
Fancy Goods	40.25	
		380.98
Total Disbursements	159.65	
Bank Deposits	185.00	
	344.65	344.65
Cash balance on hand, January 1, 1958		\$36.33
	Alice Hornberger, Treasurer	

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Women's Missionary Society met for eleven monthly meetings at the church. The meetings were very interesting as we studied South Sea Asia and Christ, the Church and Race. We had very interesting discussions on these two topics. During the summer we had Roll Call Meetings.

Several of our members attended the Spring and Fall Conferences of the Rochester Classis. We had three members attend Camp Fowler in August.

In December we had a very nice Christmas luncheon at the church.

Ethel Baker, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1, 1957		\$111.72
<u>Receipts</u>		
Collections and Birthday Money	130.51	
"Special Day" Envelopes	63.02	
Christmas Dinner	8.15	
From "Friend" for Arabian Mission	50.00	
	251.68	251.68
Total		363.40
<u>Disbursements</u>		
For Arabian Mission (from "Friend")	50.00	
Easter Plant	3.00	
Ebenevolences	235.00	
	288.00	288.00
Balance on hand January 1, 1956		\$75.40

\$42.00 was collected in paper houses from Church and Sunday School and sent to Domestic Mission for building missionaries homes at our Mission School at Brewton, Alabama.

Mrs. Lein VandenBroecko, Treasurer

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SUNDAY NITE CLUB

In the year 1957, the Sunday Nite Club, with the spirit and cooperation of all officers and members, spent an inspirational year as well as a profitable one.

The club met on the third Sunday of each month except in June, July and August. At these meetings we heard a speaker from A.A. who helped us understand that an alcoholic is an ill person who needs our help. We enjoyed two revealing films and heard a panel discussion by a group of foreign students. The year was brought to a close by a candlelight service at our meeting in December and the group caroling to the shut-ins of the parish.

Several social events were enjoyed by the group including a bowling party, hob party, and the annual smorgasbord which helped the club in doing so many worthwhile things for the church.

With God's help, our prayer for the New Year is to go forward in His work.

Fred and Ruth Howlett, Secretaries

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1, 1957		\$33.45
<u>Receipts</u>		
Offerings	127.73	
Smorgasbord	166.15	
Other dinners, parties, etc.	383.57	
	677.45	677.45
Total		710.90
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Memorials	20.00	
Florists, remembrances for sick	31.00	
Cheer check	3.00	
Ushers' flowers	10.00	
Communion supplies	7.67	
Federation of Churches	10.00	
Typewriter for church office	20.00	
Baseball League Fee	52.00	
Refreshments	15.02	
Floor & wall covering (Lodge)	4.92	
Secretarial Supplies (postage)	21.20	
Films	27.50	
Dinner expenses	226.44	
	448.82	448.82
Balance on hand January 1, 1958		\$262.08

Sarah Lauweret, Treasurer

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETIESJUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Meetings are held on Sunday during the second worship service. Number of meetings that were held - 43. Under the Council of Religious Education, our group was divided for the fall term. From January through June, our average attendance was 24. From September through December our average attendance was 16.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand January 1, 1957	\$26.19
Offerings	83.00
Total	114.19

Disbursements

Mission Box (new clothing)	5.50
N. Y. State C. E. Union	3.00
Flowers and gifts	12.75
R. C. A. Orphan's Fund	15.00
Montlawn Children's Home	10.00
New Sanctuary Fund	25.00
	96.25
	96.25

Balance on hand January 1, 1958	\$17.94
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INTERMEDIATE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society meets each Friday night at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Lodge. This group is made up of all young people in the parish who are in the 7th and 8th grades in school. The hour from seven to eight is given over to the viewing and discussion of motion pictures and filmstrips, and the discussion of topics related to the thinking of this age group. Since September, Mr. Hillegonds and the young people have been studying a manual entitled, "Adventures in Discovering God."

There is good singing, fine fellowship and helpful recreation, too. Each Friday night there are the shrieks of excitement always found in a good game of "Dodge Ball" or volleyball. The usual parties and picnic rounded out the year.

Last year (1957) the group was sponsored by Mrs. Rudy Miller and Mr. Hillegonds. The balance of \$14.00 in the treasury was given to the Camp Fowler fund for the erection of a new cottage-dormitory for girls. This year the group is being sponsored by Mr. Kenneth Bradley and Miss Dona Parsons. Dona and Ken are old "CE'ers" who bring to this group a splendid background and fine spirit.

The young people are extremely grateful to Mrs. Miller for her fine counsel and help during the past year.

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SENIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Our Senior C.E. Society has been very busy this past year. We have had some very interesting meetings, and our social activities have been most enjoyable.

January saw a Snow Party at Durand Eastman Park, and February a very successful Valentine Party. We went to the Friendly Home for a visit with "Uncle Bill." Easter Day began with the Easter Dawn Service and our annual Easter Breakfast to which we invited the Intermediate C.E.'ers. Mr. Beauchesne prepared this lovely breakfast. We went Easter Caroling which turned out very successfully, and was most welcomed and enjoyed by the shut-ins.

The spring meetings were concluded with a picnic supper at Fellowship Lodge. Officers were elected and are as follows:

President	Bonnie Burton
Vice-president	Glen Woodhams
Secretary	Ann Johnville
Treasurer	Bruce Burton
Publicity Chairman	Marcia Sayles

Our fall season opened with the Fall Roundup at Pultneyville. In October we had a Hallowe'en Party and Square Dance, and November we had a Hay Ride. We are very indebted to the Berghs, the Porteous', and the Andersons for acting as chaperones.

The third Sunday of every month we have a snack supper at 5:00 P.M. and see an inspiring film. In December we attended the Wayne-Monroe Roller Skating Party. We had a Christmas Party after which we went caroling. We gave fruit baskets to three older church members.

The "Yes Project" of the Reformed Church and the "Looking in the Mirror" series from the Christian Endeavor World were among some of our lessons. We are most grateful to Mrs. Gladys Sayles for her time, effort and counsel with our group.

Ann Johnville, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1, 1957	\$60.56
Expenses to September 1, 1957	41.23
Balance on hand September 1, 1957	\$19.33
Offerings	22.50
Total	41.83
Disbursements	31.93
Balance on hand January 27, 1958	\$ 9.90

Bruce Burton, Treasurer

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship is the newest organization in Brighton Reformed Church. In September 1957, a large group of church women gathered in the auditorium and voted the Fellowship into existence.

Our purpose, as stated in our constitution, "Shall be to unite and inspire the women of the church, through worship, fellowship and service, that they may exalt Christ in the home, the church, the community, the nation, and the world."

Our first meeting after being organized was on December 2. The speaker was Mrs. Walter Telfer. Her subject was "How to be an effective church woman."

On December 6, a Pot Luck Supper for the entire congregation was held with the Women's Fellowship in charge. This was a huge success as attested by the some 200 who attended.

Helen Rombaut, Secretary

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood had three regular meetings and numerous executive meetings and committee meetings during the year 1957.

A constitution was drafted and approved. Work projects completed were tarring the roof on the Fellowship Lodge, handing maps, charts and blackboards for the Sunday School classes and helping to level the lot next to the parsonage.

The Brotherhood endorsed and helped to promote getting men to attend the Retreat at the Rotary Sunshine Camp with the results that fourteen men attended this year compared to one the year before. They also promoted sending delegates to the Chicago Convention for Laymen, investing \$62.50 in this project. This amount was obtained by sponsoring a fish fry.

Frank Elliott, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand January 1, 1957		--
Receipts		153.36
Disbursements		
Fish Fry	48.57	
Chicago Convention	62.50	
Postage	.52	
	111.59	<u>111.59</u>
Balance on hand January 1, 1958		\$41.77

Earl Hornberger, Treasurer

Our Church is *Growing*

1957

The Challenge is *Growing*



Brighton Reformed Church

The Need is *Growing*

WE MUST MEET THE CHALLENGE AND THE NEED! WE ARE ABLE — — — ARE WE WILLING?

For Church Property



\$6,460

Sexton— Church and Lodge . . .	\$1560
Fuel and Utilities	2500
Repairs and Improvements . . .	1500
Insurance and Taxes	700
Parsonage	200

For Worship and Service



\$2,700

Organist	\$1300
Music	100
Classis Dues	300
Office and Publicity . . .	1000

For Christian Education Work



\$600

Education Supplies . . .	\$200
Equipment Improvement .	400

\$5,540

Minister	\$4700
Car Allowance	300
Pension Fund	340
Pulpit Supply	200

For Pastoral Ministry



\$5,500

Staff Conference	\$1500
Reformed Church of America	
Arabian Mission Share	900
Domestic Mission (2 Units) . . .	700
Domestic Missions Building Fund .	275
Church Extension—	500
Particular Synod of Albany	
Camp Fowler	300
New Brunswick Theological Seminary	
(Assessment 475 x 70c)	330
Rochester Classis Assessment . . .	200
Church World Service	100
Church Herald	100
Rochester Federation of Churches .	425
N. Y. State Council of Churches .	10
National Council of Churches . . .	25
The Gospel Tabernacle of Rochester	25
The American Bible Society . . .	10
Miscellaneous	100

For Benevolences



AMARAH KEWAIT

New Building Expense Fund

\$700

OUR GOAL for 1957

\$21,500

**THE AMOUNT WE PLEDGE
WILL DETERMINE IN PART
OUR CHURCH'S SUCCESS**

***"FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED—
FREELY GIVE"***

ANNUAL VISITATION

November 11th -- 25th

FINANCE COMMITTEE

**CHESTER G. ENGLER
EDWARD DEBRINE
WILLIAM ROSS
RUDOLPH MILLER**

. . . OUR AIMS . . .

*Every Member a Pledged Giver
More Service for Christ and the Community*



. . . REMEMBER . . .

"Give and it shall be given unto you."

*An Invitation to share
in our
Church's Financial Program*



Brighton Reformed Church

ANNUAL
CONGREGATION
MEETING

DECEMBER 4, 1963

BRIGHTON
REFORMED
CHURCH

in memoriam

Mr. James Mitchell	April, 1963
Mr. Louis Houck	May, 1963
Mrs. TRENE BOLAND	JUNE 1963
Mrs. Margaret Casler	July, 1963
Master Wayne Teamerson	July, 1963
Mr. Albert Minck	Sept, 1963
Mrs. Susanna VanderBrooke	Sept, 1963
Mr. Albert VanderLyke	Nov. 1963

Jesus said: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid".

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

OFFICERS

CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent	Mrs. Dora Howell
Treasurer	Mr. Ludger Beauchemin

GUILD FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

President	Mrs. Helen Rombaut
Vice President	Miss Shirley Hand
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Marge Burnham
Treasurer	Miss Sarah Cambier
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Rose Anderson
Secretary of Education	Mrs. Mary Ruth Blakley
" Service	Mrs. Florence Woodhams
" Spiritual	
Life	Mrs. Rhoda Curtis
Organization	Mrs. Clara Ross

SUNDAY NITE CLUB

President	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Porteous
Vice President	Mr. & Mrs. Jack DeVuyt
Treasurer	Mr. & Mrs. Dick Hornberger
Secretary	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Teamerson
Program Chairman	Mr. & Mrs. Ted DeSoto
Devotional "	Mr. & Mrs. Ed Anderson

CHOIR

President	Mr. William Bergh
Vice President	Mrs. Marion Petty
Secretary	Miss Mary VandenBroecke

SENIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

President	Mr. James Sutherland
Vice President	Miss Linda Goetzman
Secretary	Miss Pat DeBrine
Treasurer	Mr. David Van Bortel

JUNIOR HIGH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

President	Miss Gloria Nelson
Vice President	Miss Elma Rombaut
Treasurer	Miss Janice Burnham
Secretary	Miss Ruth DeVuyt

COMMITTEES

OFFICERS OF CONSISTORY

PRESIDENT	Rev. Gordon H. Curtis
VICE PRESIDENT	Mr. Walter Blakley
TREASURER	Mr. Clarence De Lyser
CLERK	Mr. Emil Burger
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Mr. Edward De Brine

DEACONS

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Parks, K. Chm.
De Roo, H.
Baker, M.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

De Lyser, C. Chm.
Ross, Wm.
De Roo, W.
De Brine, E.

IN MEMORIAM SUBCOMMITTEE

Pearson, C. Chm.
DeWitte, Wm.
Engler, C.
DeRoo, W.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & CHURCH PRIVILEGE

Miller, J. Chm.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Duffy, W. Chm.
Asbrooke, M.
Van Bortel, R.
Geihs, K.
Anderson, E.

INTERIOR DECORATING SUBCOMMITTEE

DeWitte, Ruth
De Lyser, Ruth
Curtis, Rhoda

ELDERS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DeVuyst, John Chm.
Kraai, P.
Olyslager, J.
Howell, D.
De Lyser, R.
De Brine, L.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Hubregsen, I. Chm.
De Roo, H.
Woodhams, Roland
Ross, Clara

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

DeVuyst, J. Chm.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Blakley, W. Chm.

SACRAMENTS AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Elliott, F. Chm.
De Witte, R.
Porteous, R.

MUSIC SUBCOMMITTEE

Elliott, F.
Bergh, W.
Johnston, J.
Curtis, G.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Willard, W. Chm.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MINISTER & CONSISTORY

This is the report of the Consistory and Minister. It describes the activities of men who have been charged to administer the programs of the Brighton Reformed Church during the past year.

1. ADMINISTRATION

A. BOARD OF DEACONS

The Deacons continue to meet on the second Tuesday each month. Their responsibility is chiefly the temporal aspects of church life including the care of building and grounds, finances and services to the congregation.

1. SERVICE COMMITTEE

Under the chairmanship of Kenneth Parks, this Committee has been responsible for arrangements in the Sunday services. They invite persons to usher and others to act as greeters. They arrange for distributions of bulletins and special literature.

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee, under the Chairmanship of Clarence DeLyser, is responsible for accounting procedures. The Financial Secretary, Edward DeBrine, maintains complete records of all contributions through the pledge envelopes. He prepares quarterly statements which are mailed to each envelope holder. He is assisted very ably by Carl Pearson and James DeGraff who open the envelopes and tabulate offerings received each week, and in addition making bank deposits.

(a) In Memoriam Committee

We have lacked up to this year any clearcut policy for the use of contributions received in the name of deceased loved ones. Our method of receiving contributions is excellent. Gifts are acknowledged through the Church Office by cards mailed to the family of the deceased and to the donors. However we have not been equally well organized in a policy of disbursement.

Presently the In Memoriam Committee is chaired by Carl Pearson. The committee rules on suggestions that come to it. The guide line as to whether an expenditure is wise or not is to evaluate the effectiveness of the object as an enrichment of our experience in religious worship and its value in strengthening the faith. Also, a second type of gift is invited, and that gift is one designated by its donors to accelerate payment on church indebtedness.

From Memorial Funds we have purchased the new library in the parlor, the new bulletin boards in the hallway, and scarves for the lectern and pulpit.

3. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The nature of our property (something over 3 acres of land) and two large buildings (plus a parsonage) causes this Committee to be the most active of the Deacon's concerns. Under the Chairmanship of Walter Duffy the Committee has given us a very commendable service in the maintenance and repair of property. Both a long range and short range program has evolved which enables us to spread large expenditures more effectively. Many of our people forget that new buildings cannot be left for long before major expenditures are confronted. This year, for example, we had to paint the trim on the church (over \$800). Next year we must seal the parking lot (approximately \$1200). These are major expenditures that must be anticipated so that they can be properly budgeted.

During the past year we have purchased (1) a stove for the parsonage, (2) ladders for maintenance, and (3) a grill for the Lodge kitchen. We have painted the parsonage and garage. We have resurfaced the parsonage driveway. Also, in repairing the old porch at the parsonage, a whole new room has been added for family use. The rest rooms and Scout room in the Lodge have been painted -- and the Church office. Our work has been compounded some by the fact that we had two burglaries this year and damage to entrances in both Lodge and Church had to be repaired.

Recently we have installed new library shelves in the parlor, and purchased new tables for the Lodge.

Also this year, again for the first time, we have turned our attention to the fact that we have large areas of lawns and gardens. Most of us, living in homes as we do, are conscious of the fact that lawns and gardens are not self-perpetuating. We now have a regular schedule for fertilizing. We have plans for hiring extra summer help to do gardening work and to prune and groom our lovely evergreens.

All of this had been done by this Committee over and beyond the usual routine of replacing broken windows, repairing limping heating systems, waxing floors, purchasing

janitorial supplies and the like.

We would be remiss in reporting this Committee without mention of the fine work of our two sextons, Kurt Geihs and Ed Boehm. They spend many hours in special little jobs, always done gladly and quickly over and above the usual house cleaning chores.

a. Interior Decorating Committee

Some matters are best left to the women-folk. A man has no hesitation in walking boldly into the repair of a heating unit, but he is less confident when it comes to interior decoration. We have appointed a subcommittee to deal with color-schemes, decoration, etc. This subcommittee is an advisory group of three women who submit recommendations to the Building and Grounds Committee for actions.

B. BOARD OF ELDERS

The Board of Elders are charged with the spiritual welfare of the Church. When such matters are significantly large, the Board has its own meeting, the third Tuesday of the month, otherwise, they join the Deacons on the second Tuesday.

The Elders are concerned with our mode of worship, religious education, stewardship, visitation, sacraments and membership.

1. BOARD OF EDUCATION

This Board, under Chairmanship of Jack DeVuyt, meets monthly to determine policy for the religious education program in our church. They have oversight of the Church School. They arrange for special services of the School and training of teachers. They, in advisory capacity, serve the programming of church-related organizations. The Summer Daily Vacation Bible School comes under the purview of this group. The Board also supervises the administration of the Library.

2. EVANGELISM

We have no formal structure, such as a committee, in this important area of our church life. The work is done largely between the pastor and Isaac Hubregsen, assisted by Henry DeRoo.

We attempt to welcome warmly anyone who visits our church. We would like visitors to join their loyalty and dedication to ours. When visitors make their presence known, by use of pew cards or the Visitor's Register, we mail them a letter of greeting and

introduction to the Reformed Church within a week. Mr. Hubregsen or the pastor usually call on this family as shortly thereafter as possible.

Our hope is to bring about a strong relationship between these people and our Lord. We believe that membership in His church is necessary. Toward the end of instructing people in the faith, we invite visitors to join our membership classes (usually three in number).

Visitation to shut-ins is largely done by women of the Guild for Christian Service. This systematic visitation still proceeds but we do not maintain records of them. Elders are invited to help the pastor in his visitation by suggesting calls they think need to be made. Also, monthly, they are asked to record any calls they might make.

Of visitation it can be truly said that there is no end. It is quite beyond possibility that we can ever do enough in this area. Trusting in the patience and the understanding of our people, we simply do the best of which we are capable. The pastor makes between 350 - 400 calls during the year, and in addition Mr. Hubregsen makes calls. No person who desires a visit and tells us of his desire is knowingly overlooked.

Our church considered the opportunity, next year, of participating in an area Preaching - Teaching - Reaching Mission. After long and careful study, the Elders declined to participate.

3. STEWARDSHIP

There is no committee formally organized for Stewardship. Jacob DeVuyt is the Elder responsible for our stewardship concern. Under his supervision this year we pursued a program called "The Stewardship Crusade". Visits were made in homes in October to make known the story of the church and to enlist people's participation. This was followed up with a second visit to solicit pledges to the program of the Church. The second phase of the Crusade is still to be completed.

This year our General Synod recommended the establishment of "responsible shares" in the total program of the Reformed Church. Our share is \$14,000, a goal that, at the present moment, seems unattainable this year.

4. SACRAMENTS AND WORSHIP

This Committee, under Frank Elliott, chairman, is responsible for the arrangement of the Lord's Supper and Baptism. This involves both the preparation of the physical elements as well as the preparation of people who observe the Sacraments. In the case of Baptism, we have one meeting with the parents of children to be baptised to discuss the meaning of the Sacrament.

At this moment of writing there are several studies being undertaken by this committee. The order of Sunday worship is being reviewed; a study of the use of symbolism is going on; a study of Christian funerals is still to be undertaken.

a. Music Subcommittee

This year we have appointed a subcommittee to deal with specialized problems of the music department. It will be responsible for the oversight of the total music programs of the church and the church school.

5. MEMBERSHIP

What constitutes membership in the Brighton Reformed Church is the concern of all Elders. This past year has seen a complete and careful examination of members of record. It is now a continuing process and the role of members will always be under scrutiny. Membership is constituted by (1) a public confession of faith and (2) active participation in the fellowship. By Reformed Church constitutional procedures, members who have failed to attend worship for a period of 2 years and have failed to support the church with their contributions are placed on inactive status. If for an additional 2 years they make no attempt to assume their obligations, they are suspended from the church roles.

This past year has been one not of expanding membership but of consolidation. By Elder action we have suspended 188 individuals from membership. We have prepared a list of those who are active members and this list has been published.

C. CHURCH RECORDS

Brighton Church now reports 540 members in active standing. Last year we received 19 new members and dismissed 15, (not all of these dismissals were from the active roles).

We have performed 6 marriages and brought the services of

the Christian Church to 15 families in the crisis of death. We have baptized 16 infants and 2 adults.

D. GENERAL SERVICES

The administration of the business of the Church would be nigh into impossibility without full time secretarial assistance. There is filing to be done (as the pastor has time to read and make note there is the Clarion to prepare weekly, the Newsletter monthly and church bulletins weekly; there is always mailing that involves the organizations of the Church. This past year we have mailed 20,000 pieces in connection with our church business and another 200 or so in connection with Classis of Rochester business.

Mrs. Charlotte Taylor who has been our Secretary for over a year left us in July. Mrs. Rose Anderson, who worked part time with Mrs. Taylor, has since taken over the responsibilities of Secretary. We try to have the office open 5 days a week 9 to 3. Without the dedicated work of these people the administration of our church would suffer greatly.

2. PASTORAL

We turn to activities involving the pastor's time. Although it is his responsibility to supervise the Church Office and, indeed, prepare copy for much of the mailing, the pastor has certain functions not shared by his Consistory.

A. Congregational Activities

Visitation - during the past year between 300 and 400 calls were made. Where formerly no adequate records were kept, a new plan has already become operative and henceforth an accurate knowledge of home visitation will be possible. (For example in the month of November 38 calls were made). One of the observations that was made of the Stewardship Crusade results was that some people want social calls, other do not. Our times are changing and the pattern of our family life as well and increasingly people are not home during the day. To help the Elders and Pastor in home visitation, every member could act as our eyes and ears. If anyone knows of someone who desires a call (or needs a call) please let the Church Office have the information or call the pastor or Elders. The work of the parish is such that it is unreasonable to expect that every home be visited twice (or even once) per year. Nevertheless this is the goal we seek to achieve, impossible though it might be. At the moment we feel that our first responsibility is to the sick and the troubled. Our second responsibility is to the new arrivals in our neighborhoods.

Again the pattern of parish life and the demands upon a minister's time are changing. Now, it is becoming increasingly true that a pastor spends as much time in his office with appointments as he does in home visitation. Counselling takes an ever increasing block of time, and this is the way it should be. Doctors, psychiatrists and social workers acknowledge the fact that often sickness can be detected and treated long before a person voluntarily submits himself to their professional care. Doctors are more and more holding conversations with ministers to the end that earlier treatment be effected. Ministers are in a strategic position to detect need for professional medical care, and counselling care. Our training in the seminaries recognizes this fact, and so counselling becomes more important with each passing year.

Your pastor tries in many different ways to let it be known that his office is open to anyone who wants to "talk things over". The Secretary can always make an appointment in his absence.

The pastor's preaching responsibilities are, of course, obvious. Except for Sundays when visiting preachers are here, he is responsible for the conduct of the worship service. Special services are held at appropriate times of the Church year.

The teaching task of the pastor remains about the same. He teaches a weekly Confirmation Class, Men's Class, and, until recently, a Class of Young Adults. In addition, there are the classes for new members and for parents of baptized children. During Advent and Lenten season there are the special study groups.

B. INTERDENOMINATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Being affiliated with the Southeast Ministers Association, the pastor usually participates in that group's activities. There are monthly luncheon meetings. Also the group sponsors a Good Friday Service, Reformation Service, and weekly vesper services at the Rochester Friendly Home. This past year your pastor took part in all of these activities.

We are also a part of the Rochester Area Council of Churches. This past year your pastor was invited to become a member of Social Services Planning Committee because of his previous experience in a similar area. This Committee meets about 6 - 8 times a year and is carefully working out an operating procedure for a Social Services Department in the Council of Churches.

C. CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER ACTIVITIES

This past year your pastor was elected to a 3-year term as Stated Clerk of the Classis of Rochester. This is the only continuing executive position of Classis. The Classis head-

quarters was moved here to Brighton Church for the practical reason that we have stenographic help. The duties of this office are numerous. The Stated Clerk convenes committees, receives and transmits reports, prepares minutes, mails newsheets to 18 consistories, writes checks for all Classis expenses, sends statements to churches, keeps the books on all receipts and disbursements.

The pastor continues to serve on the Board of Superintendents of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary and its Executive Committee as the Classis representative. There are 3 years yet to run on this term.

D. SYNOD OF ALBANY ACTIVITIES

The Synod of Albany has in the past year, formed a Synodical Stewardship Committee. Your pastor is a member of that Committee. Meetings are held 3 times a year, usually in Utica. This past year this committee prepared and distributed 30,000 brochures among all the Synod Churches related to the matter of responsible shares in the Synod program. The printing and mailing of these brochures was done under our supervision here in Brighton.

E. NATIONAL DENOMINATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Your pastor continues to serve on the Stewardship Council of the Reformed Church as the minister representative of the Synod of Albany. The Council meets for a 3-day session in April prior to General Synod. Within the Council, the pastor is a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Budget and Distribution Committee. These meetings are always held at the Interchurch Center, New York City, and call for about 6 trips annually.

This past year your pastor was invited to participate in three PTR missions in Grand Rapids, Mich., Ellenville, N.Y. and New Brunswick, N.J. Because of conflicts in dates, and withdrawal of churches, none of these engagements were kept. There is now another invitation to Grand Rapids which also will have to be declined.

3. CHURCH ACTIVITY

Several notable events took place in our Brighton Church during the past year.

On March 31, 1963 we held a Men's Communion Breakfast in Fellowship Lodge and invited men from the other three Reformed Churches. This was a wonderful event and will be repeated this next year.

On Sept. 6 - 7, 1963 we were hosts for a Stewardship Conference and Workshop sponsored by the Stewardship Agent of the Classis of Rochester. Elders and Deacons from most of the churches of Classis attended.

On October 27, 1963 we were hosts to a Reformation Service, sponsored by the Southeast Minister's Association. Dr. David Mac Lennan preached.

On November 20, 1963 the women of the Classis of Rochester held a Prayer Retreat, attended by women from most of the Churches of Classis.

4. LOOKING BACK

In reviewing the past year there are two bright spots that call for thanksgiving. We can rejoice that the Sunday Nite Club has been so admirably strengthened. At the beginning of the year we engaged in some soul searching. Was there a need for such a group? Does it have a place in our church life? I believe that the answer is yes to both questions.. Attendance is increasing. The programming has been of very high caliber. A fine Executive Committee gives much thought to activities and program and there is promise of an even better year to come judging from the speakers and topics already announced.

A second cause for rejoicing is a long-awaited resurgence in the Senior Choir. Due to the unfortunate illness of Alyce VanderLinde and her subsequent resignation, we were without leadership for a long time. Finally, in early fall we were able to obtain the services of Mr. Jack Johnston, a student for the doctorate at Eastman School of Music. Mr. Johnston's knowledge of church music is very wide. His ability as a director is evident to anyone who has sung under him. The membership in the choir is increasing, and we hope will continue to do so. Many people have spoken of the fine music in our worship services, and we can be happy about this development in the past few months.

There are other areas of our church life for which there is no cause for rejoicing. It is evident that our members still do not know what is required of them as Christian stewards. For a congregation of our type, it is simply unrealistic to have so many pledges in the low \$1-2 bracket. Our whole mission program limps and stumbles because we do not give to the Lord's work a realistic proportion of our income. We must make a break through in giving on the part of many of our families, some of whom pledge and give nothing.

5. LOOKING FORWARD

As we come to a new year, there is need to be persistently confronting members of our church whose loyalties do not extend to the pocket book. At the risk of being called a crass materialist, let it be said that a lively faith must have its fruits and the fruits of our faith lie in dedicated lives and consecrated money. It takes both. Money without the person, we do not want; neither can the person without the gift effectively carry on our work. We need both giver and gift.

We hope, in this new year, to start developing new friends and members. We hope to expand our visitation, and expand it systematically. We need constantly to review our educational endeavors. The young adult area is a void at the moment. We hope to expand adult education.

Now at the close of this year, we recall the fine spirit that has generally prevailed in our Consistory. Long hours have been given to the conduct of our church business. It is not always convenient to give up two nights to Consistory, but it has been done in good spirit and with the sense of urgency. Oftentimes to do justice to important matters, it is simply a necessity to hold meetings.

We are grateful for the contributions of Elders Walter Blakley, E. Peter Kraai and William Ross. Messrs. Blakley and Ross have served on Consistory in previous years. They have long held the Brighton Church high in their regard. Mr. Kraai was relatively new to our congregation when elected to Elder. He has served with eminent distinction. He has sung in our choir, taught Church School and served for a time as its Superintendent. We thank these men for their services.

Deacons Warren DeRoo and John Miller are retiring this year. Both have been members of the Church for some time, Warren having been received in 1940 and Jack in 1956. Both have given of their time and have contributed much by their thoughtfulness. We thank these men, too, for their services.

Finally, let us all, who consider ourselves members of this church, rededicate ourselves to increased loyalty and greater devotion to our God-given tasks. We are about "Our Fathers Business" and this is no little thing. An informed congregation, moved by the Holy Spirit, can witness much to the love of God for all men. This is our task. We pray God's blessing upon it as another year commences.

FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH

	Actual 10 Month	Pledge 12 Month
RECEIPTS		
1963 Pledges	\$34,084.38	\$36,000.00
Loose Offering	1,356.20	
SPECIAL GIFTS:		
Current	563.50	
Benevolent	1,356.70	
Memorials	988.59	
Equipment	316.50	
Miscellaneous	374.49	
TOTAL	\$39,039.16	
DISBURSEMENTS		
FOR CHURCH PROPERTY:		
Fuel and Utilities	3,567.76	4,200.00
Maintenance & Repair	3,757.76	3,250.00
Insurance & Taxes	1,508.98	1,600.00
New Equipment	93.95	650.00
	<u>8,928.45</u>	<u>9,700.00</u>
FOR STAFF SALARIES:		
Minister	6,250.00	7,500.00
Sextons	2,200.00	2,700.00
Grounds-maintenance-Summer	341.39	-0-
Secretarial	1,505.08	2,250.00
Choir Director & Organist	1,200.00	1,800.00
Pulpit Supply	200.00	800.00
	<u>11,696.47</u>	<u>15,050.00</u>
FOR WORSHIP & SERVICES:		
Religious Education	2,000.63	2,500.00
Music & Choir	252.60	300.00
Car Allowance	500.00	600.00
Pension Fund	552.00	700.00
Classis Dues	1,127.16	875.00
Publicity & Office Expense	1,324.02	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	112.82	500.00
	<u>5,869.23</u>	<u>6,975.00</u>
FOR DEBT SERVICE:		
Annual Principal Payment	5,000.00	5,000.00
Interest	2,232.73	2,300.00
	<u>7,232.73</u>	<u>7,300.00</u>
	33,726.83	39,025.00

1964 BUDGET (proposed)

	1963 Budget	Proposed 1964
FOR CHURCH PROPERTY:		
Fuel and Utilities	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00
Maintenance & Repair	3,250.00	3,400.00
Insurance & Taxes	1,600.00	1,600.00
New Equipment	650.00	500.00
	<u>9,700.00</u>	<u>9,700.00</u>
FOR STAFF SALARIES:		
Minister	7,500.00	7,800.00
Sextons	2,700.00	3,000.00
Grounds-Maintenance-Summer	-0-	400.00
Secretarial	2,250.00	2,100.00
Choir Director & Organist	1,800.00	1,800.00
Pulpit Supply	800.00	300.00
	<u>15,050.00</u>	<u>15,400.00</u>
FOR WORSHIP & SERVICES:		
Music & Choir	300.00	300.00
Car Allowance	600.00	600.00
Pension Fund	700.00	700.00
Classis Dues	875.00	1,100.00
Publicity & Office Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00
Religious Education	2,500.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	300.00
	<u>6,975.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
FOR DEBT SERVICE:		
Annual Principal Payment	5,000.00	5,000.00
Interest	2,300.00	2,000.00
	<u>7,300.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	<u>39,025.00</u>	<u>39,100.00</u>
FOR BENEVOLENCES:		
General Synod	9,000.00	14,050.00
Classis & Particular Synod	2,000.00	1,350.00
Non-Denominational	1,000.00	800.00
	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>16,200.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>51,025.00</u>	<u>55,300.00</u>
UNITED SYNOD ADVANCE (Pledges)	6,900.00	6,900.00

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

In faith, we plan a year's program. It is always a move forward in faith for we never know till year's end whether we have sufficient financial support for the program.

We need pledges to give us an idea of what to anticipate and therefore what to do.

The following is an analysis of our pledges for last year and for the coming year.

AMOUNT PLEDGED	NO. OF PLEDGES 1963	NO OF PLEDGES 1964
0 - .99 (Children)	28	28
0 - .99	9	4
\$1.00 - 1.99	43	42
\$2.00 - 2.99	50	39
\$3.00 - 4.99	56	36
\$5.00 - 7.99	44	39
\$8.00 - 9.99	11	10
\$10.00 - 14.99	11	8
\$15.00 & over	5	5
	<u>283</u>	<u>211</u>

The above pledges include United Synod Advance

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BRIGHTON
REFORMED CHURCH

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Jennie Yost	January, 1964
Mr. Earl Potter	March, 1964
Mr. William Ross, Sr.	April, 1964
Mr. Charles Purdy	August, 1964
Mr. Abram DeKoker	August, 1964
Mrs. Mary DeCook	August, 1964
Mr. Guy Howell	November, 1964

Jesus said: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go you know, and the way ye know. I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

OFFICERS

CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent	Mrs. Dora Howell
Treasurer	Mr. Ludger Beauchesne

GUILD FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

President	Mrs. Lois DeBrine
Vice President	Miss Shirley Hand
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Marge Burnham
Treasurer	Mrs. Ruth Vandewall
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Ella Bundschuh
Secretary of Education	Mrs. Mary Ruth Blakley
Secretary of Service	Mrs. Florence Woodhams
Secretary of Spiritual Life	Mrs. Roletta Kraai
Secretary of Organization	Mrs. Elinor DeVuyt

SUNDAY NITE CLUB

President	Mr. and Mrs. Alex Anderson
Vice President	Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lown
Secretary and Treasurer	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hornberger
Program Chairman	Mr. and Mrs. Theodore DeSoto
Social Chairman	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porteous

CHOIR

President	Mr. William Bergh
Vice President	Mrs. Marion Petty
Secretary	Miss Mary VandenBroecke

SENIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

President	Mr. Martin Howell
Vice President	Mr. James DeVuyt
Secretary	Miss Janice Blakley
Treasurer	Mr. William Tell

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

President	Miss Ruth DeVuyt
Vice President	Mr. Robert Willard
Treasurer	Miss Gloria Nelson
Secretary	Miss Cheryl Ayers

COMMITTEES

OFFICERS OF CONSISTORY

PRESIDENT	Rev. Gordon H. Curtis
VICE PRESIDENT	Mr. Isaac Hubregsen
TREASURER	Mr. Clarence DeLyser
CLERK	Mr. Emil Burger
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Mr. Edward DeBrine

DEACONS

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Teamerson, A. Chm.
DeRoo, H.
Stickles, D.
DeBrine, E.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

DeLyser, C. Chm.
Ross, Wm.
Stickles, D.
DeBrine, E.

IN MEMORIAM SUBCOMMITTEE

Engler, C. Chm.
DeRoo, W.
Stickles, D.
DeRoo, H.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Duffy, W. Chm.
Asbrooke, M.
Van Bortel, R.
Geihs, K.
Ayers, J.
Parks, K.

INTERIOR DECORATING
SUBCOMMITTEE

DeWitte, Ruth
DeLyser, Ruth
Curtis, Rhoda

ELDERS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DeVuyt, John Chm.
Anderson, A.
Olyslager, J.
Howell, D.
Blakley, M.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Dreier, C. Chm.
DeRoo, H.
Woodhams, Roland
Ross, Clara

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

DeVuyt, J. Chm.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Isaac Hubregsen, Chm.

SACRAMENTS AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Elliott, F. Chm.
DeWitte, R.
Porteous, R.

MUSIC SUBCOMMITTEE

Elliott, F.
Bergh, W.
Johnston, J.
Curtis, G.

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Willard, W. Chm.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MINISTER & CONSISTORY

This is the report of the Consistory and Minister. It describes the activities of men who have been charged to administer the programs of the Brighton Reformed Church during the past year.

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. BOARD OF DEACONS

1. SERVICE COMMITTEE

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Arthur Teamerson, this Committee has the responsibility for arrangements in all services of worship. The Committee invites individuals to act as ushers and greeters, distribute bulletins and otherwise serve the worshipping congregation as the need arises.

2. Finance Committee

This Committee, Mr. Clarence DeLyser, Chairman, is responsible for all aspects of a financial nature. This includes orderly accounting procedures in recording receipts and disbursements. It also includes accurate recording of individual pledge gifts and mailing of quarterly statements.

(a) In Memoriam Committee

This Committee, Mr. Chester Engler, Chairman, administers the funds received, usually in lieu of flowers, in memory of deceased loved ones. An established orderly procedure is now being followed so that all gifts are properly acknowledged. The Committee has a responsibility, not only in receiving funds, but of recommending expenditure of funds.

3. BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Walter Duffy has served as Chairman of this Committee which has oversight of three major buildings and three acres of land.

The Committee continues to deal with the problems of maintenance and repairs on a planned program of both short and long range.

A Subcommittee was appointed to survey the needs of Fellowship Lodge. Roland Woodhams was chairman. Months of work was involved with a final decision coming late in the year that only minor repairs be made now. Another Committee will be appointed to study the long range financing of major work on the Lodge.

During the past year the major project was the re-surfacing of the parking lot at a cost of \$1200. At the same time steps were taken to correct a bad water condition on the Shirley St. side of the property. The Committee also inaugurated a plan for replacement of radiators. A bad water condition was discovered and a new chemical treatment of boiler water is now being used to reduce damage by corrosion. At the request of the Monroe County Board of Health, the Committee also investigated the possibilities of installing a ramp for ease in bringing people in wheel-chairs into the church. No feasible plan was found, and so no action was taken.

The southeast corner (Pastor's Study and Office) has posed a problem of ventilation in the summer and fall months. A small unit air-conditioner was installed to correct this.

In addition to these matters, the Committee was constantly busy with the usual myriad of details in housekeeping, repairs and minor improvements to building and grounds. A debt of gratitude is owed both the Committee and the Sextons, Kurt Geihs and Ed Boehm, who are chiefly responsible for execution of the work.

(b) Interior Decorating Committee

This Subcommittee, consisting of Mesdames Ruth DeLyser, Ruth DeWitte and Rhoda Curtis, have made recommendations for decorating various parts of the church. The Parlor was painted and furnished with tables. The latter were gifts of the Guild. The Nursery was painted and is now being decorated. Presently the inside hallway is being lightened by a new paint job.

B. BOARD OF ELDERS

1. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Under the Chairmanship of Jack DeVuyt the men and women charged with matters of religious education meet monthly. This Committee has studied methods and materials by which our program is constantly being evaluated and up-graded if possible.

Because of the nature of our congregation (being widely spread) it was decided to discontinue Sunday School during the summer weeks of July and August.

Another matter studied was the availability of our facilities for a Weekday Nursery School with the hope that the facilities could be more fully utilized. Consistory approved this recommendation, but so far nothing has been done about the formation of a school. If the community people desire or need one, we are on record as being willing to offer our building.

The Board of Education continues to recommend the Faith and Life curriculum for our Church School, but in the Adult Department (Men and Women's Classes) the new curriculum of the Reformed Church is being used.

2. EVANGELISM

In this vital area of our church life, we still have no formal structure for guiding our work. Carl Dreier is Chairman of a formless Committee, made up of different people through the year. Calling is done by a small number of individuals upon families assigned by the Pastor.

We attempt to encourage a friendly reception for visitors at our worship services. We do have an orderly procedure for acknowledging their interest in us. This year 400 letters were mailed to every family in the Bobrich Apartments informing them of our church's program.

Shut-in visitation is conducted systematically by the Guild.

Visitation still continues on the basis of known need. Anyone desirous of an Elder call or a pastoral call is urged to let us know. No home in this congregation is knowingly overlooked. Each month the Pastor circulates a form and asks each Elder to suggest any calls that he knows ought to be made. It is necessary only to speak to them or the Pastor and let your desire be known.

3. STEWARDSHIP

Elder Jacob DeVuyt is responsible for this area of our concern. There is no committee. A hoped-for plan of regular stewardship education has not reached consummation as yet.

Our goal for this year appears to be unattainable. Many of our people are in arrears on pledges. Too many of our members are not sharing the burden. It falls, therefore, on the few who give generously. We hope this coming year to increase the awareness of our people to the needs of our benevolent program.

A special drive in the summer for our Annville Institute in Kentucky enabled us to contribute about \$800 toward new facilities there.

4. SACRAMENTS AND WORSHIP

Mr. Frank Elliott is Chairman of this Committee. The major concern this year was a study of Christian symbols and the selection of seven appropriate ones for the new windows.

New concerns are opening up. We have before us a study of Christian funerals, frequency of observing Holy Communion, and more adequate means for care of the chancel and communion materials.

A Subcommittee concerned with the ministry of music continues to serve and meets when necessary.

C. CHURCH RECORDS

The Brighton Church now reports 554 members in active standing. Last year we received 48 new members and dismissed 4. Not all of those dismissed were from the active membership.

We have performed 4 marriages and have brought the services of the pastor and church to 12 families on the occasion of a death in the family. We have baptized 24 infants and children.

D. GENERAL SERVICES

The work of our church would be impossible without secretarial assistance. We have the task of mailing approximately 23,000 pieces yearly plus frequent mailings on behalf of the Classis of Rochester. The Clarion continues to go out weekly; the NEWSLETTER monthly. Both of these seem to fill a need in our congregational life and therefore will be continued.

Our secretarial staff consists of Mrs. Rose Anderson and Mrs. Jean Ayers. The office is open daily from 9 to 4 o'clock, and the secretaries are always available to receive messages and make appointments for the pastor if he is out of the office.

2. PASTORAL

Some functions of our church life are peculiar to the office of minister.

A. CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

During the past year the pastor has made 48 calls upon our church families or those who look to us for guidance and help. Each month the Elders have an opportunity to suggest calls that ought to be made. Priority is still given to the sick and to the troubled, as it necessarily must be. As time permits calls are made by the pastor on new families, although we lean heavily on the Elders for such calls. If anyone is desirous of a pastoral visit, the surest and quickest way of arranging it is to call him at the office, or let an Elder know.

Increasingly a pastor's time is devoted to counseling and it is true, in your pastor's experience, that this is a much-needed ministry of the Christian Church.

In addition to visitation and counseling there is, of course, the usual task of preparing for worship services and for teaching opportunities. The Confirmation Class and the Men's Class absorb a goodly amount of time. To budget time is a problem of major proportions for most of us and your pastor is no exception. He tries to be in the office each week-day morning for administrative duties and for study. Each afternoon he tries to set aside for calling. Appointments for counseling are largely confined to the evenings except on those nights when several key committees are meeting.

B. INTERDENOMINATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In local affairs your Pastor is active in the Southeast Ministers' Association and as a committeeman of the Rochester Area Council of Churches. From time to time he is invited to provide vesper services at the Rochester Friendly Home.

C. CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER ACTIVITIES

Your Pastor continues to serve the one continuing executive position of Classis, the office of Stated Clerk. The office of the Classis is our church office and we serve as the hub of classical affairs.

This year your Pastor reluctantly resigned as a member of the Board of Superintendents, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and as a member of the Executive Committee. There were simply too many conflicts in time, and he was never free to attend meetings of the Board.

D. SYNOD OF ALBANY ACTIVITIES

As was the case last year the Pastor again serves in the Stewardship Committee of Synod. This is not an exacting or time-consuming responsibility but it does provide us with an opportunity to develop new procedures in stewardship education.

E. NATIONAL DENOMINATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Continuing to serve on the Stewardship Council of our Reformed Church, the pastor represents the Synod of Albany. As Chairman of the Budget Committee, he is involved in Executive Committee meetings that occur 4 times a year. Such meetings are usually held in a day and does not necessitate any long absences from the city.

This past year your Pastor was invited to be the missionary for a Seattle, Washington Church. With Consistory's approval, he accepted the invitation to preach and he was gone a full week in October. The PTR program is an intensive week-long project, a modern adaptation of the revival meetings of another generation.

3. CHURCH ACTIVITY

Several notable events occurred in the past year.

By Consistory action and with the cooperation of both the Guild and the Church School, a full share in the support of two missionaries was taken. We now have our ministry extended to India where Harry and Janet Pofahl are serving our Reformed Church. A little over a year ago they had a personal tragedy when their thirteen year old boy was killed in a train

4 EPILOGUE

Your pastor has labored long over the report of our past year's activities. His labors have not been the source of comfort and ease.

It can be truly said that we have existed for another 12-month period, but simple existence is hardly what the Christian church has been called for. We have paid our expenses; we have cared well for our property; we have met most, if not all, of our commitments.

At this writing, it is apparent that our benevolence giving will fall short of our hoped-for goal. We must make changes in our stewardship education. Lethargy is creeping upon us.

Our outreach falters. It is hard to tell what the chief underlying cause is but we have not invaded our community as we ought. Of the early disciples it was said, "These men...have turned the world upside down..." Certainly we could not be accused of this!

This coming year this church may expect increased efforts to deepen our spiritual awareness and to increase our responsiveness to the demands of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our purpose is only that: to proclaim the kingdom of God.

To Him be all the glory and honor.

FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH

RECEIPTS

	Actual 9 Month	Budget 9 Month
1964 Pledges	32,006.32	46,400.00
Loose Offering	1,141.55	
SPECIAL GIFTS:		
Current	407.31	
Benevolent	1,723.21	
Memorials	470.00	
Miscellaneous	124.47	
United Synod	3,755.50	
TOTAL	39,628.36	

DISBURSEMENTS

FOR CHURCH PROPERTY:

Fuel and Utilities	\$ 3,317.17	\$ 3,150.00
Maintenance and Repair	2,759.11	2,550.00
Insurance and Taxes	1,497.86	1,200.00
New Equipment	386.08	375.00
	<u>7,960.22</u>	<u>7,275.00</u>

FOR STAFF SALARIES:

Minister	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 5,850.00
Sextons	2,250.00	2,250.00
Grounds Maintenance	54.06	300.00
Secretarial	1,388.11	1,575.00
Choir Director and Organist	1,185.00	1,350.00
Pulpit Supply	225.00	225.00
	<u>10,952.17</u>	<u>11,550.00</u>

FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICES:

Music and Choir	\$ 251.69	\$ 225.00
Car Allowance	450.00	450.00
Pension Fund	538.20	525.00
Classis Dues	540.00	825.00
Publicity and Office Expense	1,037.39	1,125.00
Religious Education	1,512.09	1,875.00
Miscellaneous	138.43	225.00
	<u>4,467.80</u>	<u>5,250.00</u>

FOR DEBT SERVICE:

Annual Principal Payment	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00
Interest	1,517.71	1,500.00
	<u>5,267.71</u>	<u>5,250.00</u>

TOTAL OPERATING

\$28,647.90	\$29,325.00
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1965 BUDGET (proposed)

	1964 Budget	Proposed 1965
FOR CHURCH PROPERTY:		
Fuel and Utilities	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200
Maintenance & Repair	3,400	3,300
Insurance & Taxes	1,600	1,500
New Equipment	500	1,200
	<u>\$ 9,700</u>	<u>\$10,200</u>
FOR STAFF SALARIES:		
Minister	\$ 7,800	\$ 8,000
Sextons	3,000	3,200
Grounds Maintenance	400	200
Secretarial	2,100	2,300
Choir Director & Organist	1,800	1,800
Pulpit Supply	300	300
	<u>\$15,400</u>	<u>\$15,800</u>
FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICES:		
Music & Choir	\$ 300	\$ 300
Car Allowance	600	700
Pension Fund	700	750
Classis Dues	1,100	1,100
Publicity & Office Expense	1,500	1,500
Religious Education	2,500	2,500
Miscellaneous	300	300
	<u>\$ 7,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,150</u>
FOR DEBT SERVICE		
Annual Principal Pay	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Interest	2,000	1,800
	<u>\$ 7,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,800</u>
Sub - Total	<u>\$39,100</u>	<u>\$39,950</u>
FOR BENEVOLENCES:		
General Synod	\$14,050	\$14,050
Classis and Particular Synod	1,350	1,350
Non-Denominational	800	800
	<u>\$16,200</u>	<u>\$16,200</u>
UNIFIED BUDGET ADVANCE	<u>\$55,300</u>	<u>\$56,150</u>
UNITED SYNOD ADVANCE (Pledges)	\$ 6,900	\$ 6,900

CHOIR

The Chancel Choir has a current membership of eighteen voices and is yet in need of additional singers. In order to assure the church of vital musical organization, the congregation must provide a constantly growing membership and cannot afford to be satisfied with the maintenance of a "just-enough-to-get-by" group.

With our already eighteen voices, and by adding ten more members, which would include 2 more sopranos, 1 more tenor and 4 more basses, this could be considered a minimum membership choir.

A goal of expanding membership is not unrealistic but is a necessity without which the choir will eventually cease to exist for want of personal support and vitality.

JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir presently has a membership of twelve voices, less than half enough for musical performance and about only 18% of the available potential membership.

It is generally agreed that youth choirs have two reasons for their existence: primarily, to service the Church School worship program and, secondarily, to provide experience in church music as an incentive for later and, hopefully, life-long participation in the Church's music program.

It is suggested that our current organization accomplishes neither task and that the program be scrutinized keeping the two goals in mind.

senior citizens

The Senior Fellowship meets the third Wednesday of each month for EATS and FUN. It could be a sandwich lunch or a POT-LUCK dinner, but always there is coffee. Entertainment could be pictures, an old-fashioned spelling bee, or a hat show. A Christmas party will be coming up. Through our change offering we can afford to share with others at times. We donated \$10.00 to the Appalachian fund of our church and \$10.00 to the Gospel Mission.

There is no age limit to joining our group, all you need is a sense of humor.

CHURCH SCHOOL

A total number of 33 teachers taught each Sunday from the Kindergarten Department through the Adult Department during the 1963-64 church school period of October 6th through June 28th. There are 5 substitutes and 3 youth assistants; and an average attendance of about 178 out of an enrollment of 217.

Absenteeism is watched closely with an end of the month report submitted to Rev. Curtis to be kept in the church office files.

Faith and Life Curriculum was used for all classes, graded to their level and dated for the designated Sunday.

Bertha Crawford heads the audio-visual department and checks with each department for their needs. The Faith and Life Curriculum publishes a chart which suggests the filmstrips that pertain to the grades and dated lessons. Many filmstrips have been borrowed from Rundel Library and the Council of Churches for specific use. Some films and slides that are considered useful to our own library may be purchased for future use.

The nursery department is staffed with 3 women each Sunday to care for babies through age 2½.

The Religious Education Committee consists of: Ruth DeLyser, John Olyslager, Alex Anderson, Rev. Curtis, Mary Ruth Blakley, Dora Howell and Jack DeVuyt as chairman. Its duties are delegated by the consistory to supervise educational endeavors of the church school. This committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month.

All offerings received from the classes are totaled and entered in the record book each Sunday. Once a year the Church School Stewardship Committee designates where the total should be used.

The Committee consists of the church school treasurer, one adult church school leader and one youth from each department from 4th through 12th grade.

This year checks totalling \$1,500.00 were mailed to the Board of North American Mission, Board of Foreign Mission and the Bureau of Indian Mission.

WOMEN'S GUILD

During 1964, the Guild has informed our women in many areas. We have had missionary emphases as well as topics on everyday problems. The year began with a study of India -- a timely subject since our Church now shares in the support of the Pofahl family there. We also took a look at the situation in Kentucky. Also on the list of subjects was cancer -- an ever prevalent disease.

In May, we had a wonderful turn out of mothers and daughters for a banquet. After the dinner, we enjoyed the "Autobiography of a Church Pew".

Our service projects have been many and varied. We gathered clothes for Annville, Kentucky. Sewing was done for the Day Care Center for Retarded Children. Quilts have been sent to a mission station. We participated in the Pine Rest Christian Hospital's Annual Sale Day by sending articles for them to sell. And again this year at Christmas-time, we will fill baskets for the needy in our own city.

Financial support of mission projects was increased over 1963. The budget for current expenses was decreased so our missionary giving could show this increase. The largest item was the partial support of the two missionary families adopted by our Church.

We are about to change circle memberships for another two years. There are a great many women still not on our active membership list. You are urged to come to our Guild meetings and our monthly Circle meetings. You will be spiritually enriched. You will become better acquainted with your Church, its members and the work your Church is doing for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. Do join us in our efforts to spread God's word to all parts of the earth.

Financial Report -----Jan. 1, to Nov. 15, 1964

Receipts	Balance Jan. 1,	\$ 859.97
Circles	452.96	
Guild Meeting Offerings	186.75	
Suppers and receptions	509.28	
Sale of Church plates	64.75	
Misc.	<u>101.10</u>	
		<u>1314.84</u>
		<u>\$2174.81</u>
Disbursements		
Board of World Missions		
House of Happiness	30.00	
Undesignated gift	<u>50.00</u>	80.00
Board of North American Missions		
Winnebago Home	30.00	
East Harlem Parish	50.00	
Undesignated gift	<u>50.00</u>	130.00
Board of Education		50.00
National Bd. of Women's Work		158.00
Rochester Classical Union		
Foreign project	35.00	
Mexico	75.00	
Madanapelle School	75.00	
Domestic project	45.00	
Christmas Box Money	<u>50.00</u>	280.00
Rochester Council of Churches		25.00
United Church Women		115.00
Brighton Reformed Church		
The Pofahl Missionary share		250.00
The Ratmeyers Missionary share		250.00
Brighton Reformed Church		
Clock, tables, linens, silverware(parlor)	245.33	
Gospel Mission	25.00	
East Harlem Prot. Parish	50.00	
Program and films	77.92	
Postage	60.51	
Misc.	<u>123.19</u>	
		<u>\$1920.19</u>
	Balance Nov. 15	\$ 254.62

SENIOR HIGH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Starting out the year of 1964, for Senior High C.E.'ers was the LeTourneau Retreat on February 14, 15 and 16. On March 12th our Constitution was passed. We again had the Fanny Farmer Easter candy sale but this year's profits were used largely for others. Donations for HELP, missionaries, our orphan, Reformed Church World Service, County, State and International Christian Endeavor totaled \$420. The other 40% went for conventions and conferences.

During the summer many C.E.'ers attended Camp Fowler and LeTourneau Summer Assembly, returning again in the fall for a Fowler Retreat on September 25, 26, 27.

A newspaper, the Christian Echo was begun, its initials corresponding with those of our group. Also established this fall was a paperback and college catalog library in the Youth Room. All books in the library have been donated. It will be appreciated if anyone in the congregation having a good paperback book suitable for our library would donate it.

This year we decided to participate in the C.E. citizenship project and urged church members to vote. We have also had fellowship with Negro churches. In January, we had a goulash party and games with youth from Atlantic Avenue Baptist Church. In November, we were invited to a dinner at New Bethel A.M.E. Church, the newest member of Monroe-Wayne C.E..

All this past year, Senior High C.E.'ers have been entertaining children after supper at the monthly family nights.

Our advisors are Mr. George Field and Mrs. Mary Ruth Blakley and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Anderson are our social advisors.

JUNIOR HIGH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The Junior High C.E. is made up of grades 7, 8 and 9. We now have about 35 members. We meet every Sunday night from 7 to 8, and about once a month for a social program.

These are some of the activities we participated in this year. The County C.E.'ers went to a conference at Camp LeTourneau in January of this year. About 18 people attended from our C.E. Easter Day began with an Easter Dawn Service at Cobbs Hill, following that we had breakfast at the Fellowship Lodge. A County C.E. picnic was held in September. East Bethany, N.Y. was the setting for the Western Regional Conference of the New York Christian Endeavor Union in October.

This year we are making Thanksgiving baskets for the shut-ins, and at Christmastime we are going to make fruit baskets and deliver them to shut-ins when we carol.

In our budget we include items such as support for a Korean Orphan, County, State and International C.E. Unions.

Our advisors for this year are Mrs. Ella Bundschuh and Mrs. Sadie DeRue. We are very grateful for the time and effort they spend with us during the year.

SUNDAY NITE CLUB

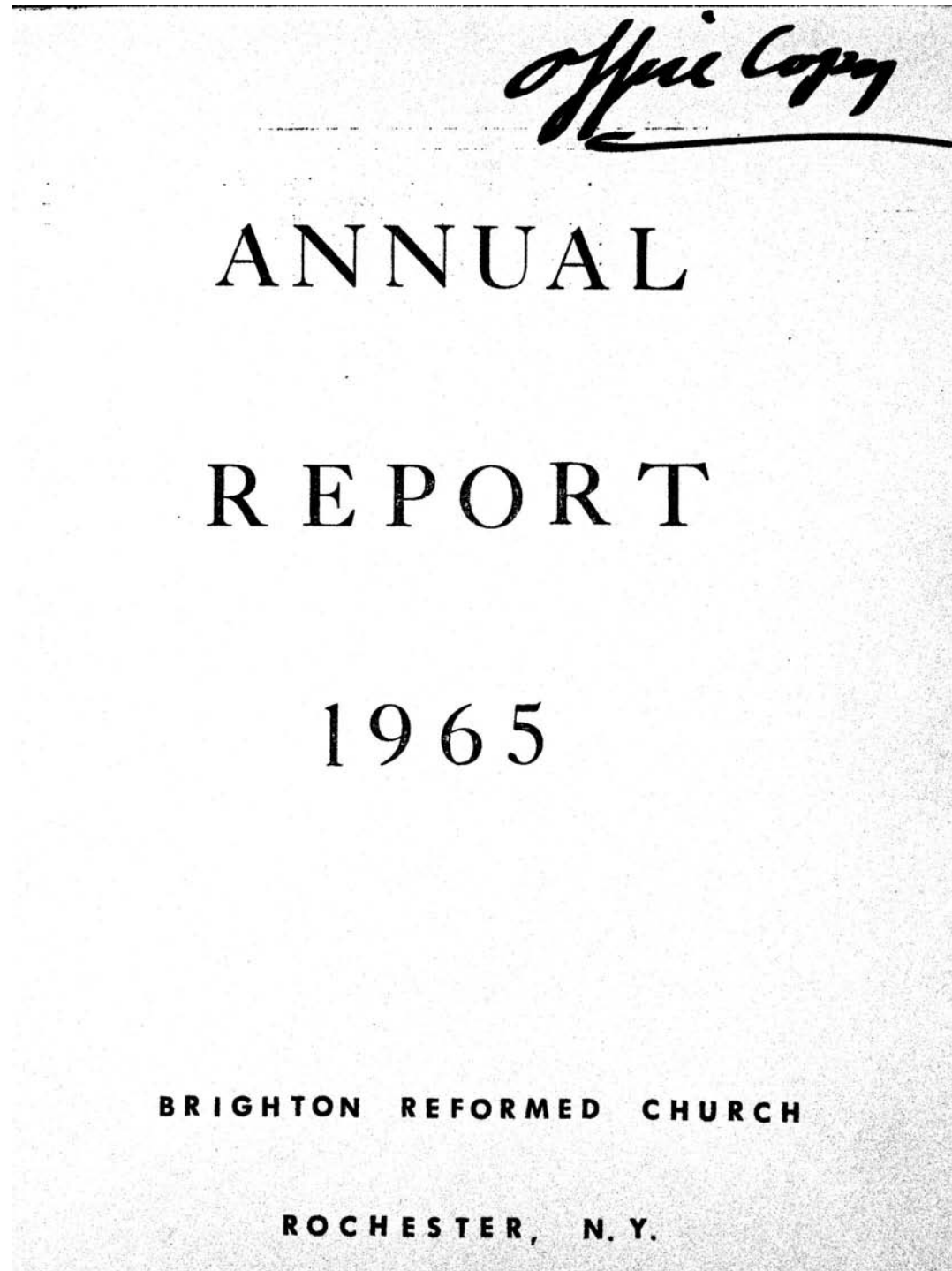
During 1964 the Sunday Nite Club enjoyed a full calendar of activities designed to enrich the mind and stimulate the taste buds. Among speakers to the Sunday Nite Club were: a bank-president who showed slides of his visit to the holy land, a freshman congressman (Frank Horton) who told of his experiences and impressions of Washington, a teacher who worked under fire in Viet Nam under the auspices of the U.S. State Department, and a psychologist who discussed adolescent problems and race relations.

Two clergymen of other faiths spoke to the Sunday Niters. Rabbi Phillip Bernstein was heard when the Club went to the new Temple B'Rith Kodesh last March, and Father David Murphy, dean of St. Andrew's Seminary, came to Brighton Reformed Church recently to talk about "Protestant-Catholic Relations."

Pancakes in February, hot dogs and games in June, and the annual in June, and the annual Bar B Q and Rally in September helped to round out the Club's program.

The Club continued to support its Chinese orphan in Hong Kong, a girl who has been supported by the Club for several years.

The year's activities will be capped by a Christmas Party for the entire congregation on December 18th.



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Miss Dianne Anderson
Mr. William Tell

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Secretary
Treasurer

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Miss Darnise Parks
Mr. Robert Willard

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Teamerson, A.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Kraai, P. Chm.

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Bergh, W.
Trebert, Grace
Curtis, G.

MEMORIAM

Mr. Peter Ghyzel	March,	1965
Mr. Edward DeCook	July,	1965
Mrs. Jennie Scheerens	October,	1965
Mr. Edward Chambery	November,	1965

Jesus said: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go you know, and the way ye know. I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MINISTER & CONSISTORY

This is our report on activities of various kinds in our congregational life during the year of our Lord, 1965.

Like the annual report of most American industries, we can recount in glowingly optimistic terms some of the aspects of our church life. On the other hand candor makes us to be far more cautious in our evaluation of other aspects of our church.

Statistics seem to say that in the United States, this past year, church membership grew at a rate faster than population growth. This reverses a long trend downward over the past decade. However while church membership was growing so hopefully, church attendance has been dropping by significant degrees each year for the past seven years. It seems, however, according to data available to us that our congregation has been most loyal. Our attendances on worship have not fallen off -- and if the measure of our dedication were taken by the criteria of stewardship, then this year has been our finest year.

First, let us review the year, not strictly chronologically but roughly so.

The year started, appropriately enough, with an observance of Holy Communion. On that Sunday William Ross and Peter Kraai were installed to the office of Elder. George Field was installed to the office of Deacon and Wencel Gardner and Russell Bushart were ordained and installed as Deacons.

The first major event of the year was a union meeting of the four Rochester area Reformed Churches held at Second Reformed to hear Dr. Howard Hageman speak on the unity we have with the Presbyterians. We were much inspired by Dr. Hageman's usual challenging message. The matter of merger with the Presbyterian, South grew more and more relevant, until by year's end the Joint Committee had scheduled its first Convocation to commence drafting a Plan of Union. Your Pastor was appointed by the President to be a Consultant-at-large to assist in the original draft.

A second major event was the February Mission Weekend when Edwin and Ruth Luidens came to speak to our four churches on the subject of our world mission. The style of this meeting, having been established the preceding year most satisfactorily, saw our congregations gathered for a dinner meeting in Fellowship Lodge. Another session was arranged for the Consistorymen and their wives and still a third session, at Lakeview, with the youth. It was a full and thrilling weekend, as many friends of the Luidens' will remember.

In the area of women's work our Guild held its regular monthly circle meetings throughout the year. There were several events worthy of special note however. In March, Mr. Ralph Rogers, a teacher at the University of Rochester and formerly a Peace Corps worker in Africa, spoke to a Guild meeting. The Triennial, a nation-wide convocation of women, was held in Chicago on April 20-22 and was attended by several of our women. On the lighter side, a Hat Party was held in April and in May a most successful Mother and Daughter Banquet. Memorable, especially to many of the smaller daughters, was Mary Poppens (Mrs. Marion Petty) who brought some lovely entertainment.

Our men had several opportunities to meet other men of the Reformed Churches during the year. At the local level, the Men's Communion Breakfast, now an annual event, was held on Passion Sunday, April 4th. Our brethren of the four Rochester Churches joined with us. Arrangements were under the direction of Mr. Frank Elliott. The Elders and Deacons meeting, at the Classical level, gave an opportunity for our men to hear Dr. Wallace Jamison, President of New Brunswick Seminary. The meeting was held in the Interlaken Church but was very poorly attended. This was unfortunate for Dr. Jamison is one of our more inspiring speakers and a very knowledgeable person. At the national level, the Reformed Men's Convention was held in Grand Rapids. A somewhat larger delegation attended this meeting.

On April 9th First Reformed was host to the Hope College Symphonette, a visit sponsored by the cooperation of our four churches. This is always a delightful evening of fine music and invariably strengthens the ties between our people and the Reformed Church colleges. We look forward to two visits in the year 1966, one from Hope College and, for the first time, a visit by the Annville Institute Choir from our mission school in Kentucky.

Our Church School, Junior Department, took on an interesting project of purchasing a calf for Annville Institute. Under the able direction of the Jacob DeVuyts this project was enlivened by bulletin board displays and was instrumental in raising \$125 to purchase a calf.

Also in the area of youth work our young people participated in the annual Christian Endeavor Birthday Banquet on February 1st. On April 15th a few hardy young folks gathered with their friends from the other area Reformed Churches for a Sunrise Service on Easter morning atop Cobb's Hill. This was an unusually chilling experience, weatherwise, but the spirit was warming. The highlight of the year, however, comes in September when the young folks travel by bus to Camp Fowler for a Fall Weekend Retreat. This year, a very large group left Brighton Church in two buses. The trip was marred only once by a flat tire, but the meetings and activities at Camp Fowler always makes this a very large event in the life of our youth groups.

On May 16th fifteen young people made confession of their faith and were confirmed at a service of dedication. The young people had been studying with the pastor for eight months in preparation. The Consistory examined the class prior to their confirmation.

During the year several events of general interest to the Reformed Church took place. At Williamsville, on May 23rd, a new church was dedicated. Several of our members journeyed there for the event. Quite unexpectedly and suddenly the Pastor, the Rev. Floyd Nagel, died a few weeks after. On October

10th your Pastor preached the sermon at the Interlaken Church on the occasion of the installation of its pastor, Rev. Johan Mulder. The Fall Session of Classis of Rochester re-elected your pastor for a second 3-year term as Stated Clerk of Classis.

At General Synod in June, the Reformed Church voted favorably on the ordination of women to the office of Elder and Deacon. The Classes now must ratify this by a 2/3 vote before it becomes effective. Also by a resounding vote, Synod approved taking the next step toward merger with the Presbyterian Church, United States (PCUS). A draft of the plan of union is now being worked on by the Joint Committee of Twenty-Four.

At the beginning of our year the Sunday Nite Club met on January 17, 1965 and heard a talk by Lieutenant Sparacino of the Rochester Police Bureau. It was a very informative evening. A pancake supper was held on February 12th by the Sunday Nite Club. There were no further meetings during the year; the Club never re-grouping. The men of Consistory, hopefully, will review the need for and advisability of re-establishing this group.

Also in our congregational life we had a change in our ministry of music. Mr. Jack Johnston, who had been with us nearly two years and who was doing graduate work at Eastman School of Music, left us in the summer to take up residence in Ohio. Jack was given a most attractive fellowship grant of money to compose high school music -- one of his first loves. In September the position of Director of Music was filled by Mrs. Grace Trebert who has brought to us a wonderfully balanced program of music and a very congenial spirit. The choir has grown, both in numbers and musically under her direction.

September 1965 saw a few innovations in our church's outreach and education. The Browncroft Cooperative Day Nursery has been formed, using our educational facilities. Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday the church building is enlivened by the presence of 18 four-year-olds and their teacher. Though this school has no organic unity with our church, nevertheless we have mutually enjoyed a most wonderful relationship. Mrs. Elinore DeVuyt is our representative on their Board of Directors.

A second innovation in September was a planned schedule of preaching by the pastor on texts in the Gospel of Luke. A group of adults, meeting on Sunday evenings, discussed these texts and sermons.

Sunday, September 12, 1965, marked a most glorious event which will long be remembered by many of us. On that day 28 of our senior members who have been in our church for at least fifty years were honored. Elsewhere in this report will be found a list of those so honored. A group photograph was taken and later presented to each person.

In the closing weeks of the year our congregation was invited to participate in the building of a new gymnasium for our Southern Normal School in Brewton, Alabama. A special financial drive netted our goal of \$600 for this purpose.

Elsewhere the reader will find a report on the financial aspects of our mission. Particularly noteworthy, and it should be said here, is the fact that

for the first time in our church's history we have exceeded \$20,000 to benevolent objects. Your Consistory has kept the pressure on itself through the whole 12 month period to increase our benevolences. The results are most gratifying. Be sure to examine this financial report. Also, it should be noted, we have attempted to be good stewards. We have been able to keep well within budgetary anticipations. Despite a few unforeseen expenses of emergency nature, we have managed to keep our local expenses down to budgeted levels. In fact for ourselves we have spent less in 1965 than in 1964!

This report would be incomplete without the acknowledgement of the services of our staff.

Our sextons, Mr. Kurt Geihs and Ed Boehm, continue to give us yeoman service. The demands of our large property and buildings are great. In both maintenance and repair their work has been exacting and almost limitless.

Our Church Secretary, Mrs. Jean Ayers, has provided most efficient management of the office, particularly in the absence of the pastor. We still mail over 20,000 pieces through the year. Adding to this task is the frequent demand for secretarial services of our organizations. Her loyalty and efficient work is most appreciated.

And finally in the area of music, we rejoice in the wonderful way Mrs. Grace Trebert has entered into our church life. Her work with our choir in both rehearsal and worship, and in special services is highly commendable.

We look forward to an even greater year in 1966 in our mission to community, nation and world. In closing we might think about the mission of our church which has been defined by our men who are preparing a statement for the proposed new church combining our Reformed Church and Presbyterian Church.

"The mission of the Church is to glorify God. This means the Church will (1) worship God; (2) witness to the Gospel; (3) serve a needy world in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; (4) seek guidance, strength, renewal and education for her mission." Stated in different terms, the mission of the church is to stand with all men in their human condition in such a way that they are reconciled to one another and to God through Jesus Christ.

Let us keep always in focus this which is our primary cause for being in existence, and add to it our prayers that one may be still more effective in 1966 to glorify God in all that we do.

G.H.C.

BENEVOLENCES

GENERAL SYNOD

Staff Conference \$ 9,500.00

Board of North American Missions

Brewton	\$ 594.00
Brewton (Guild)	108.00
Ratmeyer	750.00
Scholarships	500.00
Annville (Youth)	20.00
Annville (School)	125.00
Annville (Guild)	75.52
East Harlem	25.00
Mexico (Guild)	<u>122.00</u>

2,319.52

Board of World Missions

Church World Service (Guild)	40.00
Ravemco	40.00
BWM	75.00
India (Guild)	113.00
Church World Service (SOS)	<u>635.06</u>

903.06

Board of Education

Women's Work	20.00
Youth Goal	60.00
Hope	25.00
New Brunswick Seminary	625.06
New Brunswick (USA)	<u>3058.03</u>

3,788.09

Board of Pensions

Orphans (Guild)	50.00
Kirkside (Guild)	<u>40.00</u>

90.00

TOTAL GENERAL SYNOD

\$16,600.67

PARTICULAR SYNOD AND CLASSIS

U.S.A.	\$1529.02
Camp Fowler	550.00
Church Extension	<u>2077.50</u>

\$ 4,156.52

OTHER BENEVOLENCES

Police Bureau	\$ 25.00
Allied Forces	10.00
National Council	50.00
State Council	150.00
Rochester Council	550.00
United Women	150.00
Gospel Mission	150.00
Elim School	5.00
Youth C.E.	50.00
Orphan Fund (Youth)	<u>140.49</u>

\$ 1,280.49

TOTAL BENEVOLENCES

\$22,037.68

Letter from the Pofahls, our Missionary family in Katpadi,
North Arcot District, India.

"...Starting on the first of December the Christians have what they call a "budgenai". This is one custom we will never forget. From the first of December, it seems that they are preparing themselves for the Christmas morning. They come singing what we would call carols from any time after midnight. Usually they get here about four in the morning. We are first awakened when they are about a quarter of a mile away. They sing with great joy and happiness. They do not sing our familiar Christmas carols but their own lyrics to the accompaniment of drums, cymbals, etc. You can sense that they are joyful and praising God.

"It is the custom to raise the Christian flag in front of the village church on the first of December, or the first week in the month. We as a family were invited to "hoist the flag" at two villages but we could not get to one village because the river was in flood. We were able to get to one village because it is near and we have no river to cross. Our family plus the pastor and two laymen went by jeep. We all sat on chairs in front of a table. All the Christian families sat on the ground in front of us. In the distance we could hear singing and shouts of joy as the young people circled the village carrying the flag. Soon they came to where we were. They were carrying gasoline lanterns as there is no electricity in the village. They presented us with garlands and fruit. Janet had the honor of hoisting the flag. As the flag reached the top of the mast it unfurled and a shower of flower petals came down around us. What joy and rejoicing as the flag unfurled. A witness to the power of Christ for the whole village to see. Harry gave a short talk and the pastor read scripture concerning the Lord's birth.

"Harry has been very busy. Getting work for 27 cottage workers, who build furniture, and looking after 51 boys who are enrolled in the carpentry course takes up much of his time. We rejoice that we have been able to re-roof the section where the boys study and work. The old roof, tile, had been put on in the early 1900's. Now we have a new asbestos sheet roof that is in no danger of falling on them. Along with this he is helping some of the village churches to erect roofs on the walls they have built. This is a very rewarding work as we get to know the village people better. This helps for a better understanding of their problems. We thank those of you have sent gifts to help them build a place of worship.

Again thanks for your many letters, gifts and above all your prayers that help to sustain us."

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

January 1, 1965 - December 31, 1965

Balance - December 31, 1964		\$ 5,553.33
RECEIPTS:		
Pledge Payments	\$44,000.31	
Loose Offering	1,317.28	
Special Gifts:		
For Current Expenses	2,689.48	
For Benevolence:		
Church School	\$1,100.00	
Christian Endeavor	50.00	
Guild for Christian Service	625.00	
Christmas Envelopes	24.25	
Thanksgiving Env.	35.60	
Ash Wednesday Env.	123.22	
Brewton	383.22	
Annnville, Ky.	25.00	
Camp Fowler	105.00	
Day's Wage	23.00	2,850.29
Miscellaneous:		
Church Herald - 1966	180.00	
Congregational Dinner	110.79	290.79
TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS		\$51,148.15
NON-OPERATING RECEIPTS		
Memorial Fund	\$ 690.50	
United Synod Advance	4,587.05	5,277.55
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$56,425.70
TOTAL CASH		\$61,979.03
DISBURSEMENTS:		
*Benevolence	\$15,881.56	
Classis Dues	1,108.00	
Debt Reduction - Long Term	5,000.00	
Interest on Long Term Debt	1,757.28	
SALARIES:		
Minister - Annual	\$8,000.00	
Car Allowance	700.00	8,700.00
Secretarial		2,317.25
Sexton		3,200.00
Organist and Choir Director		1,500.00

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Pulpit Supply	\$ 305.00	
Contributory Annuity Fund	735.96	
Utilities	4,266.24	
Publicity and Office Supplies	1,433.57	
Religious Education	1,522.06	
Maintenance and Repair	2,790.19	
Maintenance (Ground)	10.75	
Taxes	410.54	
Insurance	1,096.33	
Music	197.62	
Equipment Account	889.50	
Miscellaneous	840.34	
TOTAL OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS		\$53,962.19
NON-OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS:		
Memorial Fund	660.50	
United Synod Advance	4,587.05	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 5,247.55
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$59,209.74
BALANCE - December 31, 1965		\$ 2,769.29
*BENEVOLENCE DISBURSEMENTS:		
Staff Conference	\$ 9,500.00	
Classis of Rochester		
Church Extension	2,077.50	
New Brunswick Seminary	550.00	
Board of North American Missions		
Ratmeyer	750.00	
Brewton	594.00	
S.O.S.	625.06	
Camp Fowler	550.00	
New York State Council of Churches	150.00	
Rochester Area Council of Churches	500.00	
National Council of Churches	50.00	
Miscellaneous		
Allied Forces Inc.	10.00	
Police Benevolence Assoc.	25.00	
R.C.A. Board of Education	500.00	
TOTAL	\$15,881.56	

January, 1966 Donald J. Stickles, Treasurer

BUDGET COMPARISON1965

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variable</u>
FOR CHURCH PROPERTY:			
Fuel and Utilities	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,266.24	\$ (66.24)
Maintenance and Repair	3,300.00	2,790.19	509.81
Insurance and Taxes	1,500.00	1,506.87	(6.87)
New Equipment	1,200.00	889.50	310.50
	<u>\$10,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,452.80</u>	<u>\$ 747.20</u>
FOR STAFF SALARIES:			
Minister	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	-----
Sextons	3,200.00	3,200.00	-----
Grounds Maintenance	200.00	10.75	189.25
Secretarial	2,300.00	2,317.25	(17.25)
Choir Director and Organist	1,800.00	1,500.00	300.00
Pulpit Supply	300.00	305.00	(5.00)
	<u>\$15,800.00</u>	<u>\$15,333.00</u>	<u>\$ 467.00</u>
FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICES:			
Music and Choir	\$ 300.00	\$ 197.62	\$ 102.38
Car Allowance	700.00	700.00	-----
Pension Fund	750.00	735.96	14.04
Classis Dues	1,100.00	1,108.00	(8.00)
Publicity and Office Expense	1,500.00	1,433.57	66.43
Religious Education	2,500.00	1,522.06	977.94
Miscellaneous	300.00	840.34	(540.34)
	<u>\$ 7,150.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,537.55</u>	<u>\$ 612.45</u>
FOR DEBT SERVICE:			
Annual Principal Payment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	-----
Interest	1,800.00	1,757.28	42.72
	<u>\$ 6,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,757.28</u>	<u>\$ 42.72</u>
FOR BENEVOLENCES			
General Synod	\$14,050.00	\$13,069.06	\$ (980.94)
Classis and Particular Synod	1,350.00	2,077.50	727.50
Non-Denominational	800.00	735.00	(65.00)
	<u>\$16,200.00</u>	<u>\$15,881.56</u>	<u>\$ (318.44)</u>
UNIFIED BUDGET ADVANCE	<u>\$56,150.00</u>	<u>\$53,962.19</u>	<u>\$ 2,187.81</u>
UNITED SYNOD ADVANCE	<u>\$ 6,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,587.05</u>	<u>\$ (2,312.95)</u>

Donald J. Stickles, Treasurer

GUILD

The Women's Guild for Christian Service undertook and executed a full and varied program in 1965. Both spiritual and educational topics were presented at monthly Circle and bi-monthly Guild meetings. Numerous service projects were completed for which our group can be proud, and fourteen "shut-in" members of our congregation were visited and remembered by the four circles throughout the year.

Five of our women traveled to Chicago April 20-22 for the Second National Triennial of Reformed Church Women. Many others were able to attend the Spring Conference at Lakeview Community Church and the Fall Conference in Palmyra. During the summer (August 3-6) the Women's Synodical Conference convened at Camp Fowler. "For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory" was the continuous theme during 1965.

In brief, highlights of the year's programs included: a "Guest Night" Pot Luck Supper, after which Mr. Ralph Rogers showed his fine slides of Africa where he served with the Peace Corps; early in April a "Hat Party" was directed by Grace Holden and enjoyed by many; in May a Mother-Daughter Banquet was prepared by Florence Woodhams and her committee.

This past Fall we were privileged to have two exceptional devotional programs. Dr. Ralph Sockman's film "The Lord's Prayer" was shown at the September 28th Guild meeting. A special service of recommitment was held in the Chapel on the evening of October 14th, and to Roletta Kraai, Spiritual Life secretary, goes our thanks for a refreshing evening.

A Birthday party, complete with cake and "gift packages" commemorated the Fifth Anniversary of the National Department of Women's Work at the final Guild meeting of the year.

From the 1965 record these interesting facts and figures are recalled: the Missionary Baby Roll registered 15 children whose \$1.00 contribution will help needy children in Nebraska and Arabia. Ruth Vandewall is responsible for this large number of enrollments.

Approximately 1,000 bandages were rolled, packed and sent to New York City for overseas mission work. Special commendations go to Minnie Zonneville and Sarah Cambier who rolled some 300-400 bandages alone!

Two large boxes of used Christmas cards were sent to Annville, many good, warm blankets were collected for migrant workers, 19 yards of material were donated to the Rochester Council of Churches for sending abroad, 293 pounds of clothing were sent to Church World Service, 38 people in several families received gifts at Christmas, and the Gospel Mission acquired an outstanding \$85.02 as our White Gift.

OFFICERS FOR 1966 and 1967

Vice President	Ruth DeWitte
Corresponding Secretary	Bonnie Wentworth
Secretary of Education	Sadie Mae DeRue
Secretary of Service	Florence Field

CIRCLE CHAIRMEN

Grace:	Sarah Cambier
Loyalty:	Sybil Miller
Faith:	Elsie DeBaal
Charity:	Betty Rood

Respectfully submitted,
Elinore DeVuyt,
Organization Secretary

WOMEN'S GUILD FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1965

Balance January 1, 1965 \$ 360.75

Receipts:

Circle	\$ 802.69	
Guild Offerings	380.07	
Special Offerings		
Brewton	108.10	
Postage C.W.S.	17.35	
5th Anniversary	20.06	
Baby Roll	15.00	160.51
Dinners & Receptions	389.41	
Cards & Plates	25.85	
Annville Sale	71.60	
White Gift (Gospel Mission)	85.00	
Hat Sale	302.67	\$ 2,217.80
		\$ 2,578.55

Disbursements:

General Synod	\$	
Brewton Normal School	108.00	
Hope College	25.00	
Baby Roll	15.00	
Board of Pensions (Orphans)	50.00	
Church World Service	40.00	
Missionaries		
Pofahl--India	300.00	
Ratmeyers--N.A.	300.00	
Kirkside	40.00	
Ravemco	40.00	
East Harlem	25.00	
Annville - Sale of Goods	75.52	
New Brunswick	00	\$ 1,018.52

Classis:

Miscellaneous Benevolences \$ 405.00

Local:

Miscellaneous Benevolences \$ 250.00

Brighton Church:

Delegates	\$ 50.00	
Program material	129.73	
Postage and Misc.	65.30	
Miscellaneous	404.83	\$ 649.86

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

-2,323.38

Bank Balance December 31, 1965

\$ 255.17

CHURCH SCHOOL YEARLY REPORT

The year of 1965 has been an active and interesting year, studying to be a disciple in Jesus' community that forms His church. Our studies were on the topic of the "Church." History facts can be rather difficult to understand and yet they can become very interesting when one portion of facts are added to the others learned years before.

Not only have we studied and learned, we have also thought of the others in Jesus' community by bringing each Sunday our offering, which is totally used in many forms of helping others.

Some of these ways were as following:

- a) Mr. George Field helped us to assist in Gospel Tabernacle's food baskets for the holiday for those who have less than we. These baskets were filled and delivered by the Gospel Tabernacle workers. A thank-you note was received from them with many thanks for our thoughtfulness.
- b) The Junior Department took on the project of buying a calf for Annville. A large calf was drawn on paper and hung on the board. On Sunday as the offering of the department was counted it was chalked in until the whole area of the calf was filled. In finding the price of a calf, the remainder of the church school offered to assist in getting the rest of the funds. With the prices of today it was surprising how much it takes to obtain a calf. The church school enjoyed learning how much a calf is needed at Annville School.
- c) Little paper banks were given to be filled from November 28th through December 19th. The funds collected were added to these of the church to go toward building a gym at Brewton, Ala. We found that a gym is needed very badly for it must be much work to change one room for so many things that was done there.

The Primary Department changed their holiday thought by placing a fireplace where a tree would of been and on it they hung many pairs of socks. None of these were filled, as you would expect, but were hung by the pairs, and later sent to a missionary school at Dulce, New Mexico. James DeVuyt had the opportunity to be able to assist in the work on this school this summer past. The children who attend this school are Indian children. Films taken while James was there were shown to the children of the department on the last Sunday of the year.

During the Children's Day exercises, in June, many new Bibles were given to the children of the Primary Department who have passed through the third grade. These Bibles earned by their attendance to the church school, carefully checked from record books of the office.

The Junior Department found much enjoyment in going carolling to several families in the church. They took with them small brightly wrapped packages of fruit that each child had especially brought to the church that day.

The most important thing that is planned each year is the Christmas Pageant. This year it was presented with the assistance of many of the church people who worked behind the children who themselves presented the picture of the nativity before a well attended church body.

Many wonderful plans are in the progress for the coming years, but only hard and thoughtful work of many and all of us can make it a success.

Dora Howell, Superintendent

BRIGHTON REFORMED SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Balance - January 1, 1965 \$ 390.53

Receipts from Offerings

January	\$ 95.60
February	132.62
March	107.64
April	76.31
May	98.02
June	44.56
July	10.06
August	13.19
September	63.09
October	110.59
November	82.69
December	82.78
	<u>\$ 917.15</u>

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Miscellaneous Receipts

White Gift	\$ 10.00
Great Hour of Sharing	25.34
Men's Bible Class	25.00
Children's Day	41.31
Int. on Deposits	14.39
	<u>\$ 116.04</u>
	Total Receipts \$ <u>1,423.72</u>

Disbursements

Annville Institute	\$ 125.00
Brighton Church	600.00 (for Ratmeyer Missionary Fund)
Gospel Tabernacle	25.00
Brighton Church	500.00 (for scholarships)
White Gift	25.00
	<u>\$ 1,275.00</u>
	Total Disbursements \$ <u>1,275.00</u>
	\$ <u>148.72</u>

Balance January 1, 1966 \$ 148.72

Ludger Beauchesne, Treasurer

ANNUAL CONSISTORIAL REPORT

	1964	1965
I. MEMBERSHIP		
1. Active Communicants	534	538
2. Inactive Communicants	87	86
3. Baptized Non-Communicants	165	177
4. Total Baptized Membership	786	801
Gains		
5. Received on Confession	31	19
6. Received on Certificate	15	1
Losses		
7. Transferred	4	4
8. Deceased	7	4
9. Disciplined	0	0
10. Dropped	19	0
II. CHURCH FAMILIES	291	298
III. BAPTISM		
12. Infants	24	16
13. Adults	0	0
IV. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		
14. Received Catechetical Instruction	44	0
15. Attended Communicants' Classes	11	15
16. Enrolled in Sunday School	256	266
V. CHURCH HERALD SUBSCRIPTIONS	70	59
VI. CONTRIBUTIONS (\$)		
18. General Synod Benevolences	\$12,002	\$16,601
19. Part. Synod and Classical Benevolences	4,230	4,157
20. Other Benevolences	907	1,280
21. Congregational Purposes	38,576	38,081
VII. ATTENDANCE		
April-May-June	3,029	3,424
September-October-November	2,957	3,004

SCOUTING

Troop #74, Boy Scouts of America, meets every Wednesday evening in Fellowship Lodge under the direction of Scoutmaster John Nicholson.

Twenty-four boys are registered in this, the 36th year, of Troop 74's existence. Eight young men have transferred to Explorer Post 74.

The activities of this troop have been numerous and varied. The boys, with their leaders and adults, have made visits to the Fire Headquarters in Rochester, to Station WROC-TV and to the Public Safety Building where they saw the Police Bureau and the City Court.

Outdoor activities, which are so well known in scouting, included several overnight camp-outs at Camp Outler, and Seneca District Spring Camporee at Powdermill Park.

This summer 8 boys attended Camp Mountaineer at Massawepie.

On Feb. 10th, 1963 Scout Sunday was observed in our Church at which time all scouting institutions attended in a body. On March 6th, 1963 a Father and Son banquet was held at which time the charter was presented to the church and received by the Pastor and Institutional Representative. At the banquet 4 Tenderfoot Badges were awarded.

At the Court of Awards of April 10th, 1963 four boys were promoted to second-class and one boy received a Personal Fitness Merit Badge. Patrol and Assistant Patrol leaders for two patrols were elected. April 12th and 13th was the occasion for the Wide World of Scouting. Troop 74 participated in this event. Their theme was Knot Tying and they were awarded a blue ribbon.

This past Fall the Troop has participated in an overnight campout at Outler and at Mendon Ponds.

On November 13th, 1963 at the regular Court of Awards, 3 Tenderfoot Awards were made. Four second-class and two first-class awards. One boy received the Archery Merit Badge.

Troop 74 lost a very faithful friend upon the death of Mr. Albert VanderLyke. Mr. VanderLyke was constant in his devotion to the cause of scouting and helped in many ways in the administration of it's program. His death will be felt.

EXPLORER POST

Post 74 was chartered in February 1963 with 8 boys on the roll. It now has 15 boys registered.

Under the leadership of James Sutherland, and the advisors Jack Miller and Alex Anderson it carries out a more advanced program in scouting for boys 14 years of age and older. Some activities are bowling - hiking - hunting - swimming and even in 1964 boating.

BROWNIES GIRL SCOUTS

1. Started in May 1963 in Fellowship Lodge - a Brownie Troop #399 with 21 girls and two leaders

ACTIVITIES: -

1. Service Project making table decorations for a sanatorium
2. Hike overnight hike at the Y. W. C. A. Camp on Canandaigua Lake

2. Started September 1963 in Fellowship Lodge - a Girl Scout Junior troop #399 with 33 girls and 4 leaders plus a senior girl scout.

ACTIVITIES: -

1. Hike to Ellison Park for lunch
2. Service Project - 225 small baskets (made of construction paper) for a party given for the State Hospital by the 21st Ward.
3. Girls are working on badges for "Sign of the Arrow".
4. Donations for Christmas basket for the Church

LEADERS

Brownie - Doris Cash - Dorothy Radebaugh
 Girl Scouts - Doris Cash - Lois Simm - Geraldine
 Handler - Brenda Lingg
 Senior Scout - Terry Deerkake

Brownie Troop 334 under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Van Thof and Mrs. Harold Owens, with Peggy Owens assisting, meet on Wednesdays at 3:30 in Fellowship Lodge. There are twelve active girls in the troop. We recently went to the Art Gallery to see a display of landscape pictures. In a week we will be making Christmas decorations. Our troop has a shut-in, who is not really a shut in, Mrs. Elizabeth Wombwell. We will visit her, make up a basket and carol her at Christmas time and many more tasks in the coming year. We are sponsored by #46 School P. T. A.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

THE RESTLESS CHURCH

PREFACE

In 1963 the Anglican Church in Canada began to speak about becoming a "listening church". It engaged Pierre Berton, a former member of the Anglican communion, now an agnostic and Canada's best-known journalist and television-interviewer. Berton's book The Comfortable Pew broke all existing records in the history of Canadian publishing. It was a searching, scathing and controversial book that aroused all sorts of reactions. Berton was both condemned and praised by churchmen from one end of Canada and the U. S. to the other. It evoked a formal response in the form of still another book titled The Restless Church, a collection of sixteen essays by highly qualified men. Hence, the title of this report.

I mention all this in these prefatory remarks because both these books are significant; they should be read by all serious churchmen. Many phrases in this report will echo these essays, for it is an apt phrase accurately describing every denomination in the land, even our Roman Catholic brethren. The Christian church is indeed restless.

We've had a bad habit of turning away from critics outside the church. We write them off as "not one of us," a highly questionable practice in view of Christ's emphasis on mission to the world. Critics inside the church are no strangers either. We are more likely to listen to them but, as one writer says, "the curse of Protestantism is self-flagellation," whipping oneself.

With critics we've learned to live, but what deeply distresses many churchmen is the fact that the world yawns when confronted by the Christian gospel in action in our contemporary world. The church is ineffective; it is no longer communicating. It has become an institution having the "pretension of absolute rightness" that stifles dialogue and kills understanding. What's stopping the church from taking strong positions, Berton states, is the large mass of the laity who continue to prefer their pews comfortable. This is a judgment that may be debatable, but it must be taken seriously. Furthermore, by this "pretension of absolute rightness" dedicated people have extinguished any really effective communication because they don't have the ear of the community. "How can we show them we love them if we don't even know who they are?"

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It is not enough to know the Word of God. "If you who would preach and heal and convert would truly learn to do these things in a world that is shrinking to the size of a single community, and increasingly spending its time examining itself, you must send your soldiers into the world with the command 'Reverse your roles! Go among the people that they may teach you. Confess your sins to the people that they may forgive you and absolve you! For what does it profit a church if it saves its own soul but loses the whole world?'"

That we are too often concerned for ourselves is indicated by an almost obsessive concern for statistics. Are we growing? Do we have the largest Sunday School? How many members have we dismissed? Acquired?

One Presbyterian minister wrote "I'm tired of going to the same old meetings, hearing the same tired words bemoaning the lack of 'evangelism' because statistics are sagging and church membership is not growing as it should." He asks would Christ, should he come to town, notice how our pews are filled? Or would he notice the alcoholic desperately seeking a way out, a dope addict caught in his own hell, a couple whose marriage is crumbling, a teen-ager in trouble, people numb with boredom? Christ would see these things. Do we? Is the Spirit telling us to try a little harder with the old techniques, or is He telling us to be open to bold new ways - to be relevant? In our concern for our church let us not be deaf to the Spirit which may be trying to lead us into more meaningful ministries.

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Having said this, let me turn for a moment to statistics for the benefit of the prophets of gloom.

For the past fifteen years Brighton Church has received a steady flow of new members. In each five-year period 1953-1967 we've received about 160 members. This is neither increasing nor decreasing while many Protestant denominations are recording fewer numbers. During the past year we have received 41 new members, dismissed 6 members (only 4 from our active list), there have been 16 infants baptized.

Our benevolent giving in the 5-year period 1951 to 1956 totalled \$21,900; the second five-year period was \$41,000, and in the last five years, \$88,000. If anyone questions the growth in the world mission of this church, let him take into account this growth! And during this period our contributions for operating this church held almost constant, after adjustment for the new building drive.

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Your Consistory has been deeply concerned for our Church School enrollment, and we well might. Our reported statistics show a loss of 12%. It is a myopic view that sees this as a local malaise when it is an epidemic. So wide-spread is this drop-out that General Synod took cognizance of the fact. The significance of this general decrease is that it points to a need for major re-thinking in Christian education. Tinkering with the parts of the body is not going to heal this sickness. That radical surgery is required is the consensus of nearly every informed and concerned educator in the church.

II

It is the nature of annual reports to take a look backward. This is usually done with a glow of pride or the pall of gloom. I shall do neither and do it briefly.

Our year got started with two events from which we apparently have still not recovered. First, there was our involvement in the major fund drive of our denomination. Your Consistory devoted a large amount of time in discussing goals, finally agreeing on a \$24,000 goal which has been only 50% subscribed to this date. We have two alternatives here; one, to notify the Development Fund Office that we cannot meet our pledge or, two, we must encourage our people to support it as we hoped they would.

The second event was the general tension created by the Kodak-F.I.G.H.T. controversy. Though our own involvement was peripheral, nevertheless many of our people were distressed, and for different reasons. Your Consistory made a statement supporting the principle and deploring the practice of this indigenous community organization. While the issues have been apparently resolved, there has been felt a continuing backlash. It is fervently hoped that this tension will be relieved. Much good work is presently being done by F.I.G.H.T. and Rochester Jobs, Inc. is solving some of the employment problems among the inner city poor people. Some of our members deplore this tension. I think we must learn to live with tension. The Christian church is always in tension with the world. If it is not, it has surrendered its birthright to the world.

A third event, the renting of the parsonage, raised a surprising reaction among a few of our members. Your pastor deeply regrets whatever discord has arisen, but at the same time, he is at a loss to understand the reason for such discord. It should be clearly noted that the present

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arrangement has permitted a reduction in our operating costs, a fact that would seem to indicate responsible stewardship of church funds. I pray that patience, open-mindedness and the spirit of love will prevail to effect a reconciliation where it is needed.

This year marked the climax of our 75th-anniversary celebration. Under the guidance of a devoted committee, we had some wonderful times. A church history was published which was appreciated by most of our people. One memorable and joyful event was a church picnic. Though the first in many years, there are more to come. A date for 1968 has already been approved.

Several new projects were started this year. We have attempted to use our young people in worship services through their participation in a Bell Choir. So far we've enjoyed only partial success. Our leadership, Mrs. Nancy Alexander and Miss Betty Hand, is to be commended.

Our NEWSLETTER, a monthly publication, has been altered to provide a broader scope of coverage. Rather than simply printing local organizational news, we are now including a column on Religion in the News, what other denominations are saying and doing, and a column on recommended television programs for family viewing. We have never received the active support of our organizations to fully utilize this medium of communication, but will continue this publication as long as it appears to suit our purpose.

A new ministry is just now being developed for shut-ins. We are recording our worship services and will keep a library of tapes for playing in homes. Our members and friends are encouraged to use this service, particularly those who cannot attend worship over a long period. Enough. Now that we've looked into the rear view mirror, let us get our eyes back on the King's highway ahead.

III

Too long a backward look is futile. It can reinforce a religious nostalgia which will surely continue the long journey downward into irrelevance, decay and death for the church as we know it. We can spend so much time deploring that we have none left for exploring. Speaking of religious education, Dr Rachael Henderlite, the first woman to be ordained in the Presbyterian Church, U. S., has said, "we can't go home again". We cannot withdraw "into religious pietism and theological pdeanties"

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and maintain, at the same time, "a kind of ministry which is genuinely contemporary and authentically Christian."

It has been said that no period in American Christianity has seen "so pervasive and anxious a reappraisal of the institutional forms of ministry, the meaning of faith, and the processes by which beliefs are formed in the world." Out of this reappraisal is a growing awareness by most knowledgeable people that we simply cannot cram our Christian witness into the forms and structures of the 19th century, neither can we communicate today with a vocabulary or thought forms of a hundred years ago.

This is not to say that Christ has changed, nor the gospel. With the writer of Hebrews, we must believe "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever." (Heb. 13:8). And we also believe that "... here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come." (Heb. 13:14). We have a never-changing Christ but God help us if we fail at making Him known today in a very real way. We have a basic Christian doctrine that God was in Christ reconciling the world. May God help us if we don't know or are deaf to the world with which God desires reconciliation!

If this is truth, and I confidently believe it is, then we are wrong in adopting a fiercely militant approach to the unbeliever, wrong to play on his sense of guilt, wrong to talk of strategy as if conversion were a sales campaign or a political maneuver. It is wrong to sit back and wait for the world to come to us so we can clumsily ram them with our belief. If this is truth with which the Christian church deals, then we need not be afraid of where the Spirit may lead us even if it is on the far side of others' integrity. We must move out. "What (many churchmen) fail to see is that before you can get men saved you must get them to hear and before you can get them to hear you must win their attention and before you can win their attention you must gain their respect and love."

As we look into the future with an exploratory eye, I am going to urge upon our Consistory several studies in depth, some of which have already been started. We've been concerned for years with these matters but have brought to their understanding only superficial and stereotyped thinking. When these studies come to the point of implementation -- and no problems are solved by simply studying them -- we are going to need, and hopefully expect, the cooperation of each member of this church.

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STEWARDSHIP..... In recent years our budgets have all been in the neighborhood of \$65,000 and we have not achieved this level of giving. We have a \$300,000 plant to operate and maintain. The shortage is always reflected in lower benevolent giving, a fact which many of us deplore but which no one has been able to eradicate with carefully thought out solutions. One approach is always to keep the local expenses to a minimum and this has been done quite well. There is a point of no return where, to cut the local expenses, would obviously be self-defeating.

Protestant churches have always relied on voluntary giving to support their ministry. In a growing number of churches this practice is being seriously reviewed. Professional fund raisers are being employed to assist churches in raising their budgets and to increase their benevolent giving. We ought to be aware of new methods; to discard those we feel inappropriate and to adopt what we think is appropriate.

Should reliance on amateur fund-raising be continued, then we must have well-informed, well-trained volunteers. There is ample evidence to show that simply asking for pledges and a signature is hardly challenging the Christian community to responsible stewardship. To continue, year after year, permitting members to deny their participation to the church of which they claim to be a part is hypocrisy. Furthermore, it is a reflection on the seriousness we ourselves attach to our Christian work. Biblically and traditionally this is the duty that falls to the office of Deacon.

I propose to ask the Deacons to study budget making and budget raising in the light of our mission as a Christian church.

EVANGELISM..... A heavy fog shrouds this important area of the Christian concern. Men are not agreed on a definition, let alone implementation of an effort. Nineteenth century practices and methods still occupy too much of our attention. If we are to be an authentic witness to the contemporary issues, then we must find contemporary forms of evangelism. A number of approaches are open to us today; all should be employed. One approach may be effective with some persons where another would fail. Before we can be evangelists we must understand what it means and then to search for ways and means to accomplish our goals.

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SOCIAL ACTION..... I propose to create a new responsibility within the structure of Consistory which will deal with Christian social action. There are far too many issues that face us today that involve the moral fiber of our society. We have let other churches speak out while remaining silent ourselves. The great need here is for an informed laity; informed as to issues and solutions that are true to our Christian heritage. Too often, in this area, we allow our emotions to sway our minds; a dangerous state.

I hope to enlist knowledgeable men who will be interested in such matters as poverty, war, education, politics, old age problems and international relations. It is becoming increasingly important to speak out on these frighteningly complex matters -- to once again assume the role of the Old Testament prophets.

EDUCATION..... The Board of Education has a study in progress from which we hope answers will be forthcoming to questions that have been bothering us for some time. All of Protestantism knows that the Sunday school is in trouble, but there have been few ideas that put light on the matter. Seminaries are revamping their Christian Education courses, but change at that point is far removed from the front lines where we are trying to serve our youth. Interesting and hopeful experiments have been tried throughout the nation; we need to know something about these. Mr Edward Anderson and his committee are accumulating data which, hopefully, will assist in expanding our religious education program.

STAFF..... I think all of us owe a debt of gratitude to two groups in our church life who are contributing far more than we might realize to our program. The church school teachers and officers are involved weekly in our education program. This is no small task. The choir, under Mrs. Trebert's excellent leadership, meets twice weekly, once for a rehearsal and once for the worship. This, too, demands a considerable devotion to church music and worship.

Generally unheralded because they labor when no one else is around, Mrs. Avis Morgan, Mr Kurt Geihs and Mr Ed Boehm are worthy of our gratitude. So much is done with so little fuss that they are often taken for granted.

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And in our Youth Work, we have a very capable young leader in Brad Smith. Personable, knowledgeable and faithful, he is providing superb leadership of our Senior Youth Group.

I shall propose, in the future, that a closer liaison be established with these staff members who are closest to our problems and whose advice and counsel should be heard by our Consistory.

PLANNING..... Despite frequent noisy claims for the distinctiveness of the Protestant witness, it is quite possible we're seeing the "end times" of the church as we knew it two generations ago. Freedom of the will, voluntarism, individual conscience (one side of Calvinism) is being held in tension with the other side of Calvinism (the authority of a sovereign God). A large part of the restlessness of the church lies in the fact we have dimly-understood responsibilities for both laity and clergy. Congregations don't know what is the responsibility of their minister and, what is worse, they don't know their own.

I shall propose to your Consistory that a new Planning Committee be established. This Committee will be charged with familiarizing itself with present movements in the denominational churches and of formulating goals and means of achieving goals as far into the future as is practicable. We must not be frightened of innovation. We cannot sweep back the tides of the changing sea; we must adjust to its moods, ever keeping before us the changeless gospel entrusted to our care.

Finally, a fervent plea, that we remind ourselves who we are. We are disciples of Christ; He is the Head of the Church. We are servants to the world; we must never forget the role Christ assumed as the suffering servant, a role which must be ours. Again "what does it profit the church, if it saves its life and loses the world?"

With renewed dedication to our Lord and Saviour, with a broad vision of our opportunities in this world, and with courage, let us be His witnesses unto the ends of the earth.

Gordon H. Curtis

January, 1968

WOMEN S GUILD

The Guild for Christian Service has stated as its purpose, "to unite all the women of the Church in Christian fellowship in order to make Christ known throughout the world; to deepen the spiritual life of each member; and to develop a sense of responsibility for the whole mission of the Church through PRAYER, EDUCATION, GIVING, and SERVICE in our homes, our local Church, our community, our nation and the world".

Our Spiritual Life Committee recommended the use of "My Commitment to Christ" by Ann Hoek as a devotional guide for 1963 in the circles. Through these devotions, our women studied such topics as, "I Will Accept Responsibility", "I Will Learn to Pray", "I Will Accept Suffering", etc. We have all grown spiritually because of these studies. This committee also sponsored in conjunction with the Classis women, a Prayer Retreat in November.

The Education Committee is a busy one because of the planning of not only Guild meetings, but also nearly all the Circle programs for the year. Our Guild meetings have had a variety of subjects from Russia and Communism to AA. At one Guild meeting, some of our own women presented a play, "Till Christ Shall Dwell in Every Heart". This was so well received that it was presented to the women of Second Reformed Church with the women of Lakeview Church as their guests. The circle programs have included studies of mission fields, the Covenant Life Curriculum, Communism, and Special People with Special Needs.

Sewing for Church World Service has been done under the direction of the Service Committee. This committee is also responsible for the entertainment of any guests who visit our parish. The dinner committee has surely been a busy one during 1963. Through the profits realized, we have been able to meet our necessary budget items and have sent added funds to the Boards.

Shut-in visitation is the responsibility of our Organization Committee. The budget and publicity also come under this Committee's jurisdiction. All you read in our Clarion and Newsletter about the Guild and its activities, comes from this committee. Also, this year they have taken on the project of Commemorative Plates.

The Women's Department of RCA, the Boards of Education, World Missions, North American Missions and Pensions, Church World Service, United Church Women, and other organizations are supported by our Guild. We also attempt to aid our own Church not only financially, but through prayer and service.

We earnestly desire to have all the women participate actively in the Guild. Those who are ill, shut-in, or aged can pray with us. Those who are able, are urged to join with us both in Guild and Circle meetings. When we ask your help on a project, a cheery, "yes, glad to" will be a most welcome answer.

Won't you help us achieve our goal to make Christ known throughout the world!

11 Month Financial Report

Guild for Christian Service - - - - - Jan. 1 to Dec. 1, 1963

Bal. Jan. 1 \$ 704.97

RECEIPTS:

Guild Meeting Offerings	\$168.41	
Circles	340.00	
Dinners & Receptions	751.25	
Misc.	73.08	
		1332.74
		<u>\$2037.71</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bd. North American Missions	
Domestic project	45.00
Dr. VanEngen, Mexico	75.00
Bd. World Missions	
Foreign project	35.00
Ravemoco	100.00
Madanapalle School	75.00
New Brunswick Theo. Sem.	
Women's Auxiliary	100.00
Bd. Pensions, R.C.A.	
Orphan's fund	100.00
Kirkside	50.00
Bd. Education, R.C.A.	
Hope College, spec. gift	50.00
National Bd. Women's Work	
Member dues	150.00
Spec. gift	25.00
2 baby enrollments	2.00
East Harlem Prot. Parish	
replacing Christmas box	50.00
Rochester Council of Churches	
campaign	25.00
United Church Women, Rochester	
United offering	15.00

McAll Mission, Greece Farm School, Migrant and Waldensian funds	100.00	
Projector	200.00	
Speakers & Program materials	79.77	
Kitchen supplies	93.31	
Postage	18.41	
Church plates & shipping	164.41	
		1552.90
Bal. Dec. 1		\$ 484.81



CHOIR

This past year has again seen change once more in the Ministry of Music. Mrs. Alyce Vanderlinde, our organist for the past three years, was incapacitated at the close of the summer. Her resignation was regretfully received by the Consistory who immediately had to institute proceedings for auditioning applicants.

Mr. Jack Johnston, a student for the doctorate at Eastman School of Music, was employed as Music Director. Under his leadership the Choir has slowly grown in numbers. New voices have been added to the Choir in recent weeks. The men's section has been greatly strengthened.

Because the Choir is a service organization meeting more often than any other organization of the Church, it was believed advisable to set up a structure of officers to have oversight of the Choir program and problems. After an interim committee, headed by William Ross, had completed it's work, officers were elected with Bill Bergh assuming the chief responsibility, as President.

In future months we hope to present the best in Church organ and Choral works from the traditional 17th century music to the best works of today.

A plan for introducing new hymns to the congregation will be started this month. Many churches have used a plan that is called "hymn of the month". In this plan the organist introduces the hymn on one Sunday, the choir sings it as an anthem on another Sunday and the congregation sings it as a hymn on the third Sunday.

Our hymnbook is rich in hymns that have long been cherished by the Christian Church. We ought to be more familiar with them.

A Junior Choir is now meeting with Mr. Johnston at 6:30 Wednesday evenings.

SUNDAY NITE CLUB

The Sunday Nite Club began its activities this year at a very low ebb. The main evidence of this was the fact that a new slate of officers had not been elected. Members were either too busy or not interested enough to allow their names to be nominated for office. Also, attendance had varied greatly for the previous year's activities. Although attendance had been more than adequate for many programs, an adequate audience for good programs was no longer assured.

Consequently, the membership was asked to consider and answer this question at the January meeting - "Is there a need and a place for an Adult Club, The Sunday Nite Club, in the Brighton Reformed Church?" Attendance at this meeting was answer to this question. Proposals concerning the purpose, program, and night of meeting were discussed. It was decided that regular meeting nights should continue on the 3rd Sunday evening of each month to assure an adequate program of Christian enrichment, with additional social programs planned for other times. This schedule was adopted in preference to the proposal of meeting on a Friday evening each month for a varied program - sometimes strictly social, sometimes for Christian enrichment. In addition, a committee was appointed to plan future programs and policy. This committee was directed by Walt Blakley and was made up of the following persons who volunteered and included their spouses: Betty Geihs, John Olyslager, Ted DeSoto, Alex Anderson, and Jack DeVuyt.

The Program and Policy Committee chose to present the Club at the February meeting in the form of a panel discussion entitled, "A Wake or an Awakening." The recommendations pertained to age or interest grouping or division, purposes, activities, and officers and leadership. All recommendations were adopted. Briefly, it was recommended that (1) the present club be strengthened by maintaining one united group with a program that would interest all adult members of the congregation, (2) the purpose of the group be threefold: fellowship, christian enrichment, and service to our church and community, and (3) the leadership of the club take the form of an Executive Council of 6 members with only half the council being replaced by election each year, to provide a continuity in officers. It was decided that the decision on age grouping determine whether it would be advisable to form another group of young people or continue a united group.

At the March meeting Mr. Loftus Carson, Executive Director of the Monroe County Human Relations Committee, spoke on the racial tension controversies in our city. Also, six couples were elected to the Executive Council from a slate of ten couples. As provided in the new by-laws of the Club, the Executive Council at its first meeting determined the disposition of offices as follows: President, Bob and Evelyn Porteous; Vice President in charge of membership, Jack and Elinore DeVuyt; Devotional Chairman, Ed and Margo Anderson; Program Chairman, Ted and Evelyn DeSoto; Treasurer, Dick and Doris Hornberger; and Secretary, Art and Marian Teamerson.

Other activities of the past year have been:

- April 21 - Sunday Nite Club's Night of Music, a presentation of Brahms, "Requiem" and Poulenc's "Gloria" by the Rochester Oratorio Society at the Eastman's Theater
- May 4 - Social evening of fun, games, and refreshments
- May 19 - A comparison of Life in the United States and Norway and Finland by exchange students
- June 22 - Family Picnic
- Sept. 28 - Beef Barbecue (with over 180 present)
- Oct. 20 - A speaker and movie from the Rochester office of Social Security Administration
- Nov. 17 - Dr. Gene Bartlett, President of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, with a message about the recent World Council of Churches meeting in Rochester

This year's attendance at regular Sunday Nite monthly programs has varied between 30 and 50. There has been a slow but steady increase. It is hoped that the new faces seen will consider themselves members of the Sunday Nite Club and will mention this to the Vice-President in charge of membership. A concerted effort is needed to interest more young people in the club.

The "adoption" of a Chinese orphan was continued this year.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School of 1963 - 1964 has had an average enrollment of 163 during the months of October through November compared with 188 for the same months last year. All rooms of the Church School quarters are used at least once and many are used to their limit, twice each Sunday morning.

The Church School staff now stands at 41 active teachers each Sunday, with 6 assistants; 10 substitutes, who attend to the needs of our church families. Their services are given each week, with little thought to the time needed to prepare for the teaching session. Their services are truly appreciated by our church families.

The Summer Church School sessions were held for every department, Nursery through Adult, starting at 9 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. The average attendance per Sunday was never over 54, including 8 teachers. A skeleton group of teachers was used, permitting each teacher to take two Sundays during the summer months of June - August. The Youth Department students were chosen to assist in the Kindergarten Department during the 9 A.M. hour. Only too often they found that they had prepared well, only not have any students in attendance.

Many of these teachers have taught a number of years and are in need of a leave of absence to rekindle their own spirits before returning to teaching assignments again. As it is we can't give these servants their promised leave due to the shortage of teachers to take their places. Many positions are even left unfilled in the present staff such as: Assistant Superintendent, 1st grade teacher, Superintendent of Youth and Youth Department teacher. These are rewarding to any one who can serve in these needs.

Recently Mrs. Charles Howell was appointed Superintendent of Church School.

The benevolence giving of the Church School students was approximately \$1500.00 and was distributed to the following:

- \$300.00 Board of North American Mission for Indian Mission work
- \$300.00 Board of North American Mission for McKee Church
- \$700.00 Board of Foreign Mission for Anneville Institute
- \$200.00 Board of Education for Student Aid

This will leave a balance to carry into the next term.

A Stewardship Committee will be formed shortly consisting of members from the teaching staff, Adult Department and students from Junior High and Senior High. It will be their duty to decide how to use the benevolence funds in the year to come.

The Religions Education Committee consists of: Ruth Delyser, John Olyslager, Alex Anderson, Peter Kraai, Rev. Curtis, Lois DeBrine, Dora Howell and Jack DeVuyt as chairman. Its duties are delegated by the consistory to supervise educational endeavors of the Church School. This Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month.

Teacher training classes will be started in January for those wishing to prepare themselves in the services of teaching in the future. It will be taught by John Olyslager. The date will be decided later.

The new Reformed Church curriculum is now being taught by Rev. Curtis in the Men's Class. This is all new material and very interesting to those studying it. This material will soon be ready for all Departments of our Church School Denominations.

Recently 8 people from our church attended the Colgate Divinity School classes held Oct. - Nov. Very few sessions were missed by those attending.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

In January of 1963, 18 of our group started off the year with a C.E. Retreat at LeTourneau Christian Camp on Canandaigua Lake. At this retreat, six of our young people committed their lives to Christ and several others rededicated their lives to Christ. This really gave our group a real spiritual boost to work for Christ and the Church for the year ahead.

Our programs were varied with films, speakers on alcoholism and stewardship with our own leaders holding discussions on racial prejudice, the Holy Spirit, Dating, etc.

For parents night, our teen agers, under the direction of Miss Betty Sintzenich, put on a play about the founding of Christian Endeavor. Three of our young people spoke on how Christian Endeavor had helped them to grow in their spiritual lives.

Churches visited were the First Reformed where we saw a film on the problems of marrying outside of your faith, at Second Reformed we saw slides and listened to a speaker and asked questions about Hope College, and at Laurelton United Presbyterian we divided into groups and discussed situations concerning family problems.

Our social events included a snow party, banquet, party at a teenager's home, roller skating, picnic, hay ride and a breakfast at the Lodge after the Easter Dawn Service, thanks to Jerry Beauchesne.

One of our members became enthused about attending the International C.E. Convention in Washington, D.C. Thru his leadership and the work of many others, 18 young people and 2 adults were able to attend this helpful and inspirational convention.

There were many projects to raise funds for this trip: car washes, rummage sale, candy sale, paper collection and a supper. Over \$1,100.00 was raised. Ten percent was tithed for the benevolence budgets of the Senior and Junior Hi C.E.'s.

Seven of our young people who didn't go to Washington received financial assistance from the money raised to help them attend the New York State Christian Endeavor Convention near Ossining, N.Y.

Our C.E. acted as hosts to a bus load of young people and their chaperones from the Glen Reformed Church of Glen, N.Y. We acted as guides to take them to Kodak Park and other Rochester sights. We also provided their supper in the Lodge and had them as overnight guests in our homes.

This summer 12 of our Young People spent a thrilling week at Camp Fowler and this fall, 17 attended a weekend retreat there.

We have chosen Overcoming Prejudices as a citizenship project for this year and hope to have work in this area.

A Thanksgiving basket to a needy family, singing carols to shut-ins and at the State Hospital are their projects.

The recent C.E. Regional Conference at our church was a project that several of our young people worked very hard at and we were thrilled to have our International President, Arch McQuilkin take part.

Advisors: Program - Mrs. Walter Blakley
Social - Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anderson
Lookout - Mr. George Field

Average Attendance - 20

Monies were spent for:

\$17.40	--	Food for Glen Reformed
\$35.00	--	Reformed Church TON
\$10.00	--	County)
\$10.00	--	State) - C.E.
\$10.00	--	International)
\$10.79	--	Installation Service & Picnic

The Junior High Christian Endeavor meets regularly on Sunday evenings at 7:00 o'clock

The advisors for this group are Mrs. Ella Bundschuh and Miss Betty Sintzenich

	1974 FINANCIAL STATEMENT	1974 Approved Budget	Deviations
1974 INCOME:			
Received from Individuals	4,427.89		
Received from General Fund	1,500.00		
Interest on Memorial Fund	981.78		
Women's Guild	900.00**		
Sunday School	200.00*		
	8,009.67	10,300.00	(2,290.33)
			short

1974 INCOME:

Received from Individuals
Received from General Fund
Interest on Memorial Fund
Women's Guild
Sunday School

1974 DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL SYNOD PROGRAM:			
Mission of the Month Emphasis:			
SNS, Brewton	168.50		
Arabia	167.50		
Japan	153.50		
Reformed CMS	189.00		
India	152.50		
Urban Missions	112.00		
American Indian Min.	203.50		
Ethiopia	153.50		
Annville Institute	187.00		
RCA Church Growth	114.00		
Taiwan	115.75		
Mexico	110.50		
Winnebago Indians - Nebraska	200.00**		
Missionaries-Vander Aarde and	900.00**		
Undesignated	200.00		
Hope College	200.00		
New Brunswick Seminary	200.00		
Central College	200.00		
	3,917.25	(3,800.00)	(117.25) over
1974 DISBURSEMENTS - PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY PROGRAM:			
Designated - Camp Fowler	1,525.00		
Undesignated	1,400.00		
	2,925.00	(4,000.00)	1,075.00 short
1974 DISBURSEMENTS - CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER PROGRAM:			
Genesee Ecumenical Ministries	500.00		
Honduras Relief	498.00		
	998.00	(1,500.00)	502.00 short
1974 DISBURSEMENTS - BRIGHTON PROGRAM:			
Gospel Tabernacle - designated	90.00	(1,000.00)	910.00 short
			(79.12) not spent
1 1/2/74 Cash On Hand	270.15		
2/23/74 CASH ON HAND	349.57		

1/1/74 Cash On Hand
12/31/74 CASH ON HAND

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1972

The names of those, who passed away since the last Congregational Meeting were read by Reverend Curtis in the regular Sunday morning Worship Service.

Motion made by R.Hand, seconded by Wm.Ross to approve as read the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 1971. Motion carried.

Motion made by A.Alphenaar, seconded by A.Anderson, to approve as read the Benevolent Fund Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 1971. Motion carried.

The following members were nominated for Consistory for a 3 year term:
Charles Plant, Bruce Woodhams and Vernon Goodrich.

Motion made by R.Hand, seconded by G.DeRue, that the nominations be closed.
Motion carried.

Motion made by A.Teamerson, seconded by M.Howell, that the Clerk be instructed to cast a single ballot for the nominated Slate. Motion carried.

E.DeBrine presented the proposed Budget for 1972.

Motion made by E.DeBrine, seconded by J.Crandle that the proposed Budget for Church Property in the amount of \$ 12,750.- be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion made by E.DeBrine, seconded by Ch.Plant that the proposed Budget for Staff Salaries in the amount of \$ 23,798.- be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion made by E.DeBrine, seconded by J.Adams, that the proposed Budget for Worship & Services in the amount of \$6,965.- be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion made by E.DeBrine, seconded by P.Nelson, that the proposed Budget for Debt Services in the amount of \$ 3,875.- be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion made by R.Hand, seconded by M.Howell, that the proposed Budget for Benevolence in the amount of \$11,000.- be adopted. Motion carried.

C.Talsma reported to the meeting that an appraisal has been made of the old Parsonage(219 Arbordale Ave). First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. of Rochester has submitted an appraised valuation of \$ 29,900.-
The meeting indicated by raising hands, to approve any action Consistory would take in regard to the sale of this property after expiration of the present Lease.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Reverend Curtis.

Clarence S.Talsma
Clerk of Consistory

REPORT OF THE PASTOR

This is a brief over-view of the work of your Pastor during the past year. Needless to say, it is sketchy since time and space allow only a cursory look at pastoral activities in Brighton Reformed Church. At the end of this report, I present some recommendations which I would urge the Consistory and congregation to consider to strengthen our ministry together.

Christian Education Responsibilities

As usual, the Pastor has accepted the task of teaching youth in preparation for church membership. This is one of the happier duties of a minister. We normally have about 8 to 10 students each year. This year a new plan was originated which involves the parents. Rather than meet weekly with just the kids, we are now meeting bi-weekly and have invited the parents as well. Mr. Donald DeVries assists me in this new format, a vital role for a member of the greater Consistory since one person obviously could not teach two groups simultaneously. While it is too early to assess the new plan, we can say that the parents and kids have been most cooperative and most faithful in attendance.

With the commencement of our fall program, the Pastor took the leadership of a second adult class, using the Bible as the "text." Our other adult class, under Mr. Arthur Teamerson, has been so successful that we decided to offer a second opportunity in adult education. Mr. Teamerson's class deals with issues; the Pastor's class with Scripture and its contemporary application.

Lenten specials deal with Biblical passages. This group meets on Sunday evenings during the weeks preceding Easter. This year it is planned to use the same format to discuss Christian doctrine.

Each Sunday evening a small group of individuals meet with the Pastor. For want of an exciting and distinctive name, I settled on "The Exploratory Group." This is about what we do. The topic may be brought to the meeting by one of the participants; it may grow out of opening conversations. The important aspect of this group is that a few of us get to know each other better, become sensitive to needs that often go unexpressed, and explore together our beliefs.

With a Sunday schedule such as the above it becomes physically impossible to be involved in youth ministry. The Consistory has employed a seminary student to provide leadership for the Junior High group. He is ably assisted by Miss Janet Wahl. This is a large and interesting group. The Senior Group is a combined operation with First Reformed and Trinity. Our participation in this group is minimal, only two, sometimes

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three kids being in attendance. Rev. James Esther has agreed to be the leader of this youth group. My participation is accounted for by arranging week-day meetings with Mr. Esther for the purpose of programming.

Administrative Responsibilities

Publicity -- The one viable option we have, it seems, to keep in constant communication with our membership is the NEWSLETTER. Year after year the members, in annual meeting, indicate their desire to maintain this news channel. Except for a few news items the responsibility for publishing this paper rests with the Pastor. Because I am convinced this is worthwhile, I continue to devote time to collecting from sundry places the material for this publication. When the congregation indicates it is not reading this paper, it will be discontinued. In the meantime, a considerable block of time each month is given to its preparation. The greatest amount of time, however, is given by the Secretary in mimeographing the NEWSLETTER and mailing it. In the interest of cost-cutting, we have dropped the CLARION which once was mailed weekly, and more recently bi-weekly. Any news items of timely importance are printed in the weekly worship bulletin.

Miscellaneous -- Because of my presence in the building, the responsibility for partially supervising the work of the Sexton has necessarily fallen upon the Pastor. No other way has yet been discovered to see that the property is properly cleaned and prepared for meetings. This has not been entirely effective, and, one day, hopefully we'll find another and better way of building maintenance.

Pastoral Responsibilities

During the past year, your Pastor has officiated at seventeen funerals. Ten of these were members of the church. All but one were related to our church families.

There have been fourteen marriages performed in our church, nine of which have involved members of the church.

We have baptized seven infants during the year.

Pastoral calling, involving two and sometimes three afternoons a week, has been largely upon the sick, hospitalized and the shut-ins. Whenever the Pastor has been asked to make a call, so far as he knows these calls have been made as promptly as possible. Some calling is done upon new members, but time has not permitted a high priority to be given to this. With a Chairman of Evangelism, this responsibility better rests with the Consistory.

I do not keep a record of the number of visits made during the course of my pastoral work. I do, however, keep a daily log of all my activities and this log is available to any Elder who would like to review the work of the minister. Every minister has a dif-

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ferent way of keeping records; some note every social call, every chance meeting on the street, every office appointment, every telephone conversation. I prefer to keep a daily log which reminds me of whom I've seen or where I've been, along with the purpose of the meeting.

Classical Responsibilities

Your Pastor is still filling the post of Stated Clerk of the Classis. This is a responsibility that will be dropped at the first opportunity but such opportunities do not appear. One of the requisites of this office is to have a secretary available for correspondence and for phone inquiries. Ours is the only church that has this facility. This service to Classis costs Brighton Church nothing for the Classis budgets enough money to pay a part-time operation. Also, the turnover in Classis ministers has become rapid in the smaller churches, and there would be no continuity to the office. With the new reorganization in which Particular Synod is now engaged, it is possible that this function will be phased out soon. There is talk about a full-time office made possible by a merger of two or more Classes.

The time required to fill the Stated Clerk's duties is concentrated to two times a year when Classis meets. Other than this, it is largely a work that is accomplished with correspondence and phone calls, and this is constant throughout the year.

At the moment I serve on only one Task Force for Classis, the Gananda New Towns. With a new city of an anticipated 80,000 population being constructed right in the middle of our Classis (Wayne County), there is justification in Classis meeting with other denominations who are going to be developing a Christian ministry in both traditional and experimental styles.

The usual responsibilities that Classis ministers must accept, serving as moderator, pulpit supply, etc., have been largely by-passed. This has been possible because other new men have been cooperative and, too, we have two ordained ministers in Classis without parish responsibilities.

Community Responsibilities

Again this year, the Pastor has had the responsibility for representing the Reformed Church in America on the Board of Directors of the Genesee Ecumenical Ministries. The involvement was minimal, however, and attendance at Director meetings was very spotty. I've asked the Classis to replace me in this body, but there are so few men available and interested. Because we are one of the charter denominations, it is necessary to retain some contact with other Christian groups throughout the city. I presently serve on no other Task Force or committee of G.E.M. other than an ad hoc committee consisting of denominational executives. Though ours is the only denomination without an area full time executive, we are still invited to provide some input into the ecumenical ministries.

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In the latter part of 1972 your Pastor was appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees of Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic. This was a task entered into reluctantly and is now embraced happily. This historic hospital, now well over 100 years old, has an unusual Deed of Trust granted by its founder, Henry Foster, M.D. The desire of the founder, now continued by the Trustees, is that a close relationship be established between religion and medicine. The Board must have some clergy representation, and the four founding denominations must have at least one Trustee-designate. Members-at-large are the leading businessmen and professional men in the area. Because of this strong relationship between church and medical practice, I find this responsibility of great interest. The Board meets only ten times a year.

Institutional Activities

We continue to sponsor one of the best senior citizen programs in the city of Rochester. While we cannot promote programs like Danforth Towers because such programs are funded by city and county money, we do exceptionally well as a private organization. Negotiations are now in progress to receive funds from the City Recreation Bureau which would enable us to enlarge our craft program and possible physical education. The Blossom Seniors is largely self-supporting and self-generating. I do assist in some programming and I always make an attempt to be present at their meetings at least for an hour or so. Far more time is spent in being a pastor to individuals of the group. Even though many are not members of this church, they often look to me in times of sickness or death for pastoral care. This is not begrudgingly given. This group has to be one of our finest ministries in which we, as a church, are engaged.

Although there has been an interlude when our services were terminated, we continue to maintain a close relationship with the Blossom Nursing Home. Our ladies continue to offer recreational activities on Wednesday nights for the residents. On Sunday nights we present a movie. While this does not involve me directly, I do spend time in programming and in picking up film.

A new service offered by this church, and an increasingly successful one, is the presence of The Renaissance Group (Alcoholics Anonymous). While our role with this group is to provide a facility to meet on Saturday nights, there are times when I attend just to let them know we are interested in more personal ways. Each occasion for my being there has been greeted with obvious and sincere pleasure and appreciation.

A Look Forward in 1973

All of us have 168 hours a week into which we fit our activities according to our personal priorities. It is said, though I do not accept it as truth, that we can do what we want to do in that allotted time with proper organization. I, personally, find it too short a time. Obviously nothing can be done to get more hours so a review of

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priorities is always in order when one runs out of time.

I feel the need for more time for reading and study, as all ministers do. This is a universal lack. We'd like to do things in creative worship. It takes time to be creative. We'd like more time for sermon preparation, and this necessitates broader reading and study. I enjoy greatly the pastoral work, and would like more time simply to visit with people other than on a crisis basis. These are things I'd like to do. There is only one way it can be accomplished and that is through more lay acceptance of responsibility.

As a church I believe we must find a way to persuade men and women that the church is about important business. Laymen, in other words, must be persuaded to review their priorities.

One great need in this church, according to my view, is for lay participation in a youth ministry. This takes a special kind of person and it takes training to make that person effective. We need one, or better, two couples to prepare themselves for leading young people. Opportunities are available for their training; we need the people to accept the challenge. If such indigenous leadership is not forthcoming, then I believe we must insist that the stewardship of the membership be improved so that a full time leader might be employed. While this is impractical for this church alone, it could be accomplished in cooperation with the other two Reformed Churches. It is unsatisfactory doing it the way we are presently. We have a capable young seminary student. It is the nature of his situation, however, that he can only be temporary. We might have a different man each year - if we are fortunate. Even one a year is no way to establish a good rapport with the youth. To repeat, the best solution to our youth ministry is lay leadership from within our church. If this is not a viable option, then we must fund a more permanent type of leadership.

Another great need in this church is a systematic approach to family visits. Our fellowship would be immeasurably enriched if we ministered to our folks in more than just the crisis situations.

A third great need in this church is a clearer appreciation of our responsibility as Christian stewards. Few families are tithers; many give only a token part of their income to the work of the church. In our county, where the estimated buying power of a household exceeds \$13,000 annually we should be able to pledge more than \$100 a year. The two-dollar pledge is still commonly practiced.

Lay leadership is, I believe, the key to meeting these needs. It is hoped that plans may be developed early this year to train lay leaders, or to make arrangements with Classis or Synod for training, so that our total ministry may be enhanced.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, January 7, 1973

The Annual Meeting of the Brighton Reformed Church followed immediately after the worship service on Sunday, January 7, 1973. The opening prayer was offered by the Pastor at 10:50 a.m.

The Pastor's Report was distributed. (attached)

Mr. Goodrich presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Crandle, supported by Woodhams that the report be approved. Carried. Balance on hand, \$2,586.93. (Report attached)

Mr. Porteous presented the Benevolent Treasurer's Report. Motion by Plant, supported by Goodrich that report be approved. Carried. (Report attached)

Mr. Goodrich presented the proposed budget for 1973.

Property Survival budget of \$19,420. Motion by Goodrich, supported by Crandle. Carried.

General and Administrative Expenses budget of \$8,858. Motion by Goodrich, supported by Plant. Carried.

Ministerial Activities budget of \$16,905. Motion by Goodrich, supported by Scheerens. Carried.

Motion by M. Teamerson, supported by Nelson that commendation be given to Mr. Goodrich for the excellence of his financial reports and records. Carried.

Mr. Hand presented the proposed Benevolent Budget for 1973. Motion by Crandle, supported by Plant that the goal of \$11,300 be established. Carried. (Budget attached)

The slate for Elders and Deacons was presented by Mr. DeSoto. For the office of Elder, Mr. Paul Nelson, Mr. Arthur Alphenaar, Mrs. Carole Scheerens. For the office of Deacon, Mrs. Helen Rombaut and George A. DeRue. -- all for the usual term of three years. Mr. Arthur Teamerson and Mr. Charles Hance to finish their term of two years since they have served one year by appointment. Nominations were invited from the floor. None forthcoming, motion by Porteous, supported by Goodrich to cast a unanimous ballot.

From the floor it was moved by Lois DeBrine, supported by N. Biller, that no more than two women serve concurrently on Consistory. After much discussion, the motion was defeated.

Mr. Biller announced that 126 pledges have been received for the year 1973, totalling about \$31,000. He noted that this was some \$20,000 short of the budget just approved. Calls will be made upon the non-pledgees. Mr. Biller also announced that our church will participate in Key 73, with further announcements to be made.

The Pastor announced the new structure for our Church School and the fact that Mrs. Elinore DeVuyt had accepted the post of Director of Religious Activities. A new Board of Education will be formed to establish matters of policy.

There being no further business, the meeting was moved to adjournment by Crandle, seconded by every one. Carried. The closing prayer was offered by the Pastor.

respectfully submitted,
Gordon H. Curtis, Sec'y pro tem

PASTOR'S REPORT

This report will attempt to summarize the work of the Pastor during the past year and also to project some anticipations for 1974. Increasingly, the Christian church is finding the advantage in setting goals and establishing discipline to achieve those goals. It is far better than simply drifting into the future. The second section of this report will deal with certain goals which your Pastor has set for himself and in which the Consistory concurs.

A LOOK BACKWARD

Looking rearward is at once a humbling and a depressing exercise. One is aware of what one has not accomplished, or has accomplished with limited results. This, however, is the occupational hazard of a minister for, like a housekeeper and mother of children, the work is never done.

In this report I'm going to list some statistics and hope to make them interesting enough to read. Your Pastor, in recent years, has not reported to his congregation the number of calls made, appointments kept, etc., in the belief that, after all, numbers are not significant but rather what is accomplished. However, I've changed my mind. A pastor's salary is more than simply an overhead item in the church budget; it is a measure of mission. After all, the definition of a pastor is one who ministers to people whose care is entrusted to him. If we assume the pastor's work is the church in mission, then you should know what "goes on".

During the year past I've clocked 12,000 miles on church business. This is a significant datum not only because of the rapidly increasing cost of operating a car but also because travel is time-consuming.

In driving those miles, I have made 162 house calls, generally responding to crisis situations such as death, critical illness, marital problems, or for discussion of spiritual matters. This statistic cannot stand alone for nowadays many "pastoral calls in reverse" are consummated by people making appointments to see me in the office. There are numerous advantages to conversations between the Pastor and his people in the seclusion of a church study. About 150 such "calls" were made by appointments kept in my office.

Approximately 75 hospital calls were made. My practice is to visit as quickly as possible after hearing of the hospitalization of a person. Unfortunately, I still am not told, either by relatives or friends, of some hospitalizations. I regret this but am helpless to do anything more than to plead for being informed.

In the course of the past year I've officiated at ten funerals and seven marriages. This statistic is somewhat deceptive as far as time consumed is concerned for each of these events in the life of our people requires a considerable amount of pastoral attention.

In the past year I've attended or presided over approximately 70 committee meetings of one sort or another. This does not include stated monthly meetings such as Consistory. Insofar as I am able, I attend meetings for youth planning, Guild Executive meetings, senior citizen planning meetings, etc. While some committee meetings are ecumenical and therefore, community-oriented, most deal directly with church activities.

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Apart from our local church concerns, I've had to attend a few Consistory meetings at Tyre and Marion in my role as Stated Clerk. From time to time I'm invited in for consultation, I suppose simply because I happen to be the "senior" member of Classis.

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In the past year I've taught two adult classes; one, in Bible study and one in human relationships. These were of 6 or 8 week duration.

The Confirmation Class for youth continues, under my direction, on a bi-weekly basis over a period of about 5 months. I've made myself available in a supportive role to our Youth Director whose capabilities make it unnecessary for me to assume a more active role other than "being around".

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There is a ceremonial role required of a pastor. While this is not frequent, nevertheless it does consume time. When we host Hope College students, there is time spent in supervising arrangements. I also attend some ecumenical groups, representing both Brighton Church and our denomination.

I've had several invitations to speak this year that have made for good community relations. I spoke at the Gleason Retirement Banquet, and have given slide lectures at Nazareth College and Shriners on the English church.

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While every pastor attempts to side-step administrative duties, this is impossible to do. Unless one is working in a line-organization which we certainly do not have, there are literally hundreds of decisions (and hours) spent in administrative work. Not all administrative work is inconsequential.

Communications to the congregation, for example, are either edited or totally prepared by the Pastor. Much time is consumed in the preparation of the NEWSLETTER, but we feel this is an important tool in our ministry.

Administrative work for the Classis has lessened this year and will be totally absent next year. I've resigned the office of Stated Clerk. However, every minister has a responsibility to Classis and while not all accept that responsibility, it is true that the Classis is the important judicatory in our Reformed Church government.

I have also represented our church in numerous meetings with members of the Catholic church and with Eastside Community Center which serves the poor of our community.

There is a significant amount of time consumed also in an extensive ministry to a wide variety of people. We mail cards of condolence to families who have experienced a death. We mail special birthday greetings to all elderly people known to us through the Blossom Seniors. Then, of course, there is considerable correspondence of wide variety as we try to maintain a continuing and deepening concern for people in their circumstances of both joy and sorrow. While most of this correspondence involves the time of our Church Secretary, nevertheless the Pastor's time is of significant proportions.

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A LOOK AHEAD INTO 1974 - Some Goals

1. The implementation of a Senior Center in cooperation with other churches with guidelines as put forth in my report "The Church's Ministry to the Aging". As short term goals, it is hoped to establish a referral center, home maintenance service, and systematic visitation of the isolated elderly.
2. The offering of a five-week seminar on death and dying from both the physical and spiritual point of view. Professional medical doctors, funeral directors, psychiatrists and clergy will be the resource persons. Spring 1974
3. The offering of a six-week seminar on the process of aging and its attendant problems aimed at providing understanding for middle-aged persons whose parents are their responsibility. Appropriate professional resource people will be used. Fall 1974
4. The development of a network of visitors to the elderly with built-in evaluation of methods. Nursing-home proprietors and social workers will be used.
5. Preparation for church membership for youth with 10 sessions of instruction on church doctrine, Bible, worship and sacraments.
6. Adult Class of 8 week duration on Sunday mornings teaching courses on the Prophets of the Old Testament. Spring 1974
7. Teacher Training Classes of 6 sessions emphasizing the art of communication with children.
8. With the help of a core group of members for visitation, to increase the church stewardship by a minimum 20 percent.
9. Preparation for meaningful lives in society emphasizing the significant use of leisure after retirement. Six sessions Winter 1974
10. Recruit a Task Force to make an in-depth study of what constitutes a valid and appealing youth ministry. The Task Force, of four persons, to be appointed by the minister, will be requested to report to Consistory by June 1974.
11. Recruit a Task Force to study the means of developing a sense of community through evangelistic outreach and socializing opportunities. The Task Force shall consist of one representative from the Consistory, Guild, Couples' Club, congregation-at-large and the Church School. They shall be requested to report to Consistory by September 1974.

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The achievement of the above goals will require the full cooperation of Pastor, Consistory and church membership. The Consistory has approved these goals. It is assumed their supportive influence will be felt, and that they will provide the necessary leadership.

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

OFFICERS OF CONSISTORY -- 1975

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT	Mr. Eugene Ligtenberg, 52 Marble Dr. 14615	621-3813
TREASURER	Mr. Arthur Alphenaar, 90 Wendover Rd. 14610	654-9157
BENEVOLENT TREASURER	Mr. Roy Hand, 141 Lafayette Pkwy. 14625	381-5888
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Mrs. Helen Rombaut, 266 Black Hawk Cir. Henrietta	334-9243
CLERK	Mr. Paul Nelson, 37 Meadowview Dr., Penf. 14526	381-2267

ELDERS -- 1975

Mr. Paul Nelson	(75)	381-2267
Mrs. Carol Scheerens	(75)	288-5733
Mr. Arthur Alphenaar	(75)	654-9157
Mr. Eugene Ligtenberg	(76)	621-3813
Mr. John DeVuyt, Jr.	(76)	586-7109
Mr. Norman Biller	(77)	381-5785
Mr. Roy Hand	(77)	381-5888
Mr. Roland Woodhams	(77)	381-4939

DEACONS -- 1975

Mr. George A. DeRue	(75)	271-2406
Mrs. Helen Rombaut	(75)	334-9243
Mr. Paul Abbey, Jr.	(76)	381-7854
Mr. Robert Ayette	(76)	865-2978
Mr. Norman Seitz	(76)	288-9227
Mrs. Barbara Goodrich	(77)	288-3582
Mr. Robert Leenhouts	(77)	872-2756

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Stewardship	Mr. Robert Ayette
Property	Mr. Norman Seitz, Mr. Paul Abbey
Music	Mr. Robert Leenhouts, Mr. Bruce Woodhams, ass't.
Service	Mr. George A. DeRue
Worship	Mr. Norman Biller
Religious Education	Mr. John DeVuyt, Jr.
Pastoral Relations	Mr. Roland Woodhams
Finance	Mr. Arthur Alphenaar, Mr. Vernon Goodrich, ass't.
Benevolence	Mr. Roy Hand, Mr. Robert Leenhouts, ass't.
Women's Work	Mrs. Helen Rombaut
Community and Evangelism	Mr. Eugene Ligtenberg, Mrs. Carol Scheerens
Senior's Liaison	Mrs. Barbara Goodrich

STAFF

Secretary	Mrs. Avis Morgan	315-524-8898
Director of Music	Mrs. Grace Trebert	288-8886
Custodian	Mr. Harry Murk	288-7396

RESULTS AND IDEAS FROM MEETING OF THE GREATER CONSISTORY ON NOVEMBER 19, 1975

Twenty five members of the Greater Consistory and the Pastor were present for an evening of sharing and fellowship in the parlor of the Brighton Reformed Church on November 19, 1975. After a review of ideas from a former Task Force Committee by Gene Ligtenberg, a synopsis of current Consistory plans by Paul Nelson and Roy Hand, and a devotional service by the Pastor, four small groups explored answers to four basic questions. Individual sharing with the larger group resulted in the following ideas, now to be referred to the Consistory for possible implementation.

Question 1 - What areas of our church's life and mission need to be strengthened?

Answers:

1. Strengthen family groups such as potluck dinners, etc.
2. Develop genuine concern about each other (concern for all groups).
3. Strengthen lines of communication.
4. Strengthen Youth Ministries (3 groups mentioned this).
5. Men's organization (2 groups mentioned this)
6. Conduct a mini-church service at a nursing home after regular church services on Sunday.
7. Increase membership - community census and outreach
8. More community involvement
9. Scouts
10. Church School (1. at same time as worship)
(2. strengthen program for 2 hours)
11. Women's Groups and Circles need to attract more members
12. Mission Support
13. Balanced Budget
14. Effectiveness of Staff

Question 2 - What are our church's greatest assets?

Answers:

1. More emphasis on prayer
2. Dynamic, enthusiastic leadership from Pastor and his family
3. Continue strong musical program
4. Potential of membership
 - Diversity
 - Core Group
 - Friendliness
5. Good Facilities - Parking
6. Organization
7. Established church - long history and traditions

Question 3 - What goals or priorities do you think our church should establish for 1976?

Answers:

1. Meeting budget
2. Strengthen support of Winton Senior Services
3. Maintain or strengthen visitation program
4. Lay visitation
5. Develop closer personal relationships in congregation
6. Contribute 20% of our budget for benevolences
7. Give congregation a periodic statement of how funds are distributed
8. Develop ways of reaching out more to community

Question 4 - What might your personal contribution be toward the attainment of these objectives?

Answer:

1. Remain constantly active in church work.

Motto's For Our Church

One motto proposed was "J-O-Y". Translation of the acrostic is: "Jesus - Others - You".

Another motto for 1976 was "Be Involved For His Sake"

Future Meetings

Enthusiastically, the majority of Greater Consistory members present agreed it would be a beneficial experience to convene this group two or three times a year; for spiritual unity, fellowship, counsel and recognition.

-- Russell F. Pater

Avis Morgan

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 1975

The Annual Meeting of the Brighton Reformed Church was called to order at 11:25 A.M. on Sunday, January 5, 1975, by Arthur Teamerson, Vice-President of Consistory. Sixty seven (67) members were present.

Rev. Peter VandenBerge, Classis of Rochester Moderator, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Rev. VandenBerge presided.

Arthur Teamerson, Vice-President of Consistory, summarized the events of Brighton Reformed Church for 1974 and goals for 1975. Goals include:

- 1) Secure a pastor
- 2) Visitation of every member
- 3) Increase more participation of members
- 4) Continue support of our strong women's activities
- 5) Continue to encourage social activities
- 6) Continue support of activities to the aging

Motion was made by Verne Goodrich, seconded by Bruce Woodhams, to receive the Annual Report. Carried (Enclosure #1)

Vernon Goodrich, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report and the proposed Budget for 1975.

Motion was made by Verne Goodrich, seconded by Roy Hand, to receive the Treasurer's Report. Carried (Enclosures #2, #3, #4)

Motion was made by Arthur Teamerson, seconded by Barbara Goodrich, that the Proposed Budget for 1975 be adopted. Carried. (Enclosure #5)

Roy Hand presented the Benevolent Treasurer's Report.

Motion was made by Verne Goodrich, seconded by Bruce Woodhams, that the Benevolence Treasurer's Report be received. Carried. (Enclosure #6)

Motion was made by Verne Goodrich, seconded by Charles Hance, that the Benevolence Budget for 1975 be adopted. Carried. (Enclosure #7)

Motion was made by Bruce Woodhams, seconded by Verne Goodrich, that special envelopes to support Gospel Tabernacle, Salvation Army, Gideon International and "The Navigators" be placed in the pews during 1975. Carried.

Motion was made by Verne Goodrich, seconded by Bruce Woodhams, that the Congregation recommends to Consistory to remove from loan status the \$435.79 loaned to Winton Senior Services. Carried.

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BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JANUARY 5, 1975

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Bruce Woodhams reported for the Nominating Committee. The following people are recommended for nomination to three-year terms in the Office indicated:

Elders: Roy Hand
Roland Woodhams
Norman Biller

Motion was made by Arthur Teamerson, seconded by Jacob DeVuyt, that the nominations be closed and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. Carried.

Rev. VandenBerge commended the outgoing Elders, Arthur Teamerson, Bruce Woodhams and Charles Hance.

Deacons: Robert Leenhouts
Barbara Goodrich

Motion was made by Jacob DeVuyt, seconded by Verne Goodrich, that the nominations be closed and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. Carried.

Rev. VandenBerge commended Charles Plant and Vernon Goodrich for their service as Deacons.

Bruce Woodhams made a report of the work of the Pastoral Search Committee. (Enclosure #8)

Motion was made by Arthur Teamerson, seconded by Verne Goodrich, that the Pastoral Search Committee Report be received. Carried.

Rev. VandenBerge announced that Consistory has engaged Rev. Raymond Trout as a regular guest Minister during the interim.

Elinor DeVuyt reported on the Church School activities. (Enclosure #9)

Motion was made by Bruce Woodhams, seconded by Evelyn DeSoto, that the Church School report be received. Carried.

Margaret Anderson reported on the activities of Women's Guild.

Motion was made by Arthur Teamerson, seconded by Jack DeVuyt, that the Women's Guild Report be received. Carried. (Enclosure #10)

Jack DeVuyt reported on Youth Work. (Enclosure #11)

Rev. VandenBerge declared the Youth Work Report is received.

June Adams reported on the activities of Winton Senior Services. (Enclosure #12)

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BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JANUARY 5, 1975

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There was no new business.

Motion was made by Arthur Teamerson, seconded by Norman Biller, that the Choir be thanked for their excellent service.

Arthur Teamerson was commended by acclamation for his excellent Junior Sermons.

Rev. VandenBerge closed the meeting with a prayer at 12:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore DeSoto
Temporary Clerk

ENCLOSURES

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JANUARY 5, 1975

- #1 Annual Report - Arthur Teamerson
- #2 Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1974 - Vernon Goodrich
- #3 Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1974 - Vernon Goodrich
- #4 Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended December 31, 1974 - Vernon Goodrich
- #5 Proposed Budget - 1975 - Vernon Goodrich
- #6 Benevolence Funds - 1974 Financial Statement - Roy Hand
- #7 Benevolence Funds - Budget 1975 - Roy Hand
- #8 Pastoral Search Committee - Bruce Woodhams
- #9 Church School Report, 1974-75 - Elinor DeVuyt
- #10 Women's Guild Report - Margaret Anderson
- #11 Youth Work Report - Jack DeVuyt
- #12 Winton Senior Services - June Adams

Enclosure #1

SUMMARY OF CHURCH YEAR 1974Goals for 1974 accomplished:

1. Implementation of a Senior Center in co-operation with other Churches. A referral center.
2. A 5-week seminar on Death and the dying; Spring 1974.
3. A seminar on problem solving; Fall 1974.
4. Attempt to increase Church stewardship by 20%. Establish a life insurance and will-giving program.
5. A task force to make an in-depth study of what constitutes a valid and appealing youth Ministry. Arthur Teamerson. Many of the ideas and recommendations have been implemented from that report.
6. A task force headed by Gene Ligtenberg to study a means of developing a sense of Community through evangelistic outreach and socializing opportunities. Next Sunday evening, January 12, 1975, Rev. Savage from LEAD Consultants will meet with members of the Church to formulate plans for a visitation campaign.

Additional accomplishments not planned for 1974:

Other than the usual work of the Minister, many things were done: crisis situations, Confirmation Classes, meetings, Guild Meetings, Classis Meetings, Senior Citizen Meetings, Newsletters, etc.

New sign and Church directory installed.

Paint Lodge.

Ropes to cordon off pews.

Multilith copy machine.

Relinquish 2 of 6 shares from the Kinner Estate for nieces and nephews to be remembered.

New chairs in the Lodge, donated by a Senior Citizen. Also refinishing of back room in the Lodge.

New Church Brochures, designed by Rev. Curtis.

October 15, 1974, meeting of Consistory received the resignation of Rev. Curtis.

Rev. VandenBerge was appointed by Classis as our Moderator.

Mr. Theodore DeSoto was appointed Chairman of a steering committee to formulate a Pastoral Search Committee, and was elected Chairman of the Pastoral Search Committee

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Enclosure #1 - continued
Summary of Church Year 1974

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Gladys DeVuyst was elected Stated Clerk of the Rochester Classis.

Goals for 1975:

1. Secure a Pastor.
2. A visitation of every member of our Church.
3. Improve on the present strengths of our Church.
 - a. Involve more people in the active core group of the Church.
 - b. Continuation of the very active Women's Guild and Circles.
 - c. Continue the fairly strong religious activities, such as the Church School, Junior and Senior Youth Groups, social activities to make us feel more like a family.
 - d. Continuation of the Ecumenical Ministry to the aging.
4. Naturally, a new Pastor will want to add to the present Church programs and formulate his own philosophy and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Teamerson
Vice-President, Consistory

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		
Pledges		\$44,059.60
Loose Offering		607.33
Other		<u>2,341.78</u>
		\$47,008.71
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>		
<u>Property:</u>		
Heat, light & telephone	\$ 4,600.00	4,772.20
Insurance	1,230.00	1,156.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,500.00	2,111.33
Rental Allowance	3,000.00	2,625.00
Water & Taxes	2,150.00	1,818.27
Sexton	3,120.00	2,889.62
Capital Expenditure	2,000.00	2,000.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>18,600.00</u>	<u>17,372.42</u>
<u>General & Administrative:</u>		
Secretary	5,552.00	5,641.50
General Office Expense	1,600.00	1,665.87
Payroll Taxes	650.00	605.76
Pension & Medical	1,720.00	2,196.15
Miscellaneous	150.00	21.50
<u>Total</u>	<u>9,640.00</u>	<u>10,130.78</u>
<u>Ministerial Activities:</u>		
<u>Local:</u>		
Minister's Salary	10,200.00	8,925.00
Organist	2,330.00	2,280.00
Pulpit	150.00	485.00
Congregational	700.00	585.36
Music	300.00	224.32
Religious Education	950.00	590.27
Travel	1,440.00	1,260.00
Youth Leadership	1,250.00	1,040.86
<u>Total</u>	<u>17,320.00</u>	<u>15,390.81</u>
<u>Away:</u>		
Classis	1,840.00	1,840.00
Benevolence	5,000.00	2,481.78
<u>Total</u>	<u>6,840.00</u>	<u>4,321.78</u>
<u>TOTAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:</u>	<u>52,400.00</u>	47,215.79
Excess of Disbursements Over Receipts		(207.08)
Beginning Fund Balance 1/1/74		<u>2,508.93</u>
<u>Ending Fund Balance 12/31/74</u>		<u>2,301.85</u>

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

ESCROW ACCOUNTS

	<u>Misc.</u>	<u>Church Herald</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Mtge. Fund</u>	<u>Capital Expend.</u>	<u>Tax Account</u>
Balance 1/1/74		\$ 64.75	\$ 232.82	\$1,650.03	\$1,338.97	\$1,800.00
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>						
General	\$ 176.11	91.00			2,000.00	
Special	9,850.99		1,897.50	2,428.30		
Total Funds Available	10,027.10	155.75	2,130.32	4,078.33	3,338.97	1,800.00
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>						
To Savings	9,850.99			3,473.18	1,787.51	
Lodge - Gen.			127.92			
Chairs			1,930.50			
Misc. - Various	176.11					
Tax Account						1,185.66
Herald		81.25				
Capital Exp.						
Copier					850.00	
Chair					99.88	
Furnace					256.25	
Air Cond.					250.00	
Water Heater					95.33	
Total Disbursements	10,027.10	81.25	2,058.42	3,473.18	1,551.46	1,185.66
Balance 12/31/74	-0-	74.50	71.90	605.15	-0-	614.34
<u>Total Escrow Balance 12/31/74</u>						
Church Herald		74.50				
Lodge		71.90				
Mortgage Account		605.15				
Tax Account		614.34				
<u>Total Escrow in General Fund</u>					1,365.89	

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

First Federal - Capital Fund		1,787.51
Community Savings - Home Fund	3,473.18	
Interest	37.83	3,511.01
<u>Total Capital and Home Fund Savings Accounts</u>		5,298.52

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

MEMORIAL AND ENDOWMENT FUND

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		
In Memory	\$ 1,407.75	
Interest	981.78	
Endowment - Kinner	9,850.99	\$12,240.52
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>		
To General Fund (Interest Designated For Benevolence)	981.78	
Sign	840.00	1,821.78
<u>Excess of Receipts and Disbursements</u>		10,418.74
Balance 1/1/74		14,712.56
Balance 12/31/74		25,131.30
<u>Accounts Are As Follows:</u>		
<u>Memorial Fund:</u>		
First Federal Savings & Loan:		
Savings Account (MA-128825)	1,184.41	
Term Account (01-5,300,202)	6,560.86	7,745.27
Community Savings Bank		
Savings Account (M-524967)	2,649.10	
Savings Account (304-27137)	4,778.65	7,427.75
<u>Total Memorial Fund</u>		15,173.02
<u>Endowment Fund</u>		
Community Savings Bank		
Term Account (401-12516)	9,958.28	
<u>Total Endowment Fund</u>		9,958.28
<u>Total Memorial and Endowment Fund</u>		25,131.30

Also 91 Shares of Charter N. Y. Corp.

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

PROPOSED BUDGET - 1975

	1974	1975	
DISBURSEMENTS:			
<u>Property:</u>			
Heat and light	\$ 4,600.00	\$5,100.00	
Insurance	1,230.00	1,156.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	2,500.00	2,400.00	
* Rental Allowance	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Water and Property Taxes	2,150.00	2,150.00	
Sexton	3,120.00	3,100.00	
Capital Expenditures	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$18,906.00
<u>General & Administrative Expense:</u>			
Secretary	5,520.00	6,000.00	
General office expense	1,600.00	1,700.00	
Payroll taxes	650.00	650.00	
* Pension and medical	1,720.00	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous	150.00	150.00	10,500.00
<u>Ministerial Activities:</u>			
<u>Local:</u>			
* Minister's salary	10,200.00	10,200.00	
Organist	2,330.00	2,330.00	
Pulpit	150.00	300.00	
Congregational	700.00	1,000.00	
Music	300.00	300.00	
Religious education	950.00	900.00	
* Travel	1,440.00	1,440.00	
Youth leadership	1,250.00	1,250.00	17,720.00
<u>Away:</u>			
Classis	1,840.00	1,880.00	
Benevolence	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,880.00
Total			54,006.00
Pastoral Search & Moving Exp. (Est.)			2,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS REQUIRED			56,006.00
1974 Total Receipts (Est.)			46,000.00
<u>Deficiency</u>			<u>10,006.00</u>

*To Be Negotiated by Consistory

	1974 FINANCIAL STATEMENT	1974 Approved Budget	Deviations
BENEVOLENCE FUNDS			
1974 INCOME:			
Received from Individuals	4,127.89		
Received from General Fund	1,500.00		
Interest on Memorial Fund	981.78		
Women's Guild	900.00**		
Sunday School	200.00*		
		10,300.00	(2,290.33) short

1974 DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL SYNOD PROGRAM:

Mission of the Month Emphasis:	168.50
SNS, Brewton	167.50
Arabia	153.50
Japan	189.00
Reformed CWS	152.50
India	412.00
Urban Missions	203.50
American Indian Min.	153.50
Ethiopia	187.00
Annville Institute	114.00
RCA Church Growth	115.75
Taiwan	110.50
Mexico	2,217.25
Winnabago Indians - Nebraska	200.00*
Missionaries-Vander Aarde and	900.00**
Undesignated	200.00
Hope College	200.00
New Brunswick Seminary	200.00
Central College	200.00
	3,917.25

1974 DISBURSEMENTS - PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY PROGRAM:

Designated - Camp Fowler	1,525.00
Undesignated	1,400.00
	2,925.00

1974 DISBURSEMENTS - CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER PROGRAM:

Genesee Ecumenical Ministries	500.00
Honduras Relief	498.00
	998.00

1974 DISBURSEMENTS - BRIGHTON PROGRAM:

Gospel Tabernacle - designated	90.00
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1/1/74 Cash On Hand
12/31/74 CASH ON HAND

(7,930.25)
79.12
270.15
349.57

(117.25) over
1,075.00 short
502.00 short
910.00 short
(79.12) not spent

BENEVOLENCE FUNDS

BUDGET-1975

	1975	1974
GENERAL SYNOD PROGRAM	\$ 3,800.	\$ 3,800.
(Overseas, Brewton, Annville, Winnebago, City Work, Colleges, Seminaries & G.P.C. Mission of the Month)		
PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY PROGRAM	4,000.	4,000.
Church Retention		
Campus Ministries		
Camp Fowler		
CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER	1,025.	1,500.
Classical Development	\$ 500.	
N.E.A.D.	25.	
Genesee Ecuminical Ministries	500.	
BRIGHTON'S OWN PROJECTS	1,000.	1,000.
Winton Senior Services	500.	
Disaster---International	250.	
" ---National and Local	250.	
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET FOR BENEVOLENCES	\$9,825.	\$ 10,300.

The G. P. C. Mission of the Month program emphasis (We should average \$200. for each of these projects--Last year our average was \$ 180.)

January	Japan	July	R.C.A.Growth
February	American Indian	August	City Work
March	India	September	Taiwan
April	Annville Institute	October	Reformed Church World Service
May	Middle East	November	Brewton
June	Mexico	December	Africa

Besides the above, we would very much like to support:

The Gospel Tabernacle

Salvation Army

Gidion International

The "Navigators" -One of our own boys, Bill Tell, is doing Campus ministry work at U. of Ill., Champaign, Illinois with this group and has asked if we could assist him. They have to find their own sponsors.

Enclosure #8

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT

As previously announced, we have received Personal Profile Forms, describing several Ministers, from the Office of Human Resources of the Reformed Church of America. The Pastoral Search Committee has reviewed these forms and selected seven which were considered to have the qualifications required by our Church.

The Letter of Introduction Committee has created a packet of information about our Church. The new orange brochure describing the Church was included, along with brochures describing our city and the surrounding area. A letter from Father Mulligan of St. John's Roman Catholic Church is included, expressing hope that our new Pastor will continue to support the Winton Senior Services program.

We have selected four Ministers to receive the first mailing of the packets. These packets were sent about four weeks ago. To date we have received a reply from a Minister in the south-eastern part of the state who is interested. Two of the other Ministers have indicated that they are not willing to be considered as candidates for Pastor of our Church at this time.

The Pastoral Search Committee is proceeding with plans to visit the interested candidate.

We have also received four new Profile Forms. The Pastoral Search Committee will review these forms in the near future and will probably send out more Letters of Introduction.

The Handbook which we have received from the Reformed Church of America recommends that we use discretion in our actions. Since we do not wish to create any problems in any other congregations, there will be no general announcement in our Church of the names of the candidates.

If there is someone you think we should consider as a candidate, please approach a member of the Pastoral Search Committee of the Consistory.

The Pastoral Search Committee will continue to inform the Congregation of the progress being made to find a Minister for the Brighton Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Woodhams

Secretary

Pastoral Search Committee,

Congregational Information Committee

Enclosure #9

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT 1974-1975

A year ago Church School offerings were begun to be collected for Indian children's clothing in Winnebago, Nebraska. By June, \$200.00 had been collected.

This Fall a new benevolent project was begun. For Church World Service we are assembling School Kits. Including the denim bag (30¢), each bag will be worth about \$1.88 (notebook 55¢, ruler 39¢, 3 pencils 15¢, eraser 15¢, colored pencils 39¢, pencil sharpener 15¢) and we will expect to pay postage.

At the present time our Church School has approximately a \$485.13 balance.

This past summer some 80+ children attended classes downstairs (Not all different of course.)

This Fall we started a Junior Worship Service in the Primary Room downstairs for Kindergarten-7th Grade. We average 25-35 children each Sunday.

Following a refreshment break at 11:00 A.M., there are classes for all ages. It has been estimated that 72 children attend Nursery-12th Grade. There are 11 teachers with helpers. The High School Class has been re-established, with several teenagers returning. The two Adult Classes continue to meet with 2 teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

Elinor DeVuyt
Director, Church School

Enclosure #10

GUILD FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

There are approximately 60 women active in the three circles that meet monthly September thru June. Guild meetings are held five times a year. Monthly meetings of the circles include devotions, an educational program, business meetings and on occasion, a service project. Each circle supports the Guild financially. The Guild programs vary with speakers, films, projects, etc. The Guild also sponsors money-making projects and many services for the Church.

Our budget for the 1974-1975 fiscal year is \$1775.00 which we hope to raise through direct contributions from our members and various money raising projects.

Each woman of the Church is a member of the Guild for Christian Service and some who are not active in a circle support our work through the envelopes mailed to all women containing the news of the Guild's activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Anderson
Treasurer

GUILD FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 1973 - July 1, 1974

Enclosure #11

YOUTH WORK REPORT - 1974

Under the leadership of our Youth Director, Janet Wahl, 1974 has been a year of growth in interest and enthusiasm as evidenced by attendance.

Two Youth Groups now meet regularly on alternating Sunday evenings at 7:00 P.M. The Junior High Group consists of 7th and 8th Graders with an average attendance at meetings and activities of 10-12. The Senior High Group, 9,10,11 and 12th Graders, has comparable attendance. The organization has evolved from a single group, meeting for at least one hour every Sunday, to the two groups, which met every Sunday separately at 6-7 P.M. for Junior Highs and at 7-8 P.M. for the Senior Highs, to the present arrangement. The aim for 1975 is to have the two groups meet together and separately at the same time every Sunday evening with the Youth Director responsible for the program of the two groups and the leadership of the Senior High Group. Other interested adults would assist with the leadership of the Junior High Group.

The programs have been concerned with current problems of youth dealt with from a Christian viewpoint. The programs and discussion are the basic purpose but other activities, which may be of a recreational nature, are also considered important to maintain interest and enthusiasm. The extra activities during the past year have been: 1) Ecumenical workshop at the United Church of Christ; 2) Godspell (play); 3) Jesus Christ Super Star (movie); and 4) an overnight at Church at which posters for Lent were made. An activity planned for the coming year is the renovating of a Sunday School room for youth use. The results of this should be interesting to all adults since the youth are being given a free hand in their decorating ideas.

The Treasury of the Youth Groups now contains \$201.64. This money was earned in past years.

Our Youth Director, Janet Wahl, along with Jean VanLoon and Bonnie Revier Magin, attended a weekend leadership conference this past Summer at Camp Fowler.

I would like to end this report with our Youth Director's goal: "The basic goal of a Youth Leader, as I see it, is to provide a relevant Christian program for the youth, but a second goal, which I would like to stress more, is to integrate the youth into the other facets of Church life."

Respectfully submitted,
Jack DeVuyst
Chairman, Board of Education

Bank Balance July 1, 1973		86.06
RECEIPTS - Circles	636.55	
Guild Offerings & Direct Contributions	364.60	
Baby Roll	4.00	
Cummings-Parisi Wedding	150.00	
Profit from Dinner Club Books	150.00	
Profit from Candy, Knives, Markins etc.	168.09	
Profit from Day of Exposure Albany Synod	47.39	
Profit from Movie, Popcorn	25.90	
Profit from Spaghetti Dinner	239.65	
Profit from Garage & Bake Food Sale	231.64	
Profit from Strawberry Social	224.51	
Mother-Daughter Dinner	3.60	
Special Offerings		
Milk for Children	9.00	
J. Sutherland Christmas Offering	55.70	
J. Sutherland Baby Gift	40.00	
	<u>2350.63</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		2436.69
DISBURSEMENTS		
General Synod		
Hope College Scholarship	25.00	
Board of Pensions	25.00	
New Brunswick Seminary	25.00	
Ravemco	25.00	
Kirkside	25.00	
Baby Roll	4.00	
	<u>129.00</u>	
Missionaries		
Rev. & Mrs. Ratmeyer	300.00	
Rev. & Mrs. VanAarde	300.00	
	<u>600.00</u>	
Classis		
Mission Service Fund	191.00	
Mandanapelle Girl's School	75.00	
Dr. VanEngen	75.00	
National Dues	200.00	
	<u>541.00</u>	
Local		
Teen Challenge of Greater Rochester	25.00	
Christmas Gift - J. Sutherland	56.00	
Memorial Fund - A. Zonneville	5.00	
Spec. Baby Gift - J. Sutherland	40.00	
Church Women United	10.00	
Annville Institute	25.00	
Brewton	25.00	
Church World Service - Milk Fund	9.00	
	<u>195.00</u>	
Brighton Reformed Church		
Postage	51.28	
Program materials & films	32.06	
Gaedke Cutlery Mfg. Co.	13.20	
Flowers	12.00	
Mother/Daughter Dinner Expenses	13.16	
	<u>121.70</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1586.70
BALANCE IN BANK JULY 1, 1974		849.99

Enclosure #12

WINTON SENIOR SERVICES

Winton Senior Services commenced operations in April, 1974, with St. John the Evangelist and Brighton Reformed Churches as co-sponsors.

Services provided are transportation, handy-man and telephone reassurance.

A hot-line telephone number was assigned and between publicity in the Times Union, City East, 18th Warder and posters in the various business and Church bulletins, we were off to a great start.

Transportation has been provided for 48 persons by 15 regular volunteer drivers, some using this service twice a week for medical appointments, taking families to visit hospital patients, grocery shopping, banking business, etc. A good percentage of these 48 are using the service regularly.

Handy-man services - 25 calls have been made and completed, some turning out to be a two-day job. Nine men have been involved in this which has included many plumbing problems, painting, electrical work, broken steps, fences, doors, locks, even to moving bedroom furniture to a downstairs room for a stroke victim, lawn work, particularly trimming shrubbery.

Four homes were taken care of under the winterizing programme. A list of youth from both Churches has been compiled and sent out to interested persons for regular lawn work and snow removal. 25 to date.

Telephone reassurance - this service is designed to provide a daily telephone call to shut-ins and persons living alone. We have one blind lady receiving a weekly visit to help with her mail.

The Steering Committee meet monthly at St. John's Rectory. An informational meeting was held for volunteer drivers on March 11, 1974. September 19, 1974, Mrs. Ruth Chase of the Visiting Nurse Service spoke with telephone reassurance volunteers, and on October 1st a dessert meeting was held at the Lodge for all volunteers.

Cards have been printed for our volunteers to present to each client, stating type of services provided and that if a person wishes to donate to the Organization where to send the donation.

There is a balance of \$825.00 in the Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

June Adams
Winton Senior Services

A N N U A L R E P O R T

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF
BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH - 1975

The First Eight Months

When 1975 began, Brighton Reformed Church found themselves without a pastor. A Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) had been formed and was in the midst of the process of finding a new pastor to lead us. The PSC reviewed the profiles of many ministers, sent a packet describing our church to many potential candidates, made numerous visits to interview and listen to potential candidates, invited a few to meet with the committee and finally invited Rev. Pater to preach on Sunday, May 4th and meet the congregation. As a result of this visit and the subsequent call issued by the Consistory, Rev. Pater accepted the call and he and his family arrived in Rochester the week of August 25th. The culmination of the Pastoral Search effort was the Installation Service of Rev. Pater on September 14th. Rev. Peter Vanden Berge, our Classis Moderator, was a tremendous help during this time. We thank God for his guidance while we were without a pastor and his guidance in the process of finding a new pastor.

Early in the year, arrangements were made with Rev. Raymond Trout, who was studying at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, to be our interim minister to conduct the Sunday worship service. During the summer months we were privileged to have with us Steve Wing, a student at Western Seminary, who conducted the Sunday worship service and provided much of the pastoral care needed.

With a new pastor coming, another task arose for the church. That was to secure a parsonage for the pastor and his family. Roland Woodhams headed up a committee to accomplish this and the end result was to acquire a new home at 7 Tree Brook Drive.

In the absence of a full-time pastor, the Consistory attempted to maintain all the programs of the church. It was felt by many that one area needed special emphasis. That area was visitation. On February 16, 1975 a series of six workshops on visitation was begun, under the leadership of Rev. John Savage, a consultant in this area. Since completion of those workshops, many visits have been made by those participating in the workshops and the results have been quite encouraging.

Eugene Ligtenberg
Vice President, Consistory

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF
BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH - 1975

The Last Four Months

A big event in my childhood life in Philadelphia was the circus that came to town each summer. A huge parade of elephants, clowns, and ferocious animals in gilded cages entertained the pedestrians lined along Broad Street. My parents were disappointed when I returned home, one afternoon, with the ticket money they had given me still in my pocket. "Didn't you see the circus?" they asked. I answered, "Sure, I saw the circus. It came down the street and I saw it free!"

TRANSITIONAL PERIOD

The experience of being without a pastor during most of 1975 has taught the congregation the fundamental New Testament lesson that Christianity is not free. It involves the spiritual commitment of every member. It proves what the Holy Spirit can accomplish when each Christian is devoted, willing to sacrifice, and willing to share "the good news" of God's love.

Since I have been the installed pastor, I have often thanked God for the love and support shown to me and my family during a period of change; for the fullest cooperation of the Consistory; and for the patience of the congregation as we become better acquainted and slowly chart our future course. The call of God through the Brighton Reformed Church is very real in my heart.

GOALS

My objectives for the Fall of 1975 were primarily two. (1) To extensively personally call on all the members of the congregation. At this writing, 80% of our geographically-spread out parishoners have been visited. And (2) to bring together all the members of the Greater Consistory for a time of spiritual renewal, sharing concerns, and fellowship. Twenty-five Greater Consistory members attended a meeting on November 19. Numerous ideas have since been referred to Consistory for implementation and it was agreed that the Greater Consistory should be convened two or three times each year.

Other Aims or Priorities. Visitation of the church's shut-in and sick members must not be neglected. Twenty-one elderly shut-ins have been visited monthly and Elder Roy Hard and the minister have served the Sacrament of Holy Communion to alternate halves of the shut-in/^{at} each observance. The sick have been called upon two or three times a week. Much time has also been spent in visiting inactive members referred to the pastor by the Evangelism Committee, as well as prospective new members.

In order to construct a strong spiritual foundation for our ministry, a Consistory period of prayer has been instituted before each worship service. The participation of many Consistory persons has greatly undergirded the pastor and liturgist each Sunday and opened the channels for God's grace. An expanded midweek Confirmation Class of forty weeks, two reorganized youth groups, and an attempt to reactivate a defunct boy scout troop have been given priority.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Strengthen our Spiritual Focus.

1. I desire to build our church life and work on a base of prayer, continuing our Consistory and choir prayers each Sunday.
2. Give consideration to a retreat for Consistory persons and church leaders under the supervision of a regional staff person to help us "Come Alive".
3. With the Worship Committee, develop a series of Lenten Bible study sessions, possibly on a bicentennial theme.

Develop A Sense of "Koinonia" (Concerned Fellowship).

1. Continue the present practices of greeters, coffee hours, ritual of fellowship, and covered dish suppers.
2. Encourage and strengthen the efforts of our monthly Lay Visitation Program.
3. Develop a Zoning Visitation System in which every deacon and elder will have spiritual concern for approximately twelve church families, visiting them annually. Needs, concerns, ideas, and visitation of new families would be shared with Consistory and pastor.
4. Consider new program areas: a summer Daily Vacation Church School, outdoor summer worship services, a camper's club with a spiritual purpose.
5. Receive Consistory's authorization of the Greater Consistory to serve as a task force to study the future needs and directions of our church in the local and larger geographical areas.

Possible Bicentennial Goals.

Have Consistory appoint a Church History Bicentennial Committee whose purpose would be to organize our historical records and memorabilia and plan a few key bicentennial celebrations. Also, they might:

1. Keep a series of slides on all of our church activities.
2. Plan a special Dutch service for the community on Sunday, July 4, 1976.
3. Promote family participation in the RCA Jubilee Festival '76, August 13-16 at Slippery Rock, Pa.
4. Help plan a Lenten series of Bible studies on a bicentennial theme.
5. Encourage and promote home Bible reading for 1976 so each family may recover the basic spiritual foundations of our heritage.
6. Have Evangelism Committee adopt a bicentennial emphasis--"Each Family Witnessing to Another Family". Imagine--200 families bringing, in the course of 1976, two hundred new neighboring

families into our church! It is a proven fact that 75% of all new church members have come to Christ and a local church through a friend. Too idealistic? Not really! In faith, in dreams, great churches are born.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS 1975

Baptisms(children)	8
Funerals of Church Members	6
Transferred	6
Suspended	6
New Members:	
On Confession	11
On Letter of Dismissal	9

Active Members	429
Inactive Members	<u>80</u>
Total	<u>509</u>

CONCLUSION

In 1976, let us resolve that we will not be a passive congregation of members merely standing on the sidelines, observing a small group of committed Christians perform in the parade. Let us pray that we might feel and experience the warmth of Christian fellowship, the inspiration of divine worship, the lifting power of prayer, and the real love of Jesus Christ. We need to pay the cost, however, to take up the cross and follow Jesus.

How sad for those who see the parade, but not the show. How sad to see something of Christianity, but never experience Christ!

In faith and love for Christ,

Russell F. Pater
Your Pastor

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR 1975

Money Received for 1975

Envelopes (Est.)	\$43,000.00
Loose Offering (Est.)	1,200.00
Special (Est.)	1,100.00
Parsonage Mortgage	<u>2,427.00</u>
Total for 1975	\$47,727.00

We had 104 pledges for \$32,000.00.

We received \$11,000.00 in envelopes that was not pledged.

Estimation of Money to be Received in 1976

We have 134 pledges	
Envelopes (Pledged)	\$44,529.50
Loose (Est.)	1,300.50
Special (Est.)	1,100.00
Parsonage Mortgage	2,427.00
To be received in envelopes but not pledged (Est.)	<u>5,500.00</u>
Total for 1976	\$54,857.00

Proposed Budget	\$61,328.00
Total for 1976	<u>54,857.00</u>
Deficiency	- 6,471.00

Stewardship Chairman,
Robert Ayette

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
GENERAL FUND - DECEMBER 31, 1975

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Pledges		\$44,699.76
Loose Offering		1,083.78
Others		<u>1,124.34</u>
		\$46,907.88
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
<u>Property:</u>		
Heat, light & telephone	\$ 5,100	5,908.11
Insurance	1,156	1,279.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,400	2,258.92
Parsonage (Rental allowance)	3,000	1,570.81
Water & taxes	2,150	2,094.14
Sexton	3,100	2,880.00
Capital Expenditure	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,596.96</u>
	18,906	17,587.94
<u>General & Administrative:</u>		
Secretary	6,000	6,000.00
General office expense	1,700	2,157.07
Payroll Tax	650	656.31
Pension & Medical	2,000	1,322.78
Miscellaneous	<u>150</u>	<u>120.93</u>
	10,500	10,257.09
<u>Ministerial Activities:</u>		
<u>Local:</u>		
Minister's salary	10,200	4,975.00
Organist	2,330	2,346.66
Pulpit Supply	300	1,250.00
Congregational supplies	1,000	1,408.57
Music	300	314.34
Religious Education	900	738.23
Travel	1,440	711.20
Youth leadership	1,250	475.00
Educational stipend	---	<u>1,310.00</u>
	17,720	13,529.00
<u>Away:</u>		
Pulpit Search	2,000	2,472.91
Classis	1,880	1,878.80
Benevolence	<u>5,000</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
	8,880	5,351.71
<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u>	\$56,006	\$46,725.74
Surplus (deficit)		182.14
Beginning Fund Balance - 1/1/75		<u>2,301.85</u>
Ending Fund Balance - 12/31/75		<u>\$ 2,483.99</u>

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
CONSOLIDATION OF ESCROW ACCOUNT ACTIVITY 1975

PARSONAGE CAPITAL ACCOUNT
9 Tree Brook Dr., Penfield
(Old Mortgage Account)

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	
On Hand, 1-1-75	\$ 605.15
Mortgage income on old parsonage	2,426.76
Funds withdrawn from Memorial & Endowment	
Savings Accounts	\$ 9,640.00
Sale of notes secured by Memorial	5,500.00
Transfer from current Memorial	<u>847.95</u>
	15,987.95
Gifts designated for Parsonage	
Individuals	2,610.00
Guild for Christian Service	<u>500.00</u>
	3,110.00
Funds transferred from escrow Tax Account	614.34
Refund	<u>18.85</u>
	22,763.05
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>	
Parsonage purchase price	49,400.00
Mortgage money (Col. Banking Sav. & Loan)	(<u>30,000.00</u>)
	19,400.00
Cost of obtaining mortgage	904.00
Extras and changes	863.55
Appliances	963.00
Miscellaneous fees	132.50
Transfer to Capital Account, 1976 (Escrow)	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>\$22,763.05</u>

Account closed, 12-31-75

ESCROW ACCOUNTS - 1975 (Cont'd - P. 2)

CHURCH HERALD

Collections from 1974 (On Hand, 1-1-75)	\$ 74.50	
Collections in 1975	106.25	
Transfer from General Fund	<u>9.87</u>	
	\$ 190.62	
	<u>(110.37)</u>	
Church Herald subscription, 1975		\$ 80.25
Funds carried over to 1976		

LODGE ACCOUNT

On Hand, 1-1-75	71.90	
Disbursement for lumber	<u>(49.25)</u>	
Carried over to 1976		22.65

TAX ACCOUNT

Cash on Hand, 1-1-75	614.34	
Funds transferred to Parsonage Capital Account	<u>(614.34)</u>	
Account closed, 12-31-75		-0-

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

On Hand, 1-1-75	-0-	
Funds designated for capital expenditures	<u>550</u>	
Balance, 12-31-75		<u>550.00</u>
Total Escrow in bank account		<u>652.90</u>

MEMORIAL AND ENDOWMENT FUND - 1975

Collections in 1975	3,587.00	
Funds transferred to Parsonage Account	<u>(1,642.95)</u>	
Funds deposited Col. Banking Sav. & Loan Account No. 5-505683	<u>(1,944.05)</u>	
Balance, 12-31-75		-0-

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

PROPOSED BUDGET - 1976

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
<u>Property</u>			
Heat, light & telephone	\$ 5,100	\$ 6,500	
Insurance	1,156	1,258	
Repairs & maintenance	2,400	2,300	
Parsonage (Rental allowance)	3,000	4,200	
Water & taxes	2,150	2,100	
Sexton	3,100	2,880	
Capital Expenditure	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	
			\$21,238
<u>General & Administrative</u>			
Secretary	6,000	6,500	
General office expense	1,700	1,810	
Payroll taxes	650	685	
Pension & medical	2,000	2,745	
Miscellaneous	<u>150</u>	<u>250</u>	
			11,990
<u>Ministerial Activities</u>			
<u>Local:</u>			
Minister's salary	10,200	13,500	
Organist	2,330	2,400	
Pulpit	300	300	
Congregational	1,000	700	
Music	300	300	
Religious Education	900	900	
Travel	1,440	2,000	
Youth leadership	<u>1,250</u>	<u>---</u>	
			20,100
<u>Away:</u>			
Classis	1,880	2,165	
Benevolence	5,000	5,549	
Pulpit Search	<u>2,000</u>	<u>---</u>	
			<u>7,714</u>
			\$61,042
<u>ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</u>			
1975 Total Receipts (Est.)		\$45,600	
Income from old Parsonage		2,427	
Deficiency		<u>13,015</u>	
		<u>61,042</u>	

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH		
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS - 1975		
<u>CAPITAL FUNDS</u>		
Capital Fund (First Fed. 01-3008652)	\$ 1,787.51	
Interest	<u>97.67</u>	\$ 1,885.18
Home Fund (Comm., 401-12517)	3,473.18	
Interest	<u>315.20</u>	<u>3,788.38</u>
Total Capital Funds		5,673.56
<u>MEMORIAL AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS</u>		
Memorial & Legacy (First Fed. 128825)	1,184.41	
Interest	48.08	
Transferred to Col. Banking 5-505683	<u>(1,232.49)</u>	-0-
Account closed		
Memorial Fund (Comm., M-524967)	2,649.10	
Interest	71.31	
Transferred to Col. Banking 5-505683	<u>(2,720.41)</u>	-0-
Account closed		
Memorial Fund (Comm. 304-27137)	4,778.65	
Interest	148.35	
Transferred to Parsonage Capital Account	<u>(2,500.00)</u>	
Transferred to Col. Banking 5-505683	<u>(2,427.00)</u>	-0-
Account closed		
Term Account (First Fed. 01-5,300,202)	6,560.86	
Interest	519.12	
Funds reserved for notes outstanding	<u>(5,500.00)</u>	
Reserved for accrued interest on notes	<u>(120.25)</u>	
Balance 12-31-75		1,459.73
Endowment Fund (Comm. 401-12516)	9,850.99	
Interest	<u>893.98</u>	
Balance 12-31-75		10,744.97
Memorial Fund (Col. Banking 5-505683)	-0-	
Funds transferred from other savings		
(First Fed. 128825; Comm., M-524967 & 304-27137)	6,379.90	
Funds deposited from current Memorial	2,739.05	
Interest	58.17	
Transferred to Parsonage Capital Account	<u>(7,140.00)</u>	<u>2,037.12</u>
Total Memorial Funds		\$14,241.82
plus 21 shares Charter, N. Y. Corp.		

FUNDING STATEMENT

Roy Harold

Funds brought forward from 1974	\$ 349.57
Rec'd from WSS repayment of 1973 Loan	435.79
1975 Receipts:	

1975 Disbursements:	Actual	Budget	Variance
GENERAL SYNOD - RCA PROGRAM			
MOM Emphasis	\$2399.05		
World Hunger	218.95		
Missionaries	600.00		
Women's Work - CC	67.00		
New Brunswick	200.00		
Brewton-Cattle Care	100.00		
Central College	175.00		
Northwestern College	175.00		
Hope College	175.00		
Undesignated	250.00		
	\$4,360.00	\$3,800.00	560.00
PARTICULAR SYNOD - ALBANY PROGRAM			
Camp Fewler	\$1040.60		
U. Sy. Ministries	1610.00		
	2,650.60	4,000.00	(1,349.40)
CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER PROGRAM			
Campus Ministries	500.00	1,025.00	(525.00)
BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH PROGRAM			
Honduras Relief	\$ 435.79		
Gospel Tabernacle	27.60		
Pruiksma	150.00		
VandenBerge Apprec	90.00		
Cheer Basket	16.32		
Salvation Army	15.65		
	735.36	1,000.00	(264.64)
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,245.96	\$9,825.00	(1,579.04)
1975 Year End Balance	84.05		
	\$8,330.01		

WE did not pay our CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER askings.
WE fell behind \$25.00 on each of the three college donations.
WE fell \$500.00 short of our PARTICULAR SYNOD - ALBANY payments of 1974.
WE have run out of carryovers and loans to fall back on in 1976.

OUR GOAL of \$200.00 per month for the MISSION OF THE MONTH PROGRAM was exceeded by 5 cents when someone paid a January 1976 MOM of \$1.00. Total 1975 MOM Receipts was \$2,400.05. We seem to be off with a kind of spirit developed during our period of being without a pastor that shows many signs of enthusiasm for going places in 1976 under the "awakening" influence of Rev. Pater. TICTULAR SYNOD - ALBANY challenged us with a 1976 goal of \$4,800.00 have approved a budget and we are off to a start with \$84.05.

Roy Hand
Roy Hand, Benevolence Funds, Treas.

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
BENEVOLENCE FUNDS
BUDGET - 1976

	1976	1975
GENERAL SYNOD PROGRAM		
Church World Service, Annville, Brewton, City Work, Indian Missions, 3 Colleges, 1 Seminary and Mission of the Month Program	\$ 4,000	\$3,800
PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY		
Camp Fowler		
Church Extension		
Synod Support for Center Services (Askings)	4,800	4,000
CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER		
Genesee Ecumenical Missions (500)		
Classis per Member Asking (700)	1,200	1,025
BRIGHTON'S OWN PROJECTS AND PROGRAM		
Winton Senior Services (125)		
Camp Fowler Camperships (125)		
Clothing, etc. for Goodwill, Annville and Brewton (100)		
Gospel Tabernacle (500)		
(Individual subscription)		
Disaster - International (See C.W.S.)		
Local & National (250)	1,100	1,000
GRAND TOTAL BENEVOLENCE BUDGET	\$11,100	\$9,825

Roy Hand,
Benevolence Treasurer

CHURCH SCHOOL

Nineteen seventy-five was a good year in our Church School, considering the increased enrollments and contributions. Spiritual increases are difficult to assess, but a renewed enthusiasm was evident.

Eleven Church School teachers and several helpers contributed their time and talents. Joyce Leenhouts and Ted DeSoto were welcome additions to the teaching staff in September. The Christian Reformed curriculum is now taught in all grades, through the Junior High level. Mae Hubregson's class of pre-schoolers continues to enjoy David C. Cook materials.

Our records show that a possible 86 children, nursery through 12th grade, could attend Church School classes. Last year 72 children were enrolled. The adult Bible Class averages about 12 participants each Sunday, while the topical discussion group has had 30 adults in attendance.

It is interesting to note increases in summer Church School attendance and contributions. A total of 94 children (throughout the summer) enjoyed classes the eleven summer Sundays, with \$23.51 recorded in offerings. I am again indebted to Mae Hubregson for keeping the summer records.

The attendance at Junior Worship Services (Kindergarten through 6th grade, 10:30-11 AM) averages 34 children--an increase of at least ten children. This year has seen an increase in children's participation: leading prayers, songs, flag salutes, and playing their musical instruments. We continue to observe each church holiday through scriptures, responsive readings, and stories. The Church Herald and our new flannel board were used often.

On June 15th, Bibles were presented to five second grade children.

At the Family Christmas Program on December 7th, several Church School children offered scriptures, meditations, prayers, and poems.

Sherry (Parks) Micciche took charge of Church School children's refreshments, between the two periods of worship and teaching on Sunday mornings. This juice and cookie break has become necessary and enjoyable. We are grateful for Sherry's assistance.

BENEVOLENCES

At the Annual Meeting a year ago, I displayed a sample denim school kit, completely filled. On April 13th the children packed the twenty-five sturdy bags that Sue DeVuyt sewed so beautifully. It was estimated that for each school kit, about \$2.00 was spent on the required school supplies, specified by the Church World Service. On April 14th I delivered these school kits to the Men's Service Center, West Avenue, for pick up, paying \$1.90 postage.

During the month of October, Church School offerings were collected for World Hunger, the "Mission of the Month" project. Each \$1.50 "bought" twenty pounds of beans, and \$92.95 was realized. The Adult Bible Class donated generously.

After the November 9th pancake breakfast, the Adult Discussion Group donated the \$24.00 profit to the Church School. Again, this money was designated for benevolences.

When the end of the year deposit of \$83.94 was made, our bank balance came to \$709.65. All of this money will go towards benevolences.

On December 21, a new benevolence project to aid our own Reformed Church Camp Fowler was discussed in Junior Worship.

We begin 1976 with new incentives and determinations.

Elinore De Vuyst
Director, Church School

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Junior High Youth Fellowship was reorganized in September, under the advisorship of George and Pat DeRue and Janet Pater. Following a get-acquainted meeting, officers were subsequently elected. They are: President, Tim Woodhams; Vice-President, Paul Teamerson; Secretary, Maureen Holley; and Treasurer, Sandy Hance. Meetings are held concurrently with the Senior High Youth, each Sunday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., unless otherwise announced. While attendance varies, there is a good core group of ten young people. Programs and activities run the gamut from serious to fun-centered. However, a devotional period shared with the Seniors concludes each evening meeting. Some of the most meaningful projects to date probably were those of decorating the bulletin board in the narthex to depict the need to feed the hungry of the world, via Church World Service; making Thanksgiving remembrances for our church's "cheer people" and personally delivering many of them; caroling with the Friendship Club on Christmas Sunday; and working in conjunction with the RCW by serving at two dinners and helping with the Food Booth at the Fair.

The greatest challenge lies in attempting to mesh the young people into one unit. Presently, there are two distinct cliques, those who attend church and Church School regularly with their parents; and those who do not. I strongly believe that as we as church members learn to reach out, listen, and become closer to one another, likewise, these young people, the future strength of Brighton, will grow in their commitment to the Lord and their exuberance for the youth program.

Janet C. Pater
Advisor

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Senior High Youth Fellowship organized in September. The general consensus of the group was that they wanted an informal type of "government" as opposed to a rigid form or none at all, as was the case last year. Finally, the idea of a Planning Committee was hit upon with a representative from each class and a chairman. This committee serves as a type of executive committee without the formal offices of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The committee meets about once a month, in addition to regular meetings, to plan weekly programs. The representatives take turns performing the necessary tasks dealing with transportation, letter writing, refreshments, and money. It is the duty of the chairman to preside over all regular and Planning Committee meetings. Our representatives include: Lee Miller - Senior Rep.; Robin Clark - Junior Rep.; Lynn Garrison - Sophomore Rep.; and Tami Ligtenberg and Carol Pater - Freshmen Co-Representatives. Pam Pater is Chairman.

Our advisors include Rev. Pater, Clark Scheerens, and Janet Wahl.

We have been averaging about fifteen kids per meeting, which is a pretty good start. Despite the fact that we have had quite a few worthy projects, such as raking the leaves on the church lawn and volunteering to do odd jobs in conjunction with the Winton Senior Services, one basic problem remains. This problem seems to be a lack of commitment and dedication on the part of the youth. Although we live in a wide geographical spread and therefore, don't know each other too well, there is still hope and it will probably take a few years to reach a point of total faithfulness. Also, the Church Youth Group is a new experience to most of the kids and a lot of our members aren't even affiliated with any church. A good youth fellowship will be organized only when its members are willing to come to every meeting no matter what the program is. When this happens, the good feelings will spread to the rest of the youth in the church, where there is still a lot of potential, and to the surrounding communities.

All in all, this year is truly one of learning and new horizons for the youth of Brighton Reformed.

Pam Pater
Chm. Planning Committee

REFORMED CHURCH WOMEN

The meetings of the Brighton Reformed Church Women continue to interest about 40-45 women. The monthly circle meetings average about twenty women per circle, of which there are three, two evening and one afternoon group.

In January of 1975 the women studied about the General Program Council of the RCA. In March the Spiritual Life Committee, with Esther Abbey's direction, presented the Passover Meal to approximately fifty women. This program, written by Mrs. Robert (Mary) DeForrest, formerly of the Lakeview Reformed Church, continues to be more meaningful each time we participate. In May about seven women traveled to New York City to hear Anna Herschman, author of Hansi, the Girl Who Loved the Swastika, speak at the Marble Collegiate Church. To those who attended it was a very spiritually worthwhile trip. Hansi, a follower of Hitler as a teenager and now a deeply committed Christian, travels the world over proclaiming His love. At our May meeting the Blossom Seniors presented a fashion show helping us celebrate our centennial birthday of 100 years of women's work in the RCA. In September Grada Steenblok, as the new Spiritual Life Chairman, presented her story of commitment to the love of Jesus Christ and his ever present help in her personal tragedy. November was a culmination of many month's work by Georgine Parks, as Organization Secretary, and many ladies, as the Bazaar was a success both financially and in fellowship.

The three circles, which meet monthly, studied about the Parables of Jesus.

In the area of service we directed much effort toward making wheel chair restraints, bibs, aprons and swim bags for the Al Sigl Center. In November, as requested by the Dept. of Women's Work, a Christmas box and a gift of money was sent to Annville Institute in Kentucky.

In November five women traveled to Syracuse to attend the Albany Synod's Women's Retreat with Rev. Herman Luben as the keynote speaker.

We look forward to 1976 and hope to interest more women in our program.

Sybil Miller, President, RCW

GUILD FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

JANUARY 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975

Balance on hand, January 1, 1975 \$ 665.16

RECEIPTS:

Circles	\$ 647.24	
Guild offerings & contributions	320.10	
Special offerings	123.67	
Sale items (candy, knives, etc.)	476.00	
Spaghetti dinner	167.92	
Rummage Sale and baked food	303.11	
Fall Conference dinner	202.01	
Smorgasbord and Bazaar	<u>1,084.41</u>	<u>3,324.46</u>
Total Receipts		3,989.62

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Synod

Missionary Support	\$600.00	
Hope College	50.00	
New Brunswick Seminary	50.00	
Board of Pensions	50.00	
Kirkside	50.00	
RAVENCO	50.00	
Annvile	50.00	
Brewton	50.00	
Women's Centennial	<u>154.80</u>	<u>1,104.80</u>

Classis

Mission Service Fund	193.00	
Mandanapelle Girl's School	75.00	
Dr. VanEngen (Missionary)	<u>75.00</u>	<u>343.00</u>

Local

Teen Challenge	50.00	
Gospel Tabernacle	25.00	
Church Women United	15.00	
Church World Service	10.51	
Macy Christmas Offering	<u>62.45</u>	<u>162.96</u>

Brighton Reformed Church

Parsonage Fund	500.00	
Memorials	20.00	
Nursery Drapes	94.83	
Workbooks, packets, etc.	78.00	
Sale items (candy, knives)	245.53	
Supplies, postage, misc.	90.16	
Centennial celebration	<u>59.50</u>	<u>1,088.02</u>

Total Disbursements \$2,698.78

Balance Jan. 1, 1976 \$1,290.84

Doris Hornberger, Treasurer

WINTON SENIOR SERVICES

The Advisory Board meets the 2nd Thursday of the month. Services rendered for the year 1975 are as follows:

16 handyman calls responded to

9 lawn jobs

21 variety calls - calls for out of our district, requests for services not provided, etc.

1 snow removal

287 transportation requests - all filled

An answering service tape was installed on February 27th, controlled by a timer, the recorder is checked twice a day by either Barb or June with the assistance of a decoder.

Sister Rigger from the Office of Human Development asked for our assistance in making a slide presentation, shots were taken of the hot line being answered, as well as our youth doing yard clean up.

On May 28th a letter and a citation along with a token gift was presented to our volunteer drivers by Fr. John Mulligan in the Parlor at Brighton Reformed. Brighton Reformed and Winton Senior Services were the recipient of three walkers donated by the family of Mrs. DeVisser - all are in use. A new phone number was assigned to the lodge, so calls coming in on the hot line would not interfere.

A request from Eastside Community to expand our services west of Culver Road was rejected - reason - lack of volunteers.

A list of names for lawn work and snow removal is available - seniors make own arrangements with youth doing this particular job.

Balance in treasury - \$168.85.

June Adams

BLOSSOM SENIOR CITIZENS

The Blossom Senior Citizens meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Lodge. The average attendance ranges between 90-95.

Special activities this past year include the following:

January - a Spaghetti Dinner; February - a Pot Luck Dinner and Valentine's Day Party; March - a Sauerkraut and Weiner Dinner, St. Patrick's Party, and a visit to Top of the Plaza, Senior Citizens Dinner. In April we had a Roast Beef Kimelwick and enjoyed a trip to Penn Yan. In May we traveled to the King's Table for dinner and participated in a Memorial Service; June found us touring Kodak Park and having a Hot Dog Roast; July - picnic at Webster Park; and August - a Pot Luck Dinner. During the month of September we enjoyed another Spaghetti Dinner and had a box lunch at Hamlin Beach; while in October, McDonald's put on a luncheon for us, and we had a special Fifth Year Anniversary Dinner at Cinnellis Restaurant to which we invited guests, including Rev. Gordon Curtis. During November we again enjoyed a smorgasbord dinner at the King's Table; and in December we had another Pot Luck Dinner.

Frank Ernisse
President,
Blossom Senior Citizens

PARSONAGE INFORMATION

The parsonage was purchased in August 1975. It is located at 7 Tree Brook Drive, off Browncroft Blvd. in Penfield.

The total cost of the parsonage was:

\$22,234.40	cash
<u>30,000.00</u>	mortgage
\$52,223.40	Total cost

The mortgage is as follows:

Amount	\$30,000.00
Term	25 years
Interest Rate	8 1/2% per year
Monthly Payments:	\$241.57

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

OFFICERS OF CONSISTORY -- 1976

PRESIDENT	Rev. Russell F. Pater, 7 Tree Brook Dr. 14625	381-9642
	Church Office, 805 Blossom Rd. 14610	288-5649
VICE PRESIDENT	Mr. Eugene Ligtenberg, 52 Marble Dr. 14615	621-3813
TREASURER	Mr. Russell Bushart, 1391 Creek St., Web. 14580	671-3924
BENEVOLENT TREASURER	Mr. Roy Hand, 141 Lafayette Pkwy. 14625	381-5888
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Mrs. Edmond Rombaut, 266 Black Hawk Cir., Henrietta 14467	334-9243
CLERK	Mr. Ted DeSoto, 25 Valley Green Dr., Penf. 14526	377-6290

ELDERS -- 1976

Mr. Eugene Ligtenberg	(76)	621-3813
Mr. John DeVuyt, Jr.	(76)	586-7109
Mr. Norman Biller	(77)	381-5785
Mr. Roy Hand	(77)	381-5888
Mr. Roland Woodhams	(77)	381-4939
Mrs. Grada Steenblok	(78)	338-7467
Mr. Ted DeSoto	(78)	377-6290
Mr. Arthur Teamerson	(78)	342-9018

DEACONS -- 1976

Mr. Paul Abbey, Jr.	(76)	381-7854
Mr. Robert Ayette	(76)	865-2978
Mr. Norman Seitz	(76)	671-8572
Mrs. Barbara Goodrich	(77)	288-3582
Mr. Robert Leenhouts	(77)	872-2756
Mrs. Margaret Anderson	(78)	671-5184
Mr. Russell Bushart	(78)	671-3924

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

Stewardship	Mr. Robert Ayette
Property	Mr. Norman Seitz, Mr. Paul Abbey, Jr.
Music	Mr. Robert Leenhouts
Service	Mr. Arthur Teamerson
Worship	Mr. Norman Biller
Religious Education	Mr. John DeVuyt, Jr.
Pastoral Relations	Mr. Roland Woodhams
Finance	Mr. Russell Bushart, Mrs. Helen Rombaut, Mrs. Barbara Goodrich, Mr. Arthur Alphenaar
Benevolence	Mr. Roy Hand, Mr. Robert Leenhouts
Women's Work	Mrs. Margaret Anderson
Community and Evangelism	Mr. Eugene Ligtenberg, Mr. Ted DeSoto
Senior's Liaison	Mrs. Barbara Goodrich, Mrs. June Adams
Classis Elder Rep.	Mr. Roy Hand, Mrs. Carol Scheerens
Church History - Bi-centennial (Special Comm.)	Mrs. Grada Steenblok, Mrs. Carol Scheerens
Greater Consistory Liaison	Mr. Paul Nelson, Mr. George DeRue

STAFF

Director of Music	Mr. David E. Hughson
Secretary	Mrs. Avis Morgan
Custodian	Mr. Harry Murk

467-3840
315-524-8898
288-7396

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

January 11, 1976

1. Prayer and Call to Order
2. Report on Spiritual Life of Brighton
 - A. January-August Eugene Ligtenberg
Vice President, Consistory
 - B. September-December Russell F. Pater, Pastor
3. Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ended December 31, 1975 Arthur Alphenaar
Treasurer
 - A. General Fund
 - B. Memorial & Endowment Fund
 - C. Parsonage Fund
 - D. Saving Accounts
4. Proposed Budget - 1976 Arthur Alphenaar, Treasurer
5. Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of Benevolent Fund Roy Hand
Treasurer
6. Proposed Benevolent Fund Budget - 1976 Roy Hand, Treasurer
7. Church School Report Jack De Vuyt
Chm. Religious Education Comm.
8. Youth Group Reports
 - A. Junior High George DeRue, Advisor
 - B. Senior High Pam Pater, Chm. Planning Comm.
9. Reformed Church Women Sybil Miller, President
10. Winton Senior Services June Adams
11. Nominations Committee Report Paul Nelson, Clerk
12. New Business Rev. Pater
13. Adjournment and Prayer

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, October 24, 1976

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on October 24, 1976 in the church. Rev. Russell F. Pater presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Russell Bushart, Treasurer, presented the proposed 1977 Program and Budget (copies on file). In introducing Mr. Bushart, Rev. Pater commended Mr. Bushart's fine performance as Treasurer.

Roy Hand, Benevolence Treasurer, presented the Benevolence part of the proposed budget for 1977.

M/R. Hand 2/Jacob DeVuyst that the total budget for 1977 be adopted. Carried.

Robert Ayette, Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, urged support of the budget with their pledges.

M/R. Bushart 2/B. Goodrich that the congregational motion re: quarterly payments of 10% to benevolence be amended by adding the words, "if possible". (29-22) Carried.

M/B. Woodhams 2/V. Goodrich that Consistory notify the congregation each quarter re: the 10% payment to benevolences, if unable to make payment. Carried.

G. Ligtenberg reported for the Nominations Committee:

Nominated for Elder were
George DeRue, Sr.
Alex Anderson

Nominated for Deacon were
William Estes
Edison Ziegler
Helen Rombaut

M/B. Woodhams 2/R. Bushart that the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot on behalf of the slate. Carried.

Rev. Pater thanked the congregation for their support and urged their continued support.

M/R. Bushart 2/B. Woodhams that the meeting be adjourned, after prayer, at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T. DeSoto, Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT
BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

PASTOR'S REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION - 1976

The word church never means a building anywhere in the Bible. If you said to an early Christian "What a lovely church," and you were referring to a building, he would not know what you were talking about. To him the church was a body of men, women and children who had given their hearts to Jesus Christ.

The first duty of my ministry during the past year has been to build people, not buildings, to visit extensively, to listen, to encourage, to determine needs and develop directions for the future. Instead of a mood of defeatism, wishing for the return of "the good old days", and negative feelings and attitudes, I now prayerfully sense a mood of rejoicing, possibility thinking, a real spirit of working together and a hopeful determination to grow. Let's have a look at some of our strengths and weaknesses!

Congregational Visitation Both minister and congregation have made this their number one priority of BRC. The minister has devoted virtually every afternoon, and many evenings, to visitation. The entire congregation has been called upon at least once and a large segment, a second time. This ministry has fostered acquaintanceship, reconciliation and an opportunity to listen to our member's concerns and needs. Numerous prospective members have been visited and invited to become part of our Christian fellowship. Our shut-in members have been visited at least once every six weeks by the Pastor and served Communion by the minister and Elder Roy Hand, at least four times during the year. Our own sick members and many from the senior citizen's community have been called upon at least twice a week in area hospitals and at their homes.

Through the impetus of the denominational "Good News People" evangelism program, which the minister conducted for six Monday nights this past fall, and the dynamic and untiring leadership of Eugene Ligtenberg, our Membership Chairman, the entire congregation plans to launch a Sector Program of Caring and Sharing on February 6, 1977. Our Chairman will share details of that glowing ministry later in this annual report.

The various circles of our RCW have adopted "cheer friends" and have visited all the shut-in members faithfully. Even the youth, during holiday seasons, have shown their love for the elderly by making favor-gifts and visiting the nursing homes. Greeting cards to the sick are also sent regularly by the RCW through Florence Woodhams.

The minister's family have tried to entertain the congregation at an Open House in the new parsonage last Palm Sunday, as well as various individuals and committees who have meant so much to them in their ministry, hoping to foster a spirit of love by this entertaining.

The result: a feeling of caring and being cared for; increased church attendance on Sunday morning (average 175-190 the past three fall months); a growing number of young families showing renewed interest; and a specific prayer and determination to grow numerically and spiritually.

Our Statistics for 1976 Brighton Reformed Church has shown a steady communicant membership decline since 1962, with the exception of one year. Changing social patterns, mobility of population, attrition by transfer or death and internal problems are contributing factors. These same ecclesiastical trends have beset denominations nation-wide. We are now confident our church will reverse its trend of the past decade and will begin to grow.

Our church records have been carefully reviewed by the Elders and Pastor and many names with a long history of no commitment to the church have been painfully removed. Even though we received 30 new members into our fellowship, this past year, our total communicant membership remains the same, but, we believe, our membership records are more realistic. Our annual Consistorial Report to the Classis reflects the following data for 1976:

8 infant baptisms 3 adult baptisms
4 members transferred 7 members passed away
24 removed from our records
25 were received on Confession of Faith
5 were received by Letter of Transfer

As of December 31, 1976, our church has:

318 church families
429 active members
73 inactive members

Our Spiritual Foundation The prayers of our Consistory before each Sunday Service, our series of mid-week Bible study events, Jubilee '76 during Lent, and the "Good News People" during the Fall, have done much to open the divine channels of leadership, to specifically motivate us to be concerned more with spiritual growth. Our church is a committed people determined to move forward, not just a building or organization.

Some Expectations for 1977 The minister and congregation pray for the fulfillment of these objectives:

1. To fully implement our Sector System of Caring and Sharing for active, inactive and prospective church members. Our aims will be to build fellowship, to study and train ourselves for discipleship.
2. For the Pastor to endeavor to call at least once in every home and extensively on newcomers. It is my expectation that our membership will grow and our average Sunday worship attendance will increase to 200 per Sunday.
3. To raise our budget and increase our benevolent concerns through personal commitment and sacrifice.
4. To complete numerous Capital Improvement Goals on our Lodge and to refurbish our beautiful facilities, mobilizing our human resources in a voluntary effort.
5. To continue to explore the needs of such groups as young adults, our families, new members and newcomers and try to develop a ministry and program responsive to their needs.
6. Because the minister will be taking a 2 week continuing education course next summer, along with his 4 week vacation, I would recommend to the Consistory and congregation, through our Worship Committee, that Brighton Reformed Church contract with one of our seminaries for the employment of a summer student pastor for ten weeks in 1977. Youth work, visitation and leading of worship would be his primary foci.

Other Ministerial Involvements The minister has cautiously tried to guard his external involvement, although neither he, nor the church, can afford to serve Christ in isolation from other area ministries and Christian communities.

During the past year, I have served on the Inter-Faith Council of Jail Ministries of Monroe County; representing Rochester Classis, as a member of the Executive Committee of the Classis, as Chairman of the Camp Fowler Fund Drive of Rochester Classis, as Supervisor of neighboring Trinity Reformed Church and as an active member of the Winton Senior Services Advisory Board.

In conclusion, I appreciate the cooperation, support and trust shown to me and my family during the first 17 months of our ministry. I sense a Christian determination to serve and grow in the future, and I pray that God will continue to prosper our humble but dedicated work together. May we always have a feeling of joy, love and accomplishment!

Respectfully submitted,

Russell F. Pater

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Mervin Baker	January 1, 1976
Mr. Sigurd Nilsson	March 1, 1976
Mr. George Fulton	March 7, 1976
Mrs. Gladys Ross	April 12, 1976
Mrs. Nellie Menne	June 8, 1976
Mr. Clifford Zecher	July 6, 1976
Mr. Frank Buchanan	October 13, 1976

COMMUNITY AND EVANGELISM

1976 saw a continuation of the Visitation Program begun in 1975. In the fall of the year we began participation in the Reformed Church Good News People Program. The first phase, "We've a Story to Tell", involved a series of six training sessions to help members of BRC to become concerned about caring for our membership and our community. To follow up on these sessions, a zone system was organized to provide a structure for a program of caring and concern for members and potential members of BRC. Each zone is a geographic area, as far as possible, which has a care leader or Shepherd with 5-12 families in each area. Hopefully, as this system evolves in 1977, there will be increased concern and caring on the part of everyone. The Holy Spirit has been working in our church in 1976 and with the support of everyone 1977 will be an even better year.

Gene Ligtenberg
Membership Committee Chairman

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club started the fall year with a car rally and with a dinner and awards in the evening. In December we went carolling and returned to the church for refreshments. In January we enjoyed a "very cold sledding party and a very hot chili supper". The youth provided devotions.

We have plans for a bowling party and buffet, Rotary Show, a progressive dinner and ending the year with a family picnic at Webster Park. In May our own Art Teamer-son has again consented to call a Square Dance for our church family.

We encourage fellowship with family, friends and youth.

The Eugene Ligtenberg's, The Tim Lees'
The Paul Nelson's, The John Magin's

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our Budget for 1977 is	\$61,344.00	
Plus 10% of Total Pledged for Benevolence	<u>4,999.28</u>	
Total Budget		\$66,343.28

Est. of Receipts		
Pledged	49,992.80	
Loose Offering (Est)	1,300.00	
Special	1,300.00	
Mortgage from old parsonage	2,427.00	
Pledges yet to be received	<u>3,178.00</u>	
Total		58,197.80
Deficiency		- 8,145.43

Of the 158 pledges we have received	
12 were decreased	7.7%
68 remain the same as last year	43. %
39 were increased	24.6%
39 were new pledges	24.6%

We have 102 individuals or families that do not pledge.
as of January 1, 1977

WHERE ARE YOU IN THIS STEWARDSHIP LIST?

Amount per Week	No. of People Pledging This Amount	Amount per Week	No. Pledging This Amount
Under \$1.00	10	\$13.00-13.99	1
\$1.00-1.99	19	14.00-14.99	1
2.00-2.99	20	15.00-15.99	3
3.00-3.99	19	16.00-16.99	4
4.00-4.99	9	17.00-17.99	1
5.00-5.99	26	18.00-18.99	3
6.00-6.99	8	19.00-19.99	0
7.00-7.99	7	20.00-20.99	6
8.00-8.99	2	21.00-21.99	0
9.00-9.99	4	22.00-22.99	0
10.00-10.99	8	23.00-23.99	0
11.00-11.99	2	24.00-24.99	0
12.00-12.99	4	25.00 & over	1

158 pledges for \$49,992.80

Average pledge is 316.14 per year
6.08 per week

Robert Ayette
Stewardship Chairman, 1976

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

GENERAL FUND

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<u>Beginning Balance 1/1/1976</u>			\$ 2,483.99
<u>Receipts:</u>			
Pledges		\$52,126.06	
Loose Offering		1,213.46	
Other		4,433.23	57,772.75
<u>Funds Available</u>			60,256.74
<u>Disbursements:</u>			
<u>Property:</u>			
Heat, light and telephone	\$ 6,500	6,893.86	
Insurance	1,258	1,600.00	
Repairs and maintenance	2,300	2,804.37	
Parsonage	4,200	4,262.47	
Water and Taxes	2,100	3,547.55	
Sexton	2,880	2,908.38	
Capital Expenditure	2,000	440.24	22,456.87
<u>General & Administrative:</u>			
Secretary	6,500	6,514.24	
General Office Expense	1,810	2,084.54	
Payroll & Taxes	685	622.54	
Pension & Medical	2,745	2,788.01	
Miscellaneous	250	174.15	12,183.48
<u>Ministerial Activities:</u>			
<u>Local:</u>			
Minister's Salary	13,500	13,500.00	
Organist	2,686	2,676.00	
Pulpit Supply	300	200.00	
Congregational Supplies	700	1,095.25	
Music	300	197.47	
Religious Education	900	1,001.96	
Travel	2,000	2,000.00	20,670.68
<u>Away:</u>			
Classis	2,165	2,232.45	
Benevolence	5,549	406.00	2,638.45
<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u>	61,328	57,949.48	
<u>Ending Balance 12/31/76</u>			\$ 2,307.26

Russell Bushart
Treasurer

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS - 1976

Capital Fund (First Fed. 01-3008652)	\$ 1,885.18
Interest	103.00
	<u>1,988.18</u>
Home Fund (Comm. 401-12517)	3,788.38
Interest	300.13
	<u>4,088.51</u>
Insurance Escrow (First Fed. 06-1,501,531)	632.00
Total Capital Funds	6,708.69

MEMORIAL AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Endowment Fund (Comm. 401-12516)	10,744.97
Interest	851.26
	<u>11,596.23</u>
Memorial Fund (Col. Banking 5-505683)	2,037.12
Interest	111.68
	<u>2,148.80</u>
Memorial Receipts 1976	\$ 950.50
Term Acct. (First Fed. 01-5,300,202)	7,181.01
Total Receipts	<u>8,131.51</u>
Disbursements	
Notes on Parsonage	5,700.70
Typewriter	570.00
Library Shelves, Supplies	345.99
Total Disbursements	<u>6,616.69</u>
Total	<u>1,514.82</u>
	15,259.85

CHURCH HERALD

Balance on Hand 1/1/76	80.25
Collections in 1976	126.75
	<u>207.00</u>
Church Herald Sub. 1975, 1976	209.50
Funds carried over	(2.50)

LODGE ACCOUNT

On Hand 1/1/76	22.65
Disbursements	-0-
Balance	<u>22.65</u>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

On Hand 1/1/76	550.00
Disbursements	447.84
Balance	<u>102.16</u>

YOUTH AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND LIBRARY

Receipts for year 1976	\$ 773.00
Disbursements	591.50
Balance	<u>181.50</u>

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND ORGANIST SUPPLY

Transfer from Gen. Fund 12/31/76	130.00
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Russell Bushart
Treasurer

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH
BENEVOLENCE FUNDS
BUDGET - 1977

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
GENERAL SYNOD PROGRAM		
Church World Service, Annville, Brewton, City Work, Indian Missions, Kirkside, 3 Colleges, 1 Seminary and Mission of the Month Program	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Missionary Share (The women of our church have tried to carry this from when the share was 1,000.00. Last year it was 1,200.00)	1,500.00	1,200.00
PARTICULAR SYNOD PROGRAM		
Camp Fowler		
Church Extension		
Synod Support for Center Services (Askings)	4,800.00	4,800.00
CLASSIS OF ROCHESTER		
Genesee Ecumenical Ministries	\$500.00	
Classis Per Member Askings	700.00	1,200.00
BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH PROJECTS		
Cedine Bible Mission (Sutherland)	400.00	
Camp Fowler Camperships		
Clothing, etc. for Goodwill, Annville and Brewton	100.00	
Gospel Tabernacle	200.00	
(Individual subscriptions)		
Disaster - International (See RCWS)		
National & Local	250.00	
College Concert	300.00	
	1,250.00	1,100.00
GRAND TOTAL BENEVOLENCE BUDGET	12,750.00	11,100.00

NOTES:

One half of the Benevolence Budget should come from Mission of the Month and the special envelopes in our regular boxes of envelopes. Last year 79 persons used all their available envelopes, 50 persons used one or more of their boxed envelopes only and 3 persons used M.O.M. envelopes only for Benevolences.

If those 50 persons are to have any share in our Benevolence Projects we will have to pledge our General Funds Budget. Then, and only then, will the loose offering and new member gifts add sufficient funds for transfer of 10% of General Funds pledges to the Benevolence Funds as requested by our congregation.

We count on the Guild to continue with at least \$1,000.00.

We count on the Sunday School for about \$500.00.

LET US NOT WAIT FOR A DISASTER TO OPEN OUR POCKETBOOKS - START NOW IN 1977.

Roy Hand

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH BENEVOLENCE FUNDS STATEMENT - 1976

Indiv.	SOURCE OF FUNDS Organizations	AVAILABLE FUNDS For	Ant.	PAYMENT MADE Ant. Paid to	BAL. IN ACCT.
243.75	6.77 Sunday School	MON Anville	250.52	250.00	
212.25	4.72 " "	" Taiwan	216.97	217.00	
214.50	4.41 " "	" Mexico	218.91	219.00	
184.05	2.75 " "	" RC'S	186.80	184.00	
185.35	2.62 " "	" Ethiopia	187.97	187.00	
240.25		" Brewton	240.25	240.00	
162.25		" Ch Growth	162.25	168.00	
175.35		" India	175.35	175.00	
184.25		" Japan	184.25	183.27	
171.30		" Urb. Ministry	171.30	171.30	
208.90		" Amer. Indian	208.90	212.90	
164.55		" Middle East	164.55	160.55	
305.85	Spec. Envelope				
115.35	Ash Wed. Offer				
24.86	Family Pot Luck	Guatemala Disast	496.06	496.06	
50.00	Guild for C.S.				
200.00	" " "	World Hunger	200.00	200.00	
600.00	" " "	Missionary Share	600.00	600.00	
200.00	" " "				
100.00	Former Member	Undesig. Mission	300.00	300.00	
50.00	Youth Groups	Youth Benev. Goal	50.00	50.00	
31.38	Gen. Funds Trans				
75.50	Xmas Greetings	Hope College	150.00	150.00	
43.12	Thanksgiv. Env.				
127.78	" "				
22.22	Christmas Env.	Central College	150.00	150.00	General
150.00	" "	Northwestern Col.	150.00	150.00	Synod
150.00	" "	New Brunswick Sem.	150.00	150.00	RCA
64.98	" "				
12.97	Ash Wed. Env.	Anville & Brewton	300.00	300.00	4,914.08
222.05	Undesig. Funds				-0-
178.50	Sunday School				
33.50	Men's Com. Bkfst.	Camp Fowler	212.00	212.00	
719.80	Denial Folder				Particular
2.78	Ash Wed. Env.				Synod of
1.25	Maundy Thurs. Env.				Albany
35.30	Easter Env.	United Synod Mission			
200.00	Sunday School		1,344.80	1,344.80	1,556.80
384.62	Gen. Funds Trans				-0-
1.05	Navigator Loan				Rochester
195.00	Maundy Th. Env.				Classis
305.00	Easter Env.	GEM-United Ch Wom	500.00	500.00	500.00
40.38	Denial Folder	Denial Folder Pro	40.38	40.38	-0-
5.00	Designated	Youth Activity	5.00	5.00	BRC
50.00	Undesig. Funds	NYC Coun. of Ch	50.00	50.00	Projects
132.95	Designated	Gospel Tabernacle	132.95	132.95	
26.76	"	Salvation Army	26.76	26.76	
118.64	Spec. Offering	Gideon Int.	118.64	118.39	.25
416.00	"	Hope Concert	416.00	416.00	
	59.64 DVBS Desig.	Heifer Proj.	59.64	59.64	849.12
.25	Spec. Env.	Navigators	.25	.25	.25
5,610.18+2,210.32 =			7,820.50 =	7,820.00 + .50	

Roy Hand, Benevolent Funds Treasurer

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH--BENEVOLENCE FUNDS SUMMARY--1976

Funds forward from 1975 \$ 84.05
received during 1976:

Non-member	100.00
Individual members	5,526.13
Youth Groups	50.00
Church School	399.77
Men's Communion B'fast	33.50
Women's Guild for C.S.	1,000.00
General Funds Transfer	416.00
X-Mas Greetings Project	75.50
Family Pot Luck Dinner	24.86
DVBS Heifer Project	54.69
Loan from Navigators	1.05
	<u>7,726.15</u>
	7,820.50

Disbursements during 1976 :	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Synod R C A Program:			
M O T M Emphasis	2,368.02		
Guatemala Disaster	496.06		
World Hunger	200.00		
Missionary Share	600.00	- - - -1,200.00N	(500.00)
Unles. World Mission	200.00		
Youth Benevolent Goal	50.00	- - - -50.00N	
New Brunswick Theo. Sem	150.00		
Central College	150.00		
Hope College	150.00		
North Western College	150.00		
Anville Institute	150.00		
Brewton So. Normal Sch	150.00		
Undesignated	100.00	4,914.08	4,000.00
		5,250.00	914.00
			355.92

Particular Synod of Albany:			
Camp Fowler	212.00		
United Synod Mission	1,344.80	1,556.80	4,800.00
			(3,243.20)

Classis of Rochester Program:			
Genesee Ecumenical Ministries	500.00	1,200.00	(700.00)

Brighton Reformed Church Program:			
Hope Concert	416.00		
Denial Folder Cost	40.38		
Youth Activity	5.00		
N Y State C of Churches	50.00		
Gospel Tabernacle	132.95		
Salvation Army	267.86		
Gideon International	118.39		
Heifer Project-D V B S	59.64	849.12	1,100.00
		7,820.00	11,100.00N
			(3,278.16)

REGRETS: We did not pay our Classis "Askings" for the last three years.
We fell behind \$50.00 for each of 3 colleges a Seminary & 2 schools
We were over \$3000.00 short on Particular Synod Askings

Rejoicings: We lacked only \$32.00 of our M O T M goal of \$200.00/ month.
With all of our shortcomings we were \$706.23 higher in 1976
for individual giving to Benevolences than 1975.

Roy Hand
Ben. Treas.

MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE

1976 represents a new beginning for the Memorial Fund Committee. The Committee was formed to oversee the Memorial Fund, and to insure that donations are utilized as intended by donors. The committee has developed a list of needs, and projects that are felt will best support the Church and God's work.

This year funds were received in memorial to:

Mervin Baker
Ed & Mary DeCook
George Fulton
Nelly Menne
Electra Ross
Gladys Ross

During the year funds were used to purchase the following:

1. An electric office typewriter
2. A set of purple paraments

During 1977 the Memorial Fund will be used to purchase new Choir robes.

The following are new projects which will be considered:

1. Camperships to Camp Fowler
2. An office copier
3. Hearing aids for the church sanctuary
4. Church Library
5. Scholarship fund for needy
6. Parsonage fund (retire debt)
7. Lodge improvement fund
8. Communion linens
9. Kneeling bench for Consistory installations and weddings.

CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1976

Enrollment figures for the 1976 year were up slightly from 1975, when 72 children were enrolled. Recent records disclose 82 children enrolled, the most being added during the Fall and early Winter. The Adult Bible Class has grown, during the latter part of 1976, the average attendance being 15. The Topical Discussion Group averages 24 per Sunday, although 30 or more is not uncommon, some Sundays.

There were no new additions to the teaching staff, so 11 Church School teachers and several helpers is the count again for 1976.

1976 Summer Church School attendance was up by 1 child (95), while their offering of \$22.09 was slightly less than the \$23.51 of the preceding summer. Mae Hubregsen again must be given credit for collecting and recording the Summer Church School attendance and offerings.

Since September 1976, the Junior Worship Group has been divided into two sections, Kindergarten - 2nd, and 3rd - 5th grades. Both groups together have an average attendance of 23 children. This number is lower than the average attendance of the combined groups, a year ago, but not including 6th graders would make a difference. The big increase is the number of adults now participating in this 10:30 a.m.-11 time segment, some volunteering 2, 3 or 4 Sundays, sometimes consecutively or spread throughout the year.

Highlights of the 1976 year include the March 7 World Day of Prayer Children's Service. This impressive "Fiesta of Faith" was celebrated by 29 children during the Junior Worship Service, with Sara VanBortel helping to link our colorful paper chains around our world map.

On March 20th, the staff of St. John's Roman Catholic Church School graciously received a small group of our Church School children.

At the Children's Day Service, June 20, nine Bibles were presented to second graders and 2 or 3 older children who hadn't previously received their own Bibles. On this same Sunday, ten Camp Fowler scholarships were given, a first for this kind of presentation.

The Church School Christmas program was a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party on December 26. Canned and packaged foods were collected for Rev. James Sutherland's Cedine Bible School in the Smokey Mountains.

Benevolence: All Church School offerings go towards benevolent concerns of the Reformed Church. Very early in 1976 (Jan. 2) a good \$600 was taken from the bank account to be used for benevolent purposes. Just the month before the children discussed and agreed to aid Camp Fowler. Therefore, a "Valentine" of \$48.00 was given (2/14), an Easter gift of \$42.00 on 4/11, and on September 27, \$88.50 was also given for Camp Fowler. Just before 1976 ended (12/27), \$200 was drawn from the bank so the balance is now a mere \$22.29.

The Mission of the Month was emphasized for the first five months (Jan.-May), of 1976, and Church School children voluntarily gave \$21.27, along with their regular collection.

Lenten Denial envelopes realized approximately \$45.78, back in April. This, again, was a collection running concurrently with the regular collection.

Two weeks before the New Year, children, Kindergarten-8th grade, were given their own offering envelopes. This is an endeavor to promote a more thoughtful and meaningful stewardship.

Elinore DeVuyt
Director, Church School

YOUTH REPORT

The past year has been an exciting and challenging one for the Youth Groups. Aside from our weekly meetings, other activities included the planning of a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday and a Youth Service in January. Our shut-ins were visited throughout the year with handmade remembrances, which were much appreciated. Highlights from our social calendar include: a mystery ride, a trip to the Planetarium, a Halloween Party, Christmas and Outdoor Parties, a horseback riding overnight and, of course, our Retreat at Camp Fowler last April.

The core group of Youth Group Advisors and Officers are continuing to work as a solid group of committed, concerned individuals. Early 1976 we were still in the midst of transition, and this fall we are still strengthening our unit, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Pater; Mr. and Mrs. George A. DeRue; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lorenz; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sutton; Mrs. Len Rettig and Janet Wahl.

The Youth Officers are:

Seniors:

President	Tami Ligtenberg
Vice President	Paul Teamerson
Treasurer	David Pater
Secretary	Carol Pater

Juniors:

President	Julie Ligtenberg
Vice President	Judy Woodhams
Treasurer	Wendy Teamerson
Secretary	Muffy (Alaine) Leenhouts

Our financial outlook is good for 1977. We were the lucky recipients of a gift from an anonymous donor and through other fund raising activities, our balance stands at \$360.

We look forward to a new year which includes an effort to reach and gain new participants. With the very capable young people we now have, 1977 should be a good year for all of us.

Prepared by Janet Wahl, Advisor and Carol Pater and
Tami Ligtenberg

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH WOMEN - 1976 - 77

The meetings of the B.R.C.W. continue to interest approximately 40-45 women. The three monthly Circle meetings, two evening and one afternoon, average 20 women per Circle.

In January of 1976, Mary VandenBroecke led a discussion and presented a film on "Self Examination".

In March, Grada Steenblok and the Spiritual Life Committee presented the Pass-over Meal to approximately 50 women. This program, written by Mrs. Robert deForest, formerly of the Lakeview Reformed Church, continues to be more meaningful each time we participate.

In April, as the finale to the RCA's Women's Centennial year, our B.R.C.W. hosted Mrs. Gordon (Gladis) DeFree, former RCA missionary to Hong Kong. Rochester Classis churches were invited to a Saturday night program at which Mrs. DeFree related experiences missionaries encounter trying to relate the Christian message to a culture entirely different from our own, but, also, the thrill of having the trust of these people as they grow in a sharing of concerns for all human beings as we are all "Faces of God". Gladis continued her message at the Sunday morning worship service and into the Church School hour. This was followed by a family pot-luck luncheon.

In May, Doris Wahl and her committee presented a very delightful Mother and Daughter Banquet with entertainment by a teen-age magician. He was thoroughly enjoyed by the young and young-at-heart.

For our September RCW meeting Miss Emma Donk presented slides and displays of different crosses.

In November, Mr. Robert Bonn, Executive Director of the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry presented the purpose of the program. When arrested, and jailed, whether guilty or innocent, a person is cut off, isolated and forced to leave his family in disarray. Frequently unable to reach family or friends who could help, he is left alone. Jail staff does not provide the personal help needed. R.I.J.M. was established to bring this kind of person-centered help through clergy and lay persons who carry on an active outreach to the imprisoned.

November also was the culmination of months of workshops led by Joanne Ligtenberg and Georgine Parks, preparing for the Heritage Bazaar.

The three Circles continued the devotional study "Reveal Christ Anew" by Robert and Erma Nykamp.

In the area of service, the women have made cancer pads for the American Cancer Society, sewed "pockets" for the hearing aids for the children at the School for the Deaf. Over 100 pads were delivered to the Cancer Society by Martha DeRoo. In November, as requested by the Department of Women's Work, a Christmas box was sent to Annville Institute in Kentucky.

Also in November, five women travelled to Syracuse to attend the Albany Synod's Women's Retreat. The theme "One World Under God" was explored by various fine speakers.

We look forward to 1977 and continue to strive to interest more women in our programs.

Sybil Miller

REFORMED CHURCH WOMEN

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

Balance on Hand January 1, 1976 \$1,290.84

RECEIPTS:

Circles	\$ 591.46	
Guild offerings & contributions	230.50	
Special offerings	61.10	
Sale items (dinnerbooks, knives, etc.)	444.55	
Dutch Dinner	273.85	
Rummage Sale and Baked Food	257.36	
Mother & Daughter Banquet	76.30	
Strawberry Social	16.57	
Bazaar & Smorgasbord	1,467.89	
Dated Envelopes	85.82	
Baby Roll	31.00	3,536.40
Total Receipts		4,827.24

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Synod

Missionary Support	\$600.00	
Hope College	50.00	
New Brunswick Seminary	50.00	
Board of Pensions	50.00	
Kirkside	50.00	
Intermedia	50.00	
Annville	50.00	
Brewton	50.00	
World Ministries	200.00	
Guatemala Relief	50.00	
World Hunger	200.00	
Project Phillip	187.50	
Baby Roll	132.00	1,719.50

Classis

Membership Dues	200.00	
Mission Service Fund	193.00	
Mandanapelle Girl's School	75.00	
Dr. VanEngen (missionary)	75.00	543.00

Local

Gospel Tabernacle	50.00	
Teen Challenge	50.00	
Church Women United	25.00	125.00

Brighton Reformed Church

Camp Fowler Scholarships	100.00	
Memorials	5.00	
Postage & Supplies	43.11	
Library	25.79	
Program, speakers, etc.	196.45	
Sale items	277.80	
Bazaar expenses	164.05	
Kitchen supplies	62.92	
Annville Christmas	27.00	
Church Decorations	100.00	
Christmas food baskets	12.73	1,014.85
Total Disbursements		3,402.35
Balance Dec. 31, 1976		1,424.89

Doris Hornberger

BLOSSOM SENIORS

Each Tuesday finds Fellowship Lodge filled with Seniors, from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Each person brings their own lunch, with beverage provided by the club. The first Tuesday of each month all birthdays for that month are celebrated with cake for all for dessert.

One of the major activities is card playing. Some of the other things accomplished are making table decorations for special occasions; lap robes for nursing home or shut-in patients; and mats for the children at the Al Sigl Center.

Dinners are great fun and in 1976 some of these were pot luck, spaghetti, hot roast beef on kimmelwick, MacDonald's hamburgers, etc. Our sixth anniversary dinner was a gala event celebrated at Barry's Party House in October. All ladies were provided with a corsage and gentlemen with a boutonniere. A group from Danforth Center entertained us.

In December our Christmas Party was a catered roast beef dinner, served to 104 people, which was absolutely delicious. Because of the committee's hard work, there were many door prizes, which "Santa" helped distribute.

The annual picnic is another event all look forward to. Last year it was held in August at Hamlin Beach.

Slide presentations, film strips and special guests are part of the weekly entertainment. Some of the guests included a demonstration on self-defense for Seniors; a speaker explaining the helpful informative qualities of the Public Library, the benefits of SSI, SCAC, etc. We also have pinochle tournaments, baked food sales, fun days, singing - hopefully something for everyone.

The Blossom Seniors are self-supporting and in 1976 donated \$150 to Brighton Reformed Church.

Although 11 new members joined in 1976, we were saddened with the deaths of Mervin Baker, Mary Styles, Cliff Zecher and Tottie Evert. Mr. Zecher was our first president, and much of what the club is today is due to his guidance at the beginning. Mr. Baker was there as he was at Brighton Reformed Church, always with welcoming hand extended to everyone.

Frank Ernise, President

Barbara Goodrich, Church Representative

WINTON SENIOR SERVICES

The Advisory Board of Winton Senior Services meets six times a year at St. John's Church. In 1976 some new members were added, namely Gladys VanDussen of BRC, Cynthia Thomas from St. John's, Pastor Alhart from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and a representative from Covenant United Methodist Church. Regrettably, June Adams has found it necessary to resign from the Board. Services rendered in 1976 are as follows:

Transportation	340	
Miscellaneous	81	
Yard work-raking, snow shoveling, etc.	9	
Handyman services	14	Total 444 calls

This shows an increase of 110 calls over 1975.

The miscellaneous reflects calls out of our area; sitting with disabled persons so a family member may do shopping or other errands; calls for general information and calls for help with paper work in the Swine Flu Program.

During 1976, Winton Senior Services tried to tie in with an Arts and Crafts Program for the home-bound, sponsored by the Monroe County Department of Parks. However, people must be referred by doctors, and church intervention was discouraged.

On October 20 there was a reception honoring all the volunteers, held in the Parlor at Brighton Reformed Church.

Winton Senior Services now has 5 walkers and 1 cane for anyone to use as needed.

Our only means of financial support is by contributions. In 1976, \$488.14 was donated. This pays our monthly phone bills, insurance, etc.

Volunteers are needed more than ever, not only for increased transportation needs, but also for new programs we are developing in 1977.

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