

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

Rochester, New York

ATTEMPT BIG THINGS FOR GOD....EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD

October 30, 1956

Dear Friends:

In a matter of two weeks and a few days we shall have a congregational meeting for which the years have waited. After much thought and prayer and work we are ready to ask ourselves what steps we ought to take next to realize the new and bigger and better Brighton Reformed Church building.

This letter is sent to you in the hope that it will do two things. First, it is meant to call attention to the enclosed mimeographed copy of a sermon preached in our church some time ago. I hope you will read it and that it will help stimulate some constructive thinking on the matters touched upon. I do not ask that you agree with everything it says. This would be asking too much. The hope of those who suggested that it be prepared for mailing is that it will serve as the background of our discussion on the night of November 16.

And the second reason for this letter is to remind you again of the date referred to above. We are asking all our members to reserve Friday night, November 16, for this most important meeting. The reports of the Study Groups to be presented that evening contain some rather interesting material. It may be that they will not meet with immediate and unanimous approval. It may be that they will. What we expect from you is a gracious acceptance of them and a fair, honest appraisal of the findings not easily or quickly arrived at. If this is done and our spirit remains Christian we shall have an experience before us that will make us more dedicated, trusting people.

Cordially,

William C. Hillegonds  
Minister

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sadly but quickly made his way back to the comfortable, plush halls of the Persian king. But not Nehemiah. In him were the qualities that make for greatness. After receiving the permission of Ezra he stood among the people of the struggling colony of Jerusalem and uttered words that bring cheer to anyone of an adventuresome spirit: LET US RISE UP AND BUILD.

And build they did. In spite of ridicule and intrigue and threats the almost impossible task of restoring the very necessary walls of Jerusalem was completed in 52 days.

It would take more of an imaginative mind than I possess to draw clearly and cleverly a precise analogy between what took place in 445 BC in Jerusalem and what should take place here. The ruins of Jerusalem find no real counterpart here. There is no feeling of hopelessness and despair here either. What we do detect is a general feeling that we should begin implementing the dreams and the plans and the work of the years with something more concrete. And so speaking for the core of this church which is completely committed to this vision of the years this sermon echoes Nehemiah's declaration of faith and courage and resolution: LET US RISE UP AND BUILD.

But there is more to it than just repeating another's courageous words. We are a conservative people both in theology and in practice and therefore more than a few of us want to be shown.

I shall not talk at length about dollars and cents, even though a church building like the fast disappearing 10¢ store or neighborhood tavern costs money to erect. And we have it. This church is not a poor church. It is not a rich church either. I suppose that if all of the facts and figures were known this congregation would be judged average in almost every respect. If it were a matter of getting pledges for the next three to five year period and the getting of these pledges were based solely on our ability to pledge there is no apparent reason why 150 of our listed 375 families could not pledge \$500.00, which over a five year period would amount to slightly less than \$2.00 a week. If figures in my possession are correct there are some 33 families in the parish who are now contributing this amount.

There isn't anyone in this parish who can say with any justification that the membership of this church cannot afford to maintain its present general and benevolent budget and in addition subscribe to a building program that has as its objective the erection of a \$175,000 to 200,000 building. This appears to be easily in reach when one considers that there is already on hand almost \$60,000.00.

Money isn't the real reason we have not done what so many other congregations our size and smaller have chosen to do recently....that being to build a church building that more majestically expresses their faith in God and more efficiently serves the purposes of a parish intent on doing his will. We aren't wealthy enough is an excuse not worth weighing.

How then can we best convince ourselves that we ought to listen to the inspired commission of Nehemiah.

First, we ought to become convinced of our need. The question that must be asked and answered by all of us is, "Do we need this new building?"

Since our arrival in Rochester in late February of last year we have heard three sincere, eloquent appeals for support of the present New Sanctuary Fund. In each of these appeals the need for increased space in our Church

LET US RISE UP AND BUILD (Nehemiah 2:18) Psalm 84

Someone once said in my hearing that one of the biggest mistakes a minister can make is to apologize publicly for a sermon. To do so is to admit that there are some sermons which need no apology and this is to make a claim for preaching that cannot be honestly made. The one thing that makes a sermon good or bad is not the artistry of the one who preaches. The thing that makes a sermon good or bad is what the people who hear it and the God in whose name it is given do with it.

But having said this I want to apologize for the sermon of the morning. First, because it is quite possible that there are visitors in our midst who would rather hear more than what is a domestic need of our church. To you I say that if you will return next Sunday you will hear something that is meant to be more inspiring and more objective than what you will hear today.

And then I want to apologize to any of you who came to this place this morning looking for the light of God upon a problem or the strength of God for a weakness or the guidance of God because some far reaching decision must be made and soon. The sermon this morning is not one that will speak to you I am sure. Perhaps the responsive reading or the solo or the anthem of the morning or the prayer or one of the hymns has already addressed itself to your need. At least we can hope that this is the case.

And finally, I should like to apologize to those of you who are fixtures in the parish for using this 20 or 25 minute period to discuss something that you would prefer hearing at one of our rather poorly attended meetings of the congregation or you would rather read upon the pages of one of the issues of The Brighton-er.

By now you probably have rightly concluded that the concern of the sermon is this project of the parish that some of you look upon as being the dream of one quarter of a century. This sermon will have to do with a building that we hope will one day house the program of the Brighton Reformed Church.

Fortunately I am not the first person to urge the beginning or in our case the completion of such an undertaking. Beyond our time and the generations of yesterday and the builders of the cathedrals of the middle-ages and the church buildings of the fourth century....before the time of our Lord himself in whose name and for whose glory every church building is erected there stands the heroic figure of one Nehemiah of Israel.

Nehemiah was a Jew of the great exile who like Joseph of Egypt before him had risen to heights of prominence in the court of the land of the exile. Nehemiah had become the cup bearer of the King of Persia. But like every loyal, devoted Jew his heart lay among the rubble of the once proud city of Jerusalem. He served his master faithfully and well, but all the while he was dreaming of that day when his steps would begin to lead home.

At last the opportunity came. Because of the wise, benevolent policy of the Persian rulers some of the children of Israel were allowed to return to Palestine, and in one of the groups of happy pilgrims was Nehemiah.

I can imagine how he felt as he approached the city of which he had heard so much and which in his mind always spoke of a greater day. Jerusalem the mighty was nothing but a city of past glory and present chaos. It was a staggering reminder that men and nations in this life are often confronted by the judgment of God. Jerusalem had grown haughty and evil and Jerusalem had paid with its life. One of less vision and courage and faith would have

School was stressed. These appeals were more than well worded paragraphs of nonsense. We have in our church school a group of officers and teachers who are as devoted to the task of Christian education as you will find in any church in Rochester. Ten and eleven o'clock each Sunday morning are greeted with prayer and enthusiasm by these persons. So far as devotion and loyalty are concerned we have a staff that is second to none. But we do not have the plant in which to do the job that other churches are doing. In a day when all around us churches are providing the very latest and very best for this investment in tomorrow, which the Church School is in part, we are attempting to carry on a 20th century school in a 19th century building. This isn't fair to our staff and to our children and I shall be so bold as to say to God.

What we need in our Church School are simple but highly suggestive worship centers. We need individual classrooms with maps and wall boards and desks. We need what the public school thinks it needs to carry on an effective program of education.

And then I believe we need a larger, more worshipful auditorium or sanctuary. And I say this not because we want something that is all lace and no body. We shall not get this for \$175,000 to \$200,000. What we want is a church auditorium that is so quiet and so worshipful that to enter it is to become convinced of the living presence of God.

This is not to say that God is not here in this moment. If he weren't nothing that we do now or in any moment will prove effective, for we are Biblical enough to believe that it is the Holy Spirit of God which makes dynamic and lasting what is here attempted in the name of God. But as the writer needs words to convey the thoughts of his mind and the artist paint to capture the summer's sunset on canvas and as God needed the flesh and bone Jesus of Nazareth to reveal his nature and will so most congregations need atmosphere to worship effectively.

You and I can worship in a department store or on a park bench or in the not so quiet solemnity of a church building. We can worship anywhere. But most of us need the atmosphere of a worshipful church building to be at our worshipping best.

But there is one reason for a new building that many of us overlook. I don't know how you choose restaurants when you travel but when nothing is known about the quality of food served our family chooses highway restaurants on the basis of appearance. If the restaurant appears to be adequate and reasonably modern and neat we stop. If not we go on.

I am told that many people choose churches in this same way. Knowing nothing about the program offered on the inside, people with no rigid denominational background choose the church that appears to have the best facilities.

Now I am not interested in getting people into the pews of this auditorium and into the program of this church to swell the membership and attendance figures of the church. I am interested in getting this displaced person so far as home address and church affiliation are concerned into this church because I believe the Reformed Church's interpretation of the Christian faith and life is as good as or better than that of any other church in our community.

The time has come for us to shed what we can call our inferiority complex brought about by the past failures of our denomination. We have a good, sound approach to Christianity, or so it seems to me. We aren't so wide or liberal in our

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theology that we have no depth. And we aren't so narrow and legalistic in our theology and life to be dogmatic or pharisaic. No church ever has a monopoly on truth, but the hour has come when the churches of the Reformed persuasion should humbly and gratefully conclude that they do have something worthwhile to offer the searching and bewildered and sick and lost mind of our time. And if we need a better package in which to wrap this sound interpretation of the gospel, then let's get it.

If we are to make real this dream of the years we must assure ourselves that it is not impossible financially. There aren't many members and friends of this church who can't afford to give at least 5% of their total income to the work of God carried on here....this 5% to be divided equally between the present general and benevolent needs of the church and the building program. Some of the happiest people in this parish, and it doesn't follow that they are the most prosperous, give 10% of their total income to the work of God carried out in his name and in his strength here. We must assure ourselves that the new building is not a financial impossibility if our people are willing to give sacrificially....which means to give up a new dress or a night out occasionally. And then we must convince ourselves of the need there is for a new building. If we can't convince ourselves that we will be able to do God's work better in a more efficient building let's stop talking about a new building.

And then we must have a little more faith or to use a more common word, we must be a bit bolder. We love to be reminded of the great faith of Abraham who having been separated by God for one of the great assignments of the ages went out not knowing where his journey would take him. For this he is called the father of the faithful.

That story has its sequel in the recent history of this church. Four years ago, two men, Mr. Henry DeRoo and Mr. Isaac Hubregsen, went to one of the banks of the city and deposited \$50.00 in what they chose to call the New Sanctuary Fund of the Brighton Reformed Church. I am told that the teller who received this money smiled at the amount, for \$50.00 doesn't buy the hardware found on the front door of a church let alone the door and the rest of the building. The teller smiled at what he may have considered their foolish gesture and God smiled because of their faith.

Because of the efforts and unflagging faith of these two men and a few others the New Sanctuary Fund is as large and promising as it is.

The time has now come for the rest of us to catch their vision and capture their faith. Now is the hour for the rest of us to think through the questions I have suggested should be answered by us and then take God at his word. If we feel that the will of God for this day of this church's life is to build then our Christian faith should tell us to begin thinking in terms of launching out in a real way, all of us. And best of all God doesn't send us into any avenue of service without making us aware of his sympathy and help. He says to men bent upon erecting a building to his glory as he says to the person bent on regaining his health: ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH BE IT UNTO YOU.

I think this truth is seen so clearly in the church's experience of Pentecost. When the Master's visible presence departed from among the disciples he said: YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER.

This was his promise. He assured the disciples that one day soon the might of heaven would be placed at their disposal in order that his mandate to man might be accomplished.

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Now the thing we so often miss in this story is the attitude of the disciples. We don't read that they ran here and there looking and praying for this power. What they did was to meet in an upper room to ask the question: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" The thing the disciples did was to wrestle with the commission of the Master. How are we going to do this. And as soon as they took this positive view....as soon as they put their hands to the task in a real way the power came.

Which leads Dr. Luccock to write in one of his books: "Power is never achieved when pursued for itself. In the divine economy, as we have glimpses of it in Holy Scripture power always goes with a commission. It came to the disciples at Pentecost: it comes to anyone whenever he squarely faces an undertaking. Churches pray, 'Give us power, and forget that an essential part of the answer is in their own hands.'"

Or hear these words from an article entitled BE BOLD in the May issue of Guideposts written by Arthur Gordon: "Once when I was facing a decision that involved (I thought) considerable risk, I took the problem to a friend much older and wiser than myself. 'I'd go ahead,' I said unhappily, 'if I were sure I could swing it. But....' He looked at me for a moment and then scribbled ten words on a piece of paper and pushed it across the desk. I picked it up and read, in a single sentence, the best advice I ever had: BE BOLD....AND MIGHTY FORCES WILL COME TO YOUR AID.

I don't know how many of you are familiar with the name William Carey. He was an English cobbler who had a vision of winning the world for Christ in his time. After years of study and prayer he felt the summons of God to leave the cobbler's bench and go to India where he became one of the pioneer missionaries of our era. In a sermon preached to a Baptist Society in England from which he was attempting to elicit support he said these words which express my sentiments completely when it comes to the total program of this church. ATTEMPT BIG THINGS FOR GOD. EXPECT BIG THINGS FROM GOD. AMEN

WELLS ORGANIZATIONS' DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
TO THE  
BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK  
BUILDING FUND AND BUDGET CANVASS  
LENT 1957

## I. Introduction

A. The Canvass Plan set the goal not in dollars and cents but in "how much our God and our Spiritual lives mean to us" - now "how much our Church needs" - but rather "how much we need to give." Those friends and families of the Church who pledged \$131,420.50 to the Building Fund and \$21,847.80 a year to the Budget have expressed how much "our God, our Church, and our Spiritual Lives" mean to them.

B. Wells Organizations and Brighton Reformed Church entered into a contract with a three-year goal of \$100,000.00. During the next two months there should be an additional \$3,000.000, and during the next three years the total amount raised again should be increased by 20%. The additional pledges coming from new members, those who said they would pledge later, from those who have refused to pledge during the Canvass Period, and from increases from those who have already pledged.

It is interesting to notice that 41% of the pledges to the Building Fund are from those families who did not have a giving record last year.

C. Your director is deeply appreciative of the time and effort put forth by men and women who were responsible for the success of the Canvass. Their personal sacrifices of time, talents, and resources has been the reason for the excellent results, both spiritual and financial.

Special words of thanks go to Clarence DeLyser, General Chairman; Jacob DeVuyt, Canvass Committee Chairman; Chester Engler, Initial Gifts Chairman; Jacob Scheerens, Special Gifts Chairman; Roy Hand, Teams Chairman; Robert Ayette, Division Leader; Ray Tell, Division Leader; Robert Porteous, Publications Chairman; Alexander Anderson, Marene Asbrook, John Dixon, Fred Howlett, Isaac Hubregsen, Paul Nelson, Carl Pearson, William Pearson, Canvass Committee Team Captains; Edward Anderson, Ludger Beauchesne, Walter Blakley, Arthur Brouwer, Edward DeBrine, Laverne DeBruyne, Herbert DeGraff, Henry DeRoo, Theodore DeSoto, Donald DeVries, William DeWitte, Carl Dreier, Frank Elliott, George Field, Jacob Fisher, Wilbert Hebing, Maylon Howell, John Johnville, Clyde Jund, George Logothetis, Marvin Lown, John Miller, John Olyslager, Robert Porteous, William Rood, William Ross, Arthur Stickney, Clarence Talsma, Isaac VanBortel, Robert VanBortel, Roland Woodhams, Canvassers.

To Mrs. Clarence DeLyser, Hostess Chairman; Mrs. Maylon Howell, Mrs. Isaac Hubregsen, Mrs. William Wahl, Hostess Vice Chairmen.

To the Mesdames Alexander Anderson, Edward Anderson, Marene Asbrook, Jr., Robert Ayette, Guy Bardwell, Arthur Brouwer, Edward DeBrine, Donald DeVries, William DeWitte, George Field, Jacob Fisher, Wilbert Hebing, Charles Howell, Fred Howlett, John Johnville, Clyde Jund, Raymond Menne, James Mitchell Sr., John Olyslager, Carl Pearson, William Ross, J. G. Sayles, Marvin Scheerens, Carl Trost, Robert VanBortel, John Zonneville, and the Misses Sarah Cambier, Janna DeGraff, Shirley Jean Hand, Nancy Neff as Hostesses.

To Mrs. Chester G. Engler, Arrangements Committee Chairman; and to Mrs. George Bosse, Mrs. Wallace Court, Mrs. John Lauweret, Mrs. Charles Moore, Mrs. Isaac VanBortel and Mrs. Roland Woodhams as Vice Chairmen. Also to all the ladies who helped prepare and serve the Canvassers Opening Dinner, the Report Snacks, and the Victory Celebration Dinner.

To Rev. Hillegonds for his great enthusiasm and faith that the Canvass would be successful. And for the many little things he and Mrs. Hillegonds and their family have done to make your Director feel that he was welcome and a "fellow member."

D. The following facts and figures will show what you have accomplished and what you may expect in the future from the Canvass.

## II. The Facts of the Canvass

### A. Card counts and listings

1. Total listed at beginning of Canvass	363
2. Additions	21
3. Total actually listed in Canvass as Prospects	
Previous Givers (with previous identifiable giving record)	243
Previous Non-Givers (with no previous identifiable giving record)	<u>141</u>
Total	384
4. Total number pledged (Building Fund)	
Previous Givers	198
Previous Non-Givers	<u>93</u>
Total	291
Total number pledged (Budget)	228

### B. Analysis and breakdown of Returns (have been seen and reported no pledge)

1. Refusals (to Building Fund and Budget)	
Previous Givers	21
Previous Non-Givers	30
Refusals (to Building Fund only)	
Previous Givers	14
Previous Non-Givers	2
2. Moved or transferred to another church	8
3. "See Later"	<u>18</u>
Total	93

- C. 1. There are 291 pledges to Building Fund for a total of \$131,420.50.  
 2. There are 220 pledges to the Budget for a total of \$21,847.80.

### D. Explanation and Analysis Z Report (Filed with Church Office)

At the beginning of the Canvass there were 228 pledging families in the Congregation. There are now 307.

The Canvass organization pledged \$50,300.00 which was 57% of the suggested giving on 47 pledges. This was also 38% of the total pledged. The balance produced by teams organization was \$81,120.50 which was 30% of the suggested giving and 62% of the total raised. This came from 244 pledges. The total raised was 36% of suggested giving. The families attending the Loyalty Dinner pledged \$100,336.50 which was 76% of the total amount raised. 50% of the families were represented at this dinner.

The average weekly pledge to the Building Fund and Budget is now \$1,274.90. At the beginning of the Canvass your Director stated that budget pledging would remain stable even though we would not ask for an increase or decrease. Your director is happy to announce the pledges to the Budget are within \$5.00 weekly of the previous amount pledged with the same number of pledges, and there are still 18 more families to be visited.

### E. Cost of Canvass (see Z-2 Report for Breakdown)

The Wells fee for your Canvass was \$4,500.00. The total cost for local expenses was \$1,956.51. The combined total (Wells Fee and local expenses) was \$6,456.51. A voucher system was used with the Treasurer issuing all checks.

## III. Material to be left at Church

### A. Master transmittal list (confidential for Church)

### B. Miscellaneous Canvass materials

1. Pledge Cards
2. Card Racks
3. Mimeographing paper, etc.

### C. Follow-up assignment list (for Follow-up Committee)

### D. Supplies for Continuation Program

### E. Various Office Supplies and Equipment

## IV. Canvass Follow-Up Personnel

A Development Committee known as The Brighton Reformed Development Committee has been formed. Members of this Committee are:

Alexander Anderson	Roy Hand
Edward Anderson	Maylon Howell
Marene Asbrook	Fred Howlett
Robert Ayette	Isaac Hubregsen
Ludger Beauchesne	John Johnville
Walter Blakley	Clyde Jund
Arthur Brouwer	George Logothetis
Edward DeBrine	Marvin Lown
Laverne DeBruyne	John Miller
Herbert DeGraff	Paul Nelson
Clarence DeLyser	John Olyslager
Henry DeRoo	Carl Pearson
Theodore DeSoto	William Pearson
Donald DeVries	Robert Porteous
Jacob DeVuyt	William Rood
William DeWitte	William Ross
John Dixon	Jacob Scheerens
Carl Dreier	Arthur Stickney
Frank Elliott	Clarence Talsma
Chester Engler	Ray Tell
George Field	Isaac VanBortel
Jacob Fisher	Robert VanBortel
Wilbert Hebing	Roland Woodhams

The first committees to emerge from the Development Committee will be the Canvass Continuation Committee and is set up as follows:

- A. Monitoring Committee  
Roy Hand, Chairman
- B. Collection Committee  
Jacob DeVuyt, Chairman
- C. Follow-Up Committee  
Edward Anderson, Chairman

## V. The Next Three Years

- A. Within the next two months you should receive additional pledges in excess of \$3,000. Over the next 3 years the total amount pledged should be increased by 20% from new members, persons who will pledge later, and those who have already pledged.
- B. If necessary you could borrow a sum equal to the amount of your pledges payable over a 10 year period.

## C. Follow-up

- 1. Instructions for follow-up are in the Follow-up booklet and should be completed within the next 60 days.
- 2. All cards should be called in and reassigned.
- 3. Report to the Wells Organization Clients Department at the end of 30 and 60 days.

## D. Collections

- 1. Records - which you already have.
- 2. Envelopes to everyone.
- 3. Confirmation letters to all pledges and givers will be sent out.
- 4. The Collections Committee should meet at least twice a month.
- 5. Instructions are all in the booklet.

## E. Monitoring - the long haul

- 1. Instructions are in the booklet (which is a summary of instructions in the Follow-up and Collections folder.)
- 2. There should be an annual and semi-annual follow-up of all new members and users. Also those who may have pledged tokenly or refused can be resolicited.
- 3. Quarterly statements on your progress to Wells Organizations and to the official board of your church.
- 4. Publicity in the Church Bulletin on the progress of the Building Plans.
- 5. Continuing and integrating the spiritual impact of the Canvass and a continued use of the Wells Way in all future Church fund-raising.
- 6. You may send a representative of the Church to Wells School of Budget Fund Raising - exclusively for Clients. It is important that you have somebody attend, to keep abreast of new developments and learn our methods and techniques.

## F. Wells Organizations Clients Services

- 1. The Clients Services will analyze your 30 and 60 day reports.
- 2. They are at your service for Counsel and guidance on all aspects of your program. The Clients Department is your long-term Wells Director. You may write or telephone Oxford 5-1878, Room 8020, Empire State Building, New York 1, New York.
- 3. You will receive Wells Ways magazine and periodic reports on other Client Churches.

## VI. Exhibits

- A. "Z" Report
- B. Master Transmittal List

**REMEMBER**

Prayer, hard work, and sacrifice have made your Canvass a success, but

**A SUCCESSFUL CANVASS CAN BE LOST BY POOR COLLECTION METHODS:**

Select carefully a dedicated, sympathetic Collections Committee and insist they use the tested and proved methods in the folder.

**A SUCCESSFUL CANVASS CAN BE LOST BY INACTIVITY:**

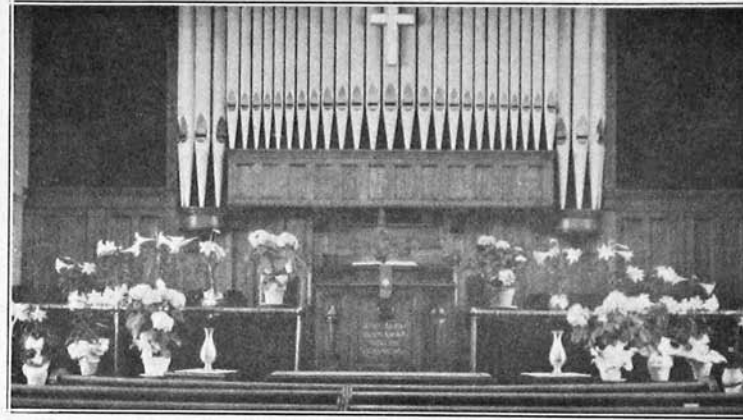
Your people have pledged money for Building Expansion and they will expect to see expansion begin. Their paying will be no more rapid or regular than your expansion.

**A SUCCESSFUL CANVASS CAN BE LOST BY LACK OF INFORMATION:**

Your people are paying the bill; they have a right to know what is going on. See that they get a regular news bulletin. Keep their thinking, and your own, positive.

**A SUCCESSFUL CANVASS CAN BE KEPT SUCCESSFUL BY USING THE PROPER METHODS:**

If you ever have any doubt what may be the proper method in any given situation, write or call, Wells Organizations, Inc., Client Division, Room 8020, Empire State Building, New York 1, New York - Oxford 5-1878.



## *Our Church*

Many common church problems would be eliminated if all church members would realize that the church is theirs. Each member has equal privileges with every other member, and each has his own responsibilities. Some people act like visitors when they go to their own church, and sometimes get their feelings hurt because they are not shown all the courtesies due visitors. This only indicates their attitude toward their church and its work. To have any members of this kind, and we find some in every church, handicaps the work and growth of the church.

A member who has the right conception of his church and its work loves it and is loyal to it in every way. He realizes that if his church is to increase in number and in spirit as it should, he must do his full part. If he has really arrived at the right attitude toward Christ and His church, he will be as slow to criticize the members of

his church as he is the members of his family. He will ever be looking after the church's best interest. His example will be one of the church's assets. He will help by attending the services and inviting others to attend, and will do his part in making his church a friendly church with a warm welcome for all.

The loyal member will support his church, not according to what he has given, nor according to what he believes will appear respectable. He will give all that he is able in the light of God's word and his own conscience. This question is often asked and it is a good one: "What would my church be like if every member was just like me?" A church is always like its members. God always blesses the individual who is loyal to Him and the church. Let us resolve to make our church better and a greater power for good in the community by being better members.



Rev. Anthony Luidens,  
D.D.



Mrs. Mae Luidens

## Our Tribute

"His not to fawn or seek for power  
By fashions suited to the varying hour.  
True to his vows and prompt to every call,  
He watched and wept, he prayed and felt for all."  
—Oliver Goldsmith

Samuel Johnson, the English author of *Litchfield*, writes of Omar son of Hassan, that at the age of seventy-five he began to seek the converse of the wise and the gratitude of the good. This will never be said of our pastor and his wife who, for these many years, have served with such zeal and selflessness that no seeking will be necessary on their part. Without waiting for them to attain that age, many endeavor now to repay in some small way the numerous occasions when invaluable services have been performed.

Dr. and Mrs. Luidens have lived among us these more than twenty years, sharing with all, the joys that came their way and bearing, wherever found,

some burdens from the hearts of others. They have never refused the task of the hour, desiring a more ambitious one to appear.

Their plans have not always succeeded, though endless hours of labor were spent. Their hopes have never faded that some blessing on others might be sent. Cares have never left them free for many hours. Health and strength have been granted them to work today and to pray that another day be given in which some greater task might be begun. In turn, such constant attention has been given to God's work among us, that many, seeing their labor, desire with the poet Hutton, to ask . . .

"Oh, show me where is He,  
The high and holy One,  
To whom thou bend'st the knee,  
And prayest, "Thy will be done!"  
I hear thy song of praise,  
And lo! no form is near:  
Thine eyes I see thee raise,  
But where doth God appear?

Oh! teach me who is God, and where his glories shine,  
That I may kneel and pray, and call thy Father mine."

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*"The Friendly Church"*

REV. ANTHONY LUIDENS, D.D., Pastor



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Donnie



## *Our Arabian Missionaries*

Our 60th Anniversary year was brightened immeasurably by the return home from Arabia of Rev. Edwin Luidens and his wife Ruth, with their children, Donnie and Carol. "Ed" and Ruth have held our attention constantly during their years of preparation for Mission Work and news of their activities has been eagerly received while they were in the Near East going about their labor of love in our Lord's work. It was certain then that our groups would plan for them to tell of their experiences in that far-off field. They never disappointed us by being too busy, even though their schedules were full and the physician's caution to rest as much as possible was a real necessity.

Our women's societies have been enlightened by Ruth's reports of her work with the women. Ed. has given us an insight into his work with the men. Kings and princes and paupers alike heard of the Master while receiving some physical service. The esteem in which they are held in that far-away land is evidenced by the fact that a princess, visiting this land last summer for the first time, enjoyed her stay in New York because

of Ed's and Ruth's having known her and her brother while over there.

International conferences, interdenominational delegations and state-wide rallies have all heard the story of the need of the Moslem World and must, we feel, be much more sympathetic with these people now that their personal stories have been told. We are assured by Ed and Ruth that our continued interest in them has given the much needed extra energy and even greater desire (if that were possible) to get back into the new field at Amara to which they have now journeyed.

Our Missionaries are sponsored in their work by four churches. Each has given some added funds or equipment. We are glad to have been able to pay \$800 toward the car pictured below, \$200 for a tape recorder with extra rolls, and \$500 for personal needs during the next five years.

May their hearts be lighter and our prayers and works much stronger as we all work together in the Master's vineyard.



New Service Car for Mission Work

## *There Are Two Seas...*

There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their roots to sip of its healing waters. Along its shores the children play.

The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And men build their houses near it, and birds make their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

The River Jordan flows on into another sea. There is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travellers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy about its waters and neither man nor beast nor fowl will drink. What makes the difference in these neighbor seas? Not the River Jordan. Not the soil in which they lie; nor the country around about.

This is the difference. The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it, another flows out. The giving and receiving go in equal measure. The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps. The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. The other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea.

There are two kinds of people in the world. There are two seas in Palestine.

—BRUCE BARTON

*Building  
For Tomorrow...  
Through...*  
FAITH...  
PRAYER...  
and  
SACRIFICE...



BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

BUILDING FUND CANVASS—LENT 1957

## Dedication

The pages that follow will open the gates of a new life to us as Christians and a vision of our responsibility for the future of our Church. It will present a challenge for tomorrow. This booklet is affectionately dedicated to the laymen and laywomen of this congregation. By their vision and faithfulness, as well as through their sacrificial giving, they will show their love for God and man.



## Canvas Prayer

*Father, we know thy love for us is without limit and that Thy leading is always perfect. We know this because of our experience with Thee in Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us to trust Thee completely. Spare us the unwillingness or fear of performing great tasks in Thy name because we allow lesser matters to blind us. Give us the devotion and love and consecration which enables us to do thy will always, through Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*

## A Message From Our Pastor...



Dear Friends:

The story of how the present New Sanctuary Fund was established is well known to every informed member of the Brighton Church. It is a story of vision and faith and whenever these are present in the life of a church great things can be expected to happen.

What is taking place in our parish now is the fulfillment of a dream acted upon by two men five years ago. At that time Mr. Henry DeRoo and Mr. Isaac Hubregsen established the fund which has brought us to an hour in which we have begun to make plans for the erection of our new church building. It would not be right if somewhere in the work of these days an expression of gratitude were not given these men.

It is not for me, nor is it necessary for me, to describe our great need of this new building. To see is to know and most of you have seen. My hope for us all is that we shall make our pledge both to the continuing program of the church and to the new building fund a matter of honest, intense prayer. We believe the God we meet in Jesus Christ is one who can guide our thinking and direct our activity. This is the time for each of us to demonstrate our belief that this is so. Let every one who believes in prayer pray!

Essential to all of this is the construction of a new church building in which to carry on more effectively and helpfully the program of our Lord. And there is something else too. If we pledge as we should we shall be the better persons for it, for to understand the self-giving love of God we must practice it ourselves. If we will agree to give sacrificial giving a try (and the tithe is a good standard for this) we shall find God equal to our trust.

May the years that lie before you as a church be filled with a great sense of accomplishment for Him who has done so much for us.

Cordially,

*William C. Hillegonds*  
WILLIAM C. HILLEGONDS

## Our Church History...

### OUR FIRST SIXTY-FIVE YEARS

We, of the Brighton Reformed Church, are heirs of a tradition which has been enriched by the devotion and witness of our members and friends through these first sixty-five years. Their prayers and their sacrifices made possible the building of the Church we now call home. This was in a period when material possessions were limited — when cash was scarce — when luxuries we now call necessities were unknown and undreamed of. The Church they sacrificed to build has played a vigorous and strengthening role in the life of our community.

Brighton Reformed has grown with the community. But we know this is not enough. We do not wish to be outgrown by the community of families we are called to serve in God's name.

The Church and congregation had its first beginnings in 1892 when a Chapel was built at a cost of \$3,100. This Chapel is our present kindergarten room. Before this they had met in homes and then in a store building. Classis authorized the formation of our Church and on June 9, 1892 we officially came into being with 55 charter members, one of whom, Mrs. Jacob DeGraff, we are proud to picture on our front cover.

The yearning for growth which has always characterized our church has been evident through our history as a congregation. With each succeeding year, and consistent with the demands set upon us, we have moved steadily forward, growing in strength and grace as new challenges were met and conquered. The Chapel, very quickly, became too small and so an addition was built. This was only one of many changes, a parsonage was acquired, on Winton Road North. The basement of the Church was excavated for class rooms, an organ was purchased. In 1930 our present parsonage was built to provide a more modern home

for our minister's family. Our next attempt to meet our growing needs was through the building of the Fellowship Lodge and the acquisition of the Guenther property, upon which we now propose to erect our new Sanctuary and Christian Education building.

"What shall Brighton Reformed do in the future?" This was the question that our former pastor, Dr. Anthony Luidens, asked of us in an article in our Forty-fifth Anniversary year book in 1937. Dr. Luidens wrote then, "The answer to this question is a matter of importance to every member of the church. Your personal answer to that question will decide what the future of the Brighton Reformed Church will be. You can stop with past glory and our church will soon die and pass out of existence. You can be satisfied with the present and remain a church as we are, 'A Family Church,' serving the descendants and close friends of our present congregation and letting the rest of the world go by. Or, we can be a church, grateful to those who have gone before, and asking for ourselves a large share in bringing the blessings of Jesus Christ to all who live in our parish, our community, and in the larger world. Jesus said, 'Go ye into all the world.' Can we, His followers do less and remain Christians? The future of Brighton Reformed is as bright as the promises of God. All things are His. He says also to you and to me, 'All things are yours.' Are we ready to attempt great things for God? He is able. Are you, am I, willing? Upon your answer and mine rests the future of the Brighton Reformed Church."

The question asked so long ago by Dr. Luidens and put so challengingly to us by our pastor, Rev. Hillemonds, in a sermon last fall is the question you must answer now. This is our day of Christian responsibility.

For the Glory of God and in the Service of Man  
—LET US RISE UP AND BUILD!

## Dear Friends:

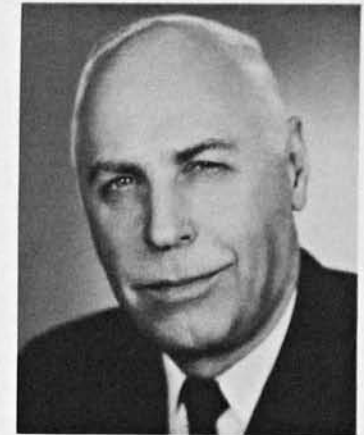
There can be no question but that this Building Fund Canvass in which we are engaged is a very real challenge to you and me as Christians; a challenge that cannot be met by hiding our heads in the sand. I could, of course, take shelter in the fact that I have always given what seemed to be "my share" in the work of the Church. But I question if that would give the sense of rightness that I find most important in all that I try to do.

I am convinced that it is my job to work and to give to the spread of the Kingdom of God. I have not heretofore made too deep an analysis of WHY I should give. My giving has been voluntary and was done with a deep regard to the values which worship has brought to me. But to most of us, our giving is a habit we established many years ago. Because habits are strong, too few of us willingly look at our church giving in the light of our present circumstances. The challenge laid upon us by our Canvass to raise funds to build a Church requires that we all give serious, prayerful thought to our personal responsibility.

Not very many of us have had the opportunity to share sacrificially in the building of a church. Yet wherever we may go we can find a Church for our use. These churches exist for us because other Christians made the necessary sacrifices. They sacrificed for their Faith. They built in thanksgiving. Now . . . are we of Brighton Reformed Church a thankful people? Will WE give back to God a part of our treasure?

Our Church has many needs. Not just Brighton Reformed, but the Church at large. We are presently concerned about some of them. But as individuals we must face up to and recognize the GREATEST NEED of all—our own NEED TO GIVE!!!

It has been proven times without number that increased GIVING will develop a greatly increased INTEREST, not only in the church but in our own spiritual welfare. Whether we know it or not, our interest follows our investment. Every family who is privileged to use the Church should look upon this Building Fund Canvass as an opportunity to make the greatest sacrifice of our lifetime for our Faith. The material benefits of these sacrifices will go to all our Church families, both present and future. The SPIRITUAL benefits will come to those who make the sacrifice, BUT . . . it must be a SACRIFICE . . . NOT just a token. Token giving brings very little benefit.



CLARENCE DeLYSER  
General Chairman

This Canvass is one of the few opportunities for ALL of us to join in the realization of our goal. The Church NEEDS the things we are asking for; WE NEED the benefits which come from a personal act of loving sacrifice. If each of us will, in gratitude for our Faith, make a sacrificial pledge to the Building Fund, we will not only have the happiness of sharing with the Church family in this great achievement, but we will know the heartwarming thrill and spiritual lift that comes from doing our BEST for God.

Yes—this is a challenge to all of us; not just the few. It is an undeniable call to EACH of us to fulfill the two-fold Commandment to love God and our neighbor for the sake of God; an opportunity to discharge the obligations and the responsibilities an all-loving God imposes upon us as HE tests us.

Some will not believe, and, therefore, will not give. They, not the Church, will be the poorer. I urge you to follow your lay-leaders in this exciting and tremendously satisfying endeavor. Discover for yourself the wonderful, priceless feeling that will come to you when you decide to make a self-sacrificing gift to the work of the Church and the Kingdom of God.

Sincerely,

CLARENCE DeLYSER

## Our Needs...

WE ARE, and have been, a growing Church. This growth presents problems — problems which should bring a measure of joy to us because we are challenged to solve them.

Our greatest problem of growth is in Church Attendance and in the Church School. Not only are our present facilities inadequate and unsatisfactory, but the situation is further aggravated by a crowded condition that is getting progressively worse.

Anyone who has attended our eleven o'clock Sunday morning worship service knows how congested the sanctuary can become. At the present time chairs are needed in the over-flow room, in the aisles and even in the Blossom Road vestibule. And this condition has persisted for some time. In addition to this it is felt by many that we need a more worshipful sanctuary. Our God is one of order and beauty. All of His creation reminds us of this. The place in which His people worship should be suggestive of this order and beauty.

We have reached a point in our Christian Education program where the lack of adequate facilities is seriously reducing its effectiveness. All usable space is presently occupied. Much of it is overcrowded. None of it was planned for educational uses. Inability to separate classes except by means of eight-foot high movable curtains results in constant intrusion of unrelated sound and lesson material into the teaching process. The high noise level and continual distraction of interest to other sights and sounds greatly reduces the effectiveness of teaching skills.

Our church school classes are held in three different buildings, none of which are adequate. For example, our kindergarten children, all twenty-five of them, meet in an entry way, necessitating the closing of the Arbordale Ave. entrance during the Sunday School hour.

There are innumerable drawbacks to proper instruction. Material storage facilities are frequently either poor or non-existent. Sanitary facilities leave much to be desired, as does the lack of adequate and planned space for outdoor clothing. Not the least important are the difficulties of communications and supervision engendered by the wide separation of buildings and quarters housing the Church School.

We have so little time in which to give our children the purposeful religious instruction they must have if they are to be strong, intelligent Christian witnesses in the difficult years ahead. If we are to fulfill our mission as a vital, forward-looking Church—if we are to discharge the clear responsibility placed upon us by our Lord—it is MOST necessary that we provide the proper and necessary tools for the task.

Specifically, these are our needs:

1. A Sanctuary which calls one to the spirit of reverence and of prayer, where we may worship God in the beauty of holiness and in the holiness of beauty, where the focus of attention will be Christian in spirit and in name.
2. A Chapel for private devotions, for small weddings and funerals, for worship of our Church School departments, our Women's groups, our Youth groups—a place of quiet, where the door is always open and welcomes the individual to enter, pray and rest.
3. Church School facilities to meet the highest requirements in Christian Education—for all ages—that our children, our youth, our adults may know the love of God as revealed in Christ Jesus and to learn the ways of God in daily living. Separate rooms for classes, with the necessary furniture, storage space, worship center, bulletin boards, blackboards, and other features incident to the particular age-group and curriculum.
4. A completely renovated and improved kitchen, with all the most modern of conveniences, so that our ladies in serving our dinners and luncheons may be given every assistance for fulfilling these important fellowship events.
5. Church offices for the efficient operation of our Church activities.
6. Off the street parking space.

Those to whom we entrusted the work of study and recommendation have approached the task humbly and intelligently. The results of their studies clearly indicate that we NEED additional and more modern facilities, and that we need them NOW.

The needs of our Church can only be met by each of us making the greatest sacrifice of our lifetime for our faith. If only a few sacrifice, our goal must be reduced and we may well find ourselves losing the battle of Christian witness. If all sacrifice we will reap the harvest of a work well done and a life well spent in the service of God.

Our Church has been richly blessed during its short but full history. We as members of it have been given the opportunity to meet the challenge of our time; and our God will lead us. We cannot meet it in our own strength, just as we could not have progressed thus far in our strength alone. We must pray! We must work together! Our faith and devotion and willingness to sacrifice must be strong! We must be ready to serve with our best efforts and endeavors . . . "lift up thine eyes unto the heavens from whence cometh our strength!"

CHESTER ENGLER  
Initial Gifts Chairman

## Our Canvass Plan...

In order to raise \$100,000, which is our Building Fund Goal, it has been agreed that we will conduct, between now and April 14, 1957:

AN ORGANIZED, INTENSIVE, FACE-TO-FACE SOLICITATION IN THE HOMES. FOR BUILDING FUND AND CURRENT EXPENSE PLEDGES OVER A 150-WEEK PERIOD, BEGINNING APRIL 28, 1957.

Solicitations will be limited to member-families, prospective church members, parents of our school children, and any other persons and families who consider themselves affiliated with Brighton Reformed Church but are not technically members.

Individual face-to-face solicitation means that there will be no solicitation in groups or meetings. Nor will any solicitations be made by mail. Instead, a sufficient number of our Church men have been enlisted, qualified and organized as canvassers to visit and solicit each family of the Church individually and privately.

The intensive aspect of this Canvass means that we will concentrate our efforts to obtain pledges from every member-family during an intensive twelve-day solicitation period, which will avoid the necessity for a long-drawn-out follow-up program.

This will be primarily a Canvass for 150-week pledges. Families pledging less than \$1,500 will be encouraged to use the 150-week payment method. Contributions and even initial cash payments on pledges will be discouraged during the Canvass period. The use of pledges over a 150-week period is a basic requirement of this Canvass, because it has been proven many times over that the only manner in which the members and friends of a Church of this size can provide \$100,000 for such a program is not by cash contributions, but

by subscription to the payment of SACRIFICIAL amounts over a three-year period.

## The Volunteer Canvasser...

During the next few days a volunteer canvasser will call at your home. He will be a member of our Church who has dedicated himself to this effort by making an important pledge to the Building Fund. However, he has extended himself even further. He has accepted the need for FAITH, PRAYER and SACRIFICE so completely that he is also devoting his time and energy as further contributions toward the attainment of our objective.

He is a part of this great effort because he wanted to be. He was chosen for the work because of his dedicated approach to the task. He stands very tall in our Church because he has taken on an obligation, in thankfulness, in hope, and in the deeply rooted belief that what he is doing is the right thing for Brighton Reformed Church.

Prior to making his calls the volunteer canvasser will have spent many hours in training and will have acquired a complete knowledge of the nature of the project we have undertaken. He will be equipped to explain the aims and objectives and to answer your questions.

The volunteer canvasser will be someone you know and have respect for. Look upon him as a friend. His task is not an easy one—it is, however, accompanied by a deep sense of accomplishment—not for himself but for the Church and the Christian Faith.

Welcome the canvasser into your home. He has a very moving story to tell you; he wants to share it with you so that you may catch some of his deep dedication to this cause which is yours and mine.



*Church School  
or  
Cooking Classes?*

*Inadequate!  
Overflow!  
Confusion!*



## *Our Responsibility...*

THERE is nothing complicated or "high-pressure" about our financial plan. We are simply asking that every member and friend of Brighton Reformed Church set aside a generous and sacrificial portion of their income each week for a period of 150 weeks, and that they give the Church a true priority on their contributions during that time.

These gifts must be **OVER AND ABOVE OUR PRESENT CONTRIBUTIONS**. The program of the Church **MUST** go on. Any curtailment in our present giving would indeed be shortsighted churchmanship.

Beginning about the time you receive this booklet, every family in any way affiliated with Brighton Reformed Church will be visited and given an opportunity to become a part of this great program to build a new Church Building.

Payments may be planned in accordance with the wishes of the individual subscriber. Since the amount needed for the new Church is a large sum if thought of in terms of cash gifts we would jeopardize the probability of reaching our goal if we attempted to make total gifts in a lump sum. Total gifts can be much larger if weekly payments are kept in mind. Then too, giving is part of the act of worship. Just as we gather together to worship each week so we should get into the habit of giving sacrificially when we worship.

Pledge cards will be presented to members and friends of our Church in their homes. It should be remembered that making a pledge in this Canvass is **NOT** like signing a note for the amount subscribed. We are asking only that you indicate on the pledge card how much you feel you will be able to give during the 150-week period. If your financial circumstances change for the worse, or if you suffer any misfortune which would make the continuation of payments an undue hardship

upon you, your subscription may be reduced or discontinued by notifying the Church Office. However, if your financial circumstances change for the better, we hope you will want to increase your subscription.

It is our earnest desire to provide for future generations—just as past generations provided for us. Each of us must give in proportion to his ability to give sacrificially—each must make a real sacrifice in his giving.

Our greatest need is the **NEED TO GIVE**.

We will be successful in reaching our goal to the extent that we have and do **THESE THREE THINGS**:

**FAITH** . . . in our Church—in our God to bless our work. In ourselves—that we can build a Church. That we will build it by our own efforts, and by God's help.

**PRAYER** . . . we will pray for the success of our Canvass, because we believe that only through prayer can we draw down strength from the heart of our Father in Heaven to do great things for Him.

**SACRIFICE** . . . with a strong faith, and continual prayer, we will be ready to sacrifice in order that our dream of a new Church will be realized.

We have been entrusted with a great responsibility. We can do no less than face up to it in the finest Christian tradition. Nothing is impossible with God's help, and nothing is impossible for us at Brighton Reformed Church. This is, indeed, our greatest venture for Christ. Great because it is for our children and the future; great because it calls for greatness on our part, for great sacrifice, for greater giving . . . for the Truth and the Faith we live by.

And giving greatly we gain greatly. What greater satisfaction could we have than that we gave unstintingly to the Church at the time She needed our help most?

Third Grade class meets in basement of present church. Curtains do not keep out noise!



Nursery care provided during the second worship service is now located in the Guenther House. Help us provide these children with a cleaner, brighter, more efficient room.



This 5th grade class meets in former "cold room"—heater on table in back provides needed heat. A Kindergarten class meets in same room during the second worship service.





The Guenther House is used to capacity each Sunday. The Men's Bible Class moved from Fellowship Lodge to make room for growing Junior-Senior High Departments.



Adult Women's class must meet in rear of church auditorium and are interrupted when worshippers come for second service.



Kindergarten class shows crowded conditions with practically no work or play space.

### *How Much Shall I Give?*

THE PARAMOUNT QUESTION is NOT: "How much does my Church need?" It is: "How much do I need to give as a faithful Christian?" The answer comes to us when we gladly accept this responsibility of our Faith as an opportunity for demonstrated Christian Stewardship. The Christian Standard of giving begins with \$2.00 per week for each \$1,000 of gross annual income. In most cases, sacrificial giving cannot be achieved until this standard is met or exceeded. This kind of giving calls for strength of will and courage to sacrifice.

Invariably, this kind of giving strengthens faith and brings an interest that permits a Church to grow and render a greater Christian service. Sacrificial giving is what we do when we think in terms of how much we can give those we love. Selfish giving asks how little we can give and get by.

Sacrificial giving results in a pledge for a larger amount that we thought possible for us. In our Building Fund Canvass our pledge should be for the largest weekly amount we have ever given and, if we are over 60, for the largest amount we can ever expect to give.

Our pledges will reveal our gratitude to God for His blessings. It will also reveal the measure of our appreciation and concern for the work of His Church.

### *How Much Shall I Give?*

The possibility of reaching our financial goal

is entirely dependent upon increasing the Standard of Giving among the member families and friends of our Church. There will be no high pressure solicitation, but we will not pledge more than a fraction of the required amount unless we recognize these basic facts:

1. GIVING IS A HABIT—usually a weak token-giving habit!
2. POCKET-BOOK-PROTECTION IS AN INSTINCT—usually a strong one!
3. OUR INTERESTS FOLLOW OUR DOLLARS—better-than-token giving will help increase our interest in our Church, and even more important, in our own spiritual lives!
4. IT IS EASY TO CRITICIZE, but hard to give sacrificially!
5. UNTIL A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is making a SACRIFICIAL pledge to the Church, they are impoverishing their Christianity every time they use any Church facility. They are content to utilize what others have done without accepting adequate responsibility themselves.

In the final analysis, the amount of our gift, considering our means, comes down to the question of how we feel about God and His Church. We shall know that we have given enough when we feel we do not have to apologize for our gift to God or man.

It is our hope to provide for our Church as we have been provided for. In proportion to our giving ability let us give!

## How to Make Your Gift ..

In the careful—and prayerful—consideration of "How much shall I give?" we should think of several points, for the size of our pledges will depend upon:

1. Our Christianity
2. Our interest in the church program
3. Our recognition of the need
4. Our financial ability
5. Our method of paying the pledges
6. Our willingness to sacrifice
7. Our desire to encourage others to sacrifice
8. Our willingness to trust God and believe His promise
9. Our faithfulness in prayer.

One of the greatest experiences in the life of a Christian is that of helping to build a church facility—not the edifice alone but "a house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens." To extend the services of his Church in the community is to widen his own horizons of Christian living and fellowship.

Remember that the greatest effect of sacrificial pledging is upon the donors themselves. The spiritual value of sacrifice has been known to man since before Christianity. There would be no Christians today if it were not for the great sacrifices of the early Church leaders. You and your family are requested to begin now giving serious, prayerful consideration to the amount you will endeavor to contribute for our Church.

A fellow member, who has made his pledge, will call at your home between now and April 14, with a card for your pledge.

Your Church does not challenge your ability to give . . . it challenges your willingness to give as a follower of Jesus Christ!

### Tax Advantages

The Income Tax Act provides a deduction for church donations up to 30 percent of net income. The tax consequence of your giving will vary from a minimum of approximately 18 percent to a much higher figure depending upon the rate applicable to the highest bracket of your taxable income.

For example: If the highest rate applicable to the family man's income is 20 percent, the actual cash outlay for a gift is reduced to 80 cents of every dollar contributed; if the highest rate applicable is 30 percent, then the actual cash outlay for a gift to the Church is reduced to 70 cents of every dollar contributed, etc.

Also, there are many advantages in contributing property and securities.

If you study this feature as it applies in your own income tax circumstances, you will be surprised how important and worthwhile it is!

This chart may be helpful in deciding on the amount of your pledge.

<i>Weekly Pledge</i>	<i>150-Week Total</i>
\$67.67 .....	\$10,000.00
50.00 .....	7,500.00
40.00 .....	6,000.00
33.33 .....	5,000.00
30.00 .....	4,500.00
25.00 .....	3,750.00
20.00 .....	3,000.00
15.00 .....	2,250.00
12.00 .....	1,800.00
10.00 .....	1,500.00
8.00 .....	1,200.00
6.67 .....	1,000.00
5.00 .....	750.00
3.00 .....	450.00
2.00 .....	300.00

## Our Canvass Organization

REV. WILLIAM C. HILLEGONDS  
*Minister*

CLARENCE W. DELYSER  
*General Chairman*



CHESTER ENGLER  
Initial Gifts Chairman

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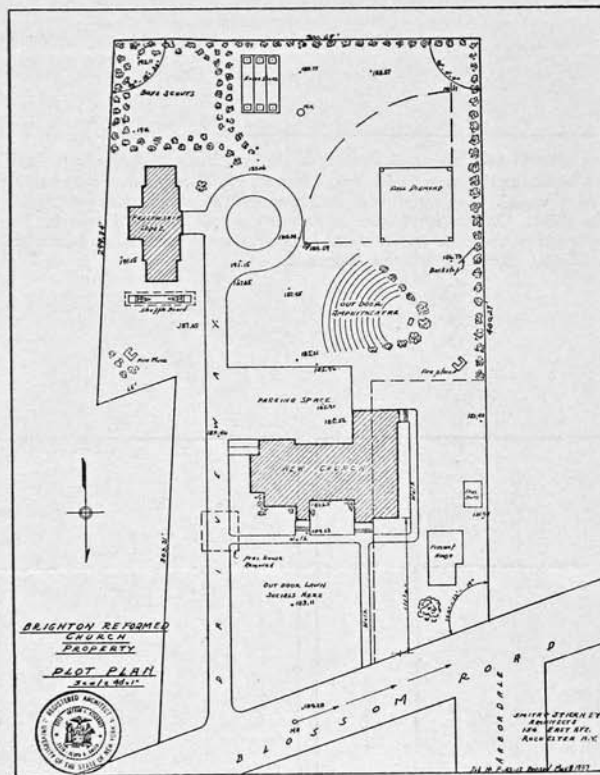
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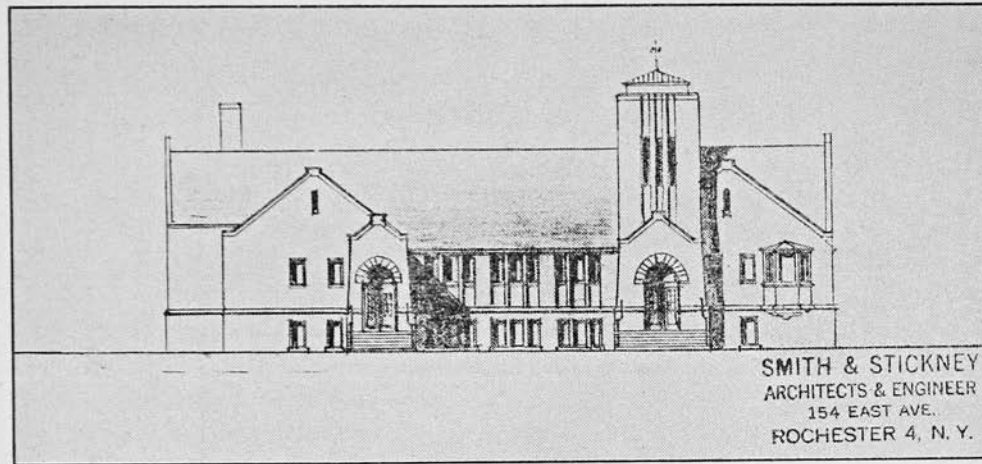
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# God Calls the Brighton Reformed Church To Greater Service

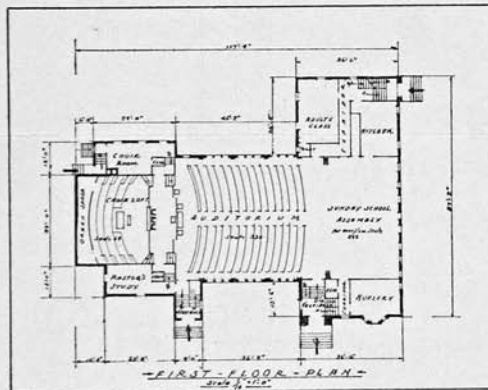


More efficient equipment and facilities are imperative for the extension of God's Work in our community. The plans of building which cover our requirements are shown in this pamphlet.

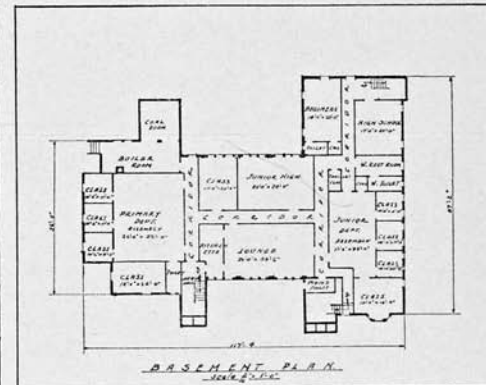
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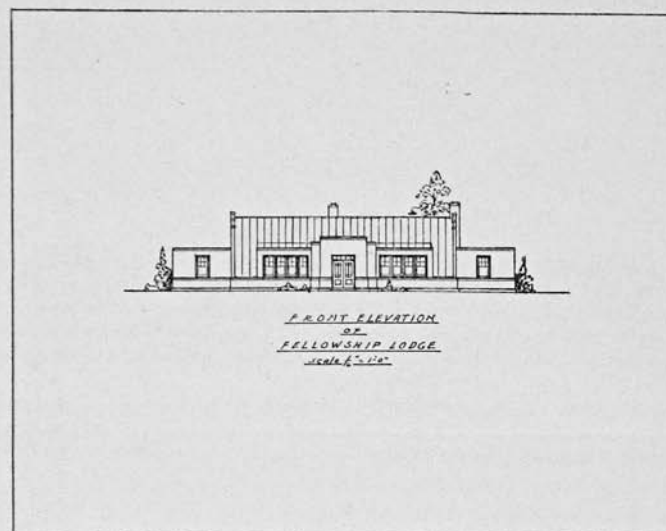
The church will be semi-Gothic in design, built of full range buff brick and tile back up masonry, with limestone trim. The windows and doors will be made of wood. The steps and platforms will be concrete to match the limestone in color. On the front face of the tower will be a 3'6" clock. The roof will be made of concrete nailer slabs laid over steel purlins, and covered with Bangor Slate. Building will be fireproof.



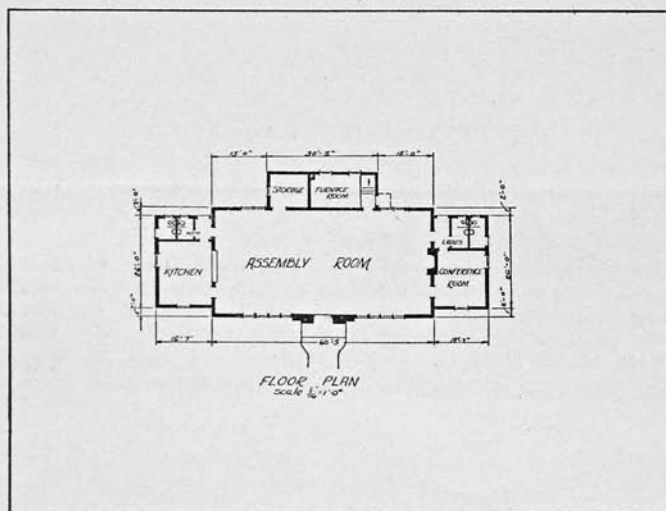
First floor plan is composed of a combination Sunday School assembly and dining room, with kitchen and table storage off; a nursery, with toilet off; a main entrance vestibule; a pastor's study, with toilet off; a choir room and Sanctuary.



Basement plan is composed of a primary department with large assembly, and three class rooms, with toilet off; a large lounge with kitchenette off; a junior high class room; a junior department, with four class rooms, with toilet off; a high school class room; a beginner's room, with toilet off; men and women's toilets; an extra class room, and boiler room.



The Fellowship Lodge will be somewhat modern in design, built of reinforced concrete floor, side walls of cinder block, and Quonset Hut which also forms the roof. The quonset will be insulated on the inside. The windows and doors will be wood. The north and south end will have rooms 15' x 26' built of cinder block walls; roof rafter wood and wood roof boards covered with 1" insulation and built up roofing. The boiler room will be built of the same construction as the north and south ends of the building.



Plan is composed of kitchen, large assembly room with fireplace, a conference room, two men and women's toilets, one of each entered from outside and one of each entered from the inside, a large storage, and furnace room.

### WHY WE'RE BUILDING

Since the founding of our church as a Reformed Mission in 1891, and it's status as a church, calling it's first pastor, Rev. John VanWestenburg in 1892, over fifty-five years ago, our church has made great progress and supplied a large share of the spiritual leadership in our community. Few remain who can relate personal experience of the early days when the present chapel was the auditorium, and not many are active who carried the responsibility of enlarging that building to the size of the present structure.

How many of us have expressed a word of appreciation for the heritage our parents or grandparents gave us, for our worship of the God they taught us to love and to serve? Even as they prepared for our spiritual needs, it now becomes our privilege to prepare for the generations who follow us.

Your share as an individual in this undertaking should be in proportion to:

Your GRATITUDE to GOD for all HIS rich blessings to you.

Your desire to be of SERVICE to the youth of our church and community which can be rendered far more effectively with newer, better equipment.

Your LOYALTY to your church which can better serve generations to come through your generous gift.

Your FAITH in CHRIST and HIS spirit of brotherhood, love and peace as the highest way of life.

After you have made your contribution, yours will be the greater satisfaction in watching and helping build most modern and useful structures in which to teach and learn the truths of the greatness of our GOD. You will joy also in knowing that you will continue to bless and serve the youth of our community in a kind of "immortality of influence" on earth decades after you have "Gone Home."

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### OUR FIRST STEPS IN THIS UNDERTAKING

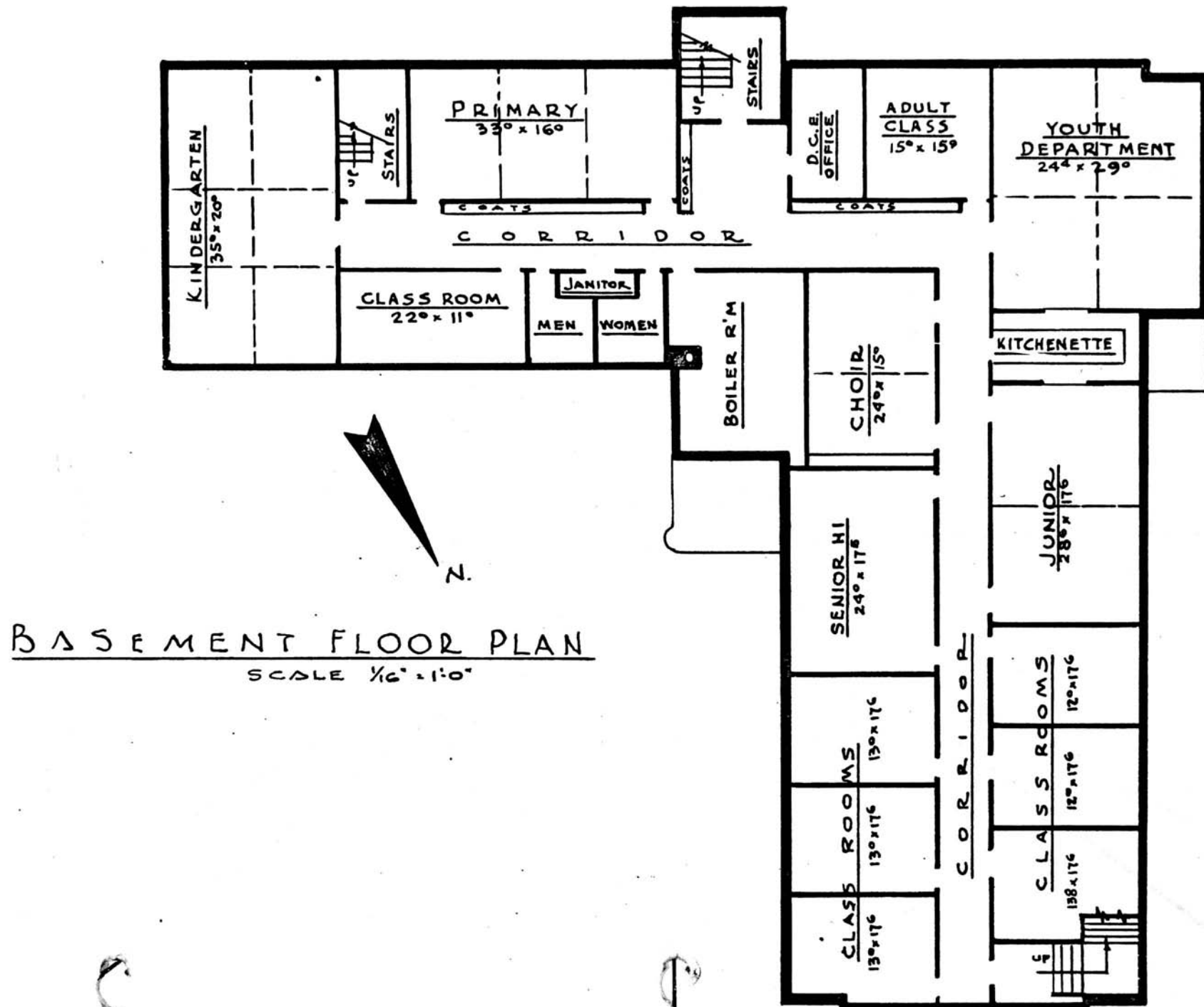
must be made with the faith of the little child placing all confidence in the greatest of all Parents, our GOD, and in HIS promises to supply all our needs if we ask HIM in faith believing.

About one-third of the funds are on hand to complete Fellowship Lodge. This can and must be built this year. Your most generous gift is desired.

Several memorial gifts have been received toward the new Sanctuary. We plan to build this Altar to God as soon as we have at least 75% of the cost in our building fund. To do otherwise would place an entirely unnecessary burden upon our congregation in later years. Our plan to lay aside an equal share each year in this fund should enable us to build in the shortest period possible. Again, we express our desire that you pledge for each year as God prospers you and shows His plan for you.

With EVERY MEMBER a WORKING, PRAYING, PAYING MEMBER, we can do it!





Mrs. Clarence DeLyser, President, Women's Guild for Christian Service: That a church may rise here where children shall learn to love God and to be held close to Christ, that they may grow in Christian love and character.

Congregation: WE BREAK THIS GROUND TODAY.

Frank Elliott, President, Men's Brotherhood: That a church may rise here where many shall be refreshed in spirit, redeemed from sin, relieved from pain and made heirs of God.

Congregation: WE BREAK THIS GROUND TODAY.

Rev. Hillegonds: That a church may rise here where the unsearchable riches of Christ shall bear fruit in making our human lives more constant, our homes more Christlike, and our families creative centers of Christian influence.

Congregation: WE BREAK THIS GROUND TODAY.

PRAYER

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

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GROUND BREAKING

CEREMONY

FOR THE NEW  
BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

APRIL 13, 1958



815 Blossom Road  
Rochester 10, New York

Rev. William C. Hillegonds  
Minister

SERVICE OF GROUND BREAKING

GRACE BE UNTO YOU, AND PEACE, FROM GOD OUR FATHER, AND  
FROM THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

## HYMN

"The Church's one Foundation"

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the word;  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride,  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

## RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of  
hosts!

Congregation: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for  
the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth  
out for the living God.

Leader: Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the  
swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her  
young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and  
my God.

Congregation: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;  
they will be still praising thee.

Leader: Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;  
in whose heart are the ways of them.

Congregation: Who passing through the Valley of Baca  
make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

Leader: They go from strength to strength, every one  
of them in Zion appeareth before God.

Congregation: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:  
give ear, O God of Jacob.

Leader: Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the  
face of thine anointed.

Congregation: For a day in thy courts is better than a  
thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house

of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Congregation: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before  
His presence with singing.

Leader: Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is He that  
hath made us and not we ourselves; we are His people,  
and the sheep of His pasture.

Congregation: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
and into His courts with praise: be ye thankful unto  
Him and bless His name.

CEREMONY OF GROUND BREAKING

Whereas, by the grace of God, we are permitted this  
day to begin the erection of a church at this place,  
with this spade the representatives of our congregation  
now break this ground in the name of the Father, and of  
the Son and of the Holy Ghost, in order that the building  
which shall be constructed here may serve as a place  
where our God will record His name, where His honor will  
dwell, and where He will come unto His children and  
bless them.

(After each statement, the representative will turn a  
spade of dirt and the congregation will respond with  
"WE BREAK THIS GROUND TO-DAY".)

Chester G. Engler, Chairman of Building Committee: That  
a church may rise here in which the precious gospel of  
her Lord shall be proclaimed, where the weary and  
heavy laden shall find peace which the world can  
neither give or take away.

Congregation: WE BREAK THIS GROUND TO-DAY

Mrs. Jacob DeGraff, Charter Member

Miss Bonnie Revier, Newest Member: That a church may  
rise here where the aged and youth shall come to  
worship, pause to pray and rise to serve.

CONGREGATION: WE BREAK THIS GROUND TO-DAY.

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

A THOUGHT UPON ENTERING THE PEW: "The Lord is my light  
and my salvation; whom shall I fear! The Lord is the  
stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid."

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP      11:00 A.M.      April 13, 1958

The Organ Prelude      "Pastorale"      Lemmings

The Call to Worship

\*Hymn No. 279      "O Thou Great Friend"

\*The Lord's Prayer and Salutation

The Organ Interlude

The Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth" K. K. Davis

The Morning Prayer and Choral Response

The Word of God      1 Kings 8:22-30

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory      "Arioso"      Bach

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Blessing upon Tithe and Gift

The Solo, Barbara Youmans

The Meditation

Silent Prayer

THE SERVICE OF GROUND BREAKING FOR OUR NEW CHURCH  
BUILDING

\* (The congregation stands)

Greeting worshippers at the door: Mr. and Mrs.  
Marene Asbrook

Ushers for today: Fred Howlett, Gordon Woodhams  
Harold Smalley, Edward Anderson

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A PRAYER FOR OUR NEW CHURCH

O Master Architect who planned the world,  
Who drew the vaulted arches of the sky,  
Help us to plan a temple worthy of Thee,  
Where sacrifice of praise may rise on high.

O Master Builder of the Living Church  
Help us to build with more than brick or stone;  
May faith support, and love cement its walls,  
And welcoming doors swing wide for sad and lone.

Teach us to build a noble edifice,  
Unmarred by human faults of life and creed;  
Help us to build it broad and large enough  
To satisfy the cries of human need!

--Ralph T. Nordlund

JUNE 15, 1958

*The Office for  
The laying of the Cornerstone of  
Brighton Reformed Church*

Walter W. Blakley, *Officiating  
Vice-President, Consistory*



GRACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

DEARLY beloved: We are here assembled in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to lay the corner-stone of a house to be erected to His honor and service and praise. Within its walls His holy Name is to be worshiped, His holy Gospel is to be preached, and His holy Sacraments are to be administered. Knowing that our help is in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth, let us lift up our hearts unto Him in humble supplication for His blessing.

**PRAYER** (In Unison)

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Cornerstone; direct us in this our undertaking with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PSALM 87**

His foundation is in the holy mountains.  
The Lord loveth the gates of Zion  
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.  
Glorious things are spoken of thee,  
O city of God.  
I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me:  
Behold Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born in her:  
And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her:  
And the Highest Himself shall establish her.  
The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people,  
That this man was born there.  
As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there:  
All my springs are in Thee.

**1 Peter II: 1-9**

WHEREFORE, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil-speaking, as new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious: to whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe, He is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and stone of a stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient; whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**READING CONTENTS OF CORNERSTONE BOX**

Isaac Hubregsen

**CORNERSTONE LAYING**

Rev. William C. Hillegonds

I LAY the Corner-stone of a house to be erected and devoted to the service of Almighty God; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Other foundation can no man lay that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

**APOSTLE'S CREED (In Unison)**

Led by Henry DeRoo

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of Sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN - The Church's One Foundation**

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. Amen.

**PRAYER**

BLESSED be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to commence the erection of a house, in which Thy Name is to be worshiped, the glad tidings of salvation proclaimed, and Thy holy Sacraments administered. Prosper them, O Lord, in this their undertaking. Keep and preserve by Thy providence unto the end the work which is now begun in Thy fear. Excite the skill and animate the industry of the workmen. Shield them from accident and danger. And grant unto them, and unto all of us here present, the influences of Thy divine Spirit, so that we may become, in soul and body, living temples of the Holy Spirit, and be prepared for that eternal city which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God. All which we ask through the abundant merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

(In Unison)

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. William C. Hillegonds

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Revised Standard Version of Bible  
with signatures of Consistory  
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Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies  
Attendance Records  
Times-Union and Democrat & Chronicle  
June 14, 1958  
Church Herald  
Brightoner  
Pictorial Budgets-- 1955 - 1956  
Pictures of Ground-Breaking Ceremony  
Church History and Names of Charter Members  
Brighton Reformed Church Annual Report -- 1957  
Reformed Church Book on Missions  
Upper Room  
From the Old Cornerstone:  
2 Newspapers -- July 3, 1891  
Ordinances of Village of Brighton  
Dutch Letter (Bound in glass)  
with English Translation  
45th and 60th Anniversary Year Book  
New York Times--June 8, 1958  
Floor Plan of Church

**Additions to Contents of Cornerstone List:****Letter from Dr. Lullens****Children's Day Program - June 8, 1958****Kaps College Yearbook - 1958****Nineteenth Warder****Christian Science Monitor****Los Angeles Times****Chicago Daily Tribune****Buffalo Evening News****25 each of six different  
Commemorative Stamps***Magnetic Tape of June 1 and 5 sermons*

BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCHTHE ORDER OF WORSHIPJune 15, 1958

The Organ Prelude      Chorus - "Water Music"      Handel  
 The Call to Worship

\*Hymn No. 423      "O Where are Kings and Empires Now"

\*The Lord's Prayer and Salutation

**\*\*Organ Interlude**

The Anthem      "Send Forth Thy Spirit"      Arr. Howorth  
 The Morning Prayer and Choral Response

\*Hymn No. 422      "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

The Word of God      Psalm 84

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory      Air - "Water Music"      Handel

\*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Organ Interlude

The Meditation

Silent Prayer and Meditation

\*Hymn No. 420      "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE IN OUR NEW BUILDING

\* The Congregation stands.

\*\* Ushers to seat those arriving after Call to Worship

Greeting worshippers at the door today are Mr. and Mrs.  
 Elmer Bodane.

Ushers for today: Earl Hornberger, Arthur Neff  
 Lawrence Faba, William Ross

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GOD BUILDS NO CHURCHES

God builds no churches, By His plan  
That labor has been left to man.  
No spires miraculously arise;  
No little mission from the skies  
Falls on the bleak and barren place  
To be a source of strength and grace.  
The humblest Church demands its price  
In human toil and sacrifice.

Men call the Church the House of God,  
Toward which the toil-stained pilgrims trod  
In search of strength and rest and hope,  
As blindly through life's mists they grope.  
And there God dwells, but it is man  
Who builds that house and draws its plan;  
Pays for mortar and the stone  
That none need seek for God alone.

The humblest spire in mortal ken  
Where God abides was built by men.  
And if the church is still to grow,  
Is still the light of hope to throw  
Across the valley of despair,  
Men still must build God's house of prayer.  
God sends no churches from the skies.  
Out of our hearts must they arise.

-- Edgar Guest

ROCHESTER TIMES-UNION  
Sat., June 14, 1958

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**"TAPED" SERMON** and revised standard version of the Bible are among items the Rev. William C. Hillegonds, pastor, prepares for preservation in cornerstone of new Brighton Reformed Church in Blossom road. Cornestone-laying ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. Church and educational wing, are scheduled for completion next Easter.



Above: Architect's drawing of the new sanctuary.  
Left: The Rev. Wm. C. Hillegonds, pastor, sets the cornerstone while Mr. Wm. Cooper looks on.

#### BRIGHTON ROCHESTER BUILDS

The Brighton Reformed Church of Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. William C. Hillegonds, pastor, laid the cornerstone for its new church and education building on June 15. Ground was broken two months earlier in a service in which the only surviving charter member, Mrs. Jacob De Graff, 92 years old, and Miss Bonnie Revier, one of the "new members," participated.

The new church is the dream of many years. First plans came to a halt in depression of the 1930s. They were revived and in 1952 a five-year program for \$70,000 was begun. Another short canvass conducted last year raised \$135,000 in pledges.

The new L-shaped church of modified Colonial design will be faced with brick and stone. The ground floor will house a 400-seat sanctuary, a chapel seating 90, parlor, church offices and toddlers' and crib room. A lower level will provide 28 church school rooms, several large assembly areas, church school office and choir room.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1958



## BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

REV. WILLIAM C. HILLEGONDS, Pastor

**O**LORD GOD OF ISRAEL, there is no God like Thee, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to thy servants who walk before thee with all their heart . . . But will God dwell indeed with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of thy servant and to his supplication, O Lord my God, hearkening to the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prays before thee; that thy eyes may be open day and night toward this house, the place where thou hast promised to set thy name, that thou mayest hearken to the prayer which thy servant offers toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplications of thy servant and of thy people Israel, when they pray toward this place; yea, hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive . . .”

*Taken from the prayer of King Solomon at the dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 6)*

## Brighton Reformed Church Dedication Set

Brighton Reformed Church will dedicate its new \$300,000 church at a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The Rev. William C. Hillebronds, minister, will lead the congregation in the litany of dedication and will preach on "The Church of Christ."

At an evening service, three former ministers, the Revs. Henry Jacobs, Richard Blocker and Anthony Luidens, D.D., will be guests. The Rev. Norman Thomas, minister of First Reformed Church, Albany, the oldest Reformed church in America, will speak.

A community service of dedication is scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday. At that time the keys of the new building will be presented to the church's governing body. Chester G. Engler, building committee chairman and Jacob P. DeVuyst, vice president of the consistory, will participate in the service.

The Rev. Robert E. Slaughter D.D., minister of Immanuel Baptist Church, will preach.

The congregation will worship in the new sanctuary, completed this week, for the first time tomorrow. The sanctuary seats 400, and 90 more can be accommodated in an adjoining chapel which can be opened to the main portion of the church. There are 22 church school rooms.

Features of the building are an illuminated tower and a stained glass window in the form of a cross which will be illuminated throughout the night by a lighting system operated by a photo electric cell. The light will go on automatically each day when the sun goes down.

## THE MORNING SERVICE OF DEDICATION

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1959

10:30 A.M.

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills,  
From whence does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord  
Who made heaven and earth."*

The Organ Prelude, "First Organ Sonata" . . . . . Felix Borowski

Allegro—Andante—Allegro Con Fuoco

The Call to Worship

Processional Hymn No. 519\*, "We Dedicate This Temple"

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|--|---|
| 1. We dedicate this temple,<br>O Father, unto Thee,<br>The God of ancient ages,<br>And ages yet to be,<br>That here our hearts may worship,<br>And here our songs ascend,<br>In loving adoration<br>And praise that knows no end.                    | 3. We dedicate this temple,<br>O Spirit from on high,<br>To Thee in our thanksgiving<br>That Thou art always nigh;<br>To comfort us in sorrow,<br>To strengthen in distress;<br>That we, through truth and mercy,<br>May walk in holiness.                |
| 2. We dedicate this temple<br>To Christ, the Lord of love,<br>Who brought God's revelation,<br>The Kingdom from above;<br>That we may learn His goodness,<br>His godliness and grace,<br>Who holds all men and nations<br>Within His love's embrace. | 4. We dedicate this temple,<br>This labor of our hands,<br>To Father, Son, and Spirit,<br>Whose temple ever stands<br>In hearts that learn to love Thee,<br>And minds that comprehend;<br>In wills empowered to witness<br>Thy Kingdom without end! Amen. |

The Lord's Prayer and Salutation\*  
Organ Interlude\*\*

## The Litany of Dedication

*Minister:* Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who is, and was, and is to come, the whole earth is full of Thy glory! Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Thine. Now, therefore, we thank Thee, O God, and praise Thy glorious Name.

But who are we, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of Thee, and of Thine own do we give Thee. O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build Thee an house for Thine holy Name cometh of Thine hand and is all Thine own.

Now behold, O Lord our God, and look unto this place where we are gathered in Thy Name; and have respect to the prayer of Thy servants and to their supplication, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which Thy servants pray before Thee this day, to take this house for Thine own.

Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

*People:* TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

*Minister:* Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father who art in heaven,

*People:* TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

*Minister:* Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father, Head of the body, which is the Church; Head over all things to the Church; Prophet, Priest, and King of Thy people,

*People:* TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

*Minister:* God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; given to be our abiding Teacher, Sanctifier, and Comforter; Lord and Giver of Life,

*People:* TO THEE WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

*Minister:* Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the ark of Thy strength. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Thy people shout for joy. Put Thy Name in this place. Sanctify it by Thy presence and Thy constant abiding. Give power and efficacy to Thy Gospel preached in it, and Thy Sacraments administered in it. Let Thine eyes be opened towards it; and hearken unto the supplications of Thy people when they pray in this place, and hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling-place, and when Thou hearest, forgive. And from this outer court of Thy holy Sanctuary bring Thy people and their children into the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man; the heavenly temple, of which the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the light. We ask and offer all in the Name of Thy Son our Saviour. Amen

## The Gloria Patri\*

The Anthem, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" . . K. K. Davis

The Morning Prayer and Choral Response

Hymn No. 435\*, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

*(Children of Kindergarten age and children in Grades 1, 2 and 3 will leave for their Junior Church Classes)*

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|---|---|
| 1. I love Thy Kingdom, Lord,<br>The house of Thine abode,<br>The Church our blest Redeemer saved<br>With His own precious blood.            | 3. For her my tears shall fall,<br>For her my prayers ascend,<br>To her my cares and toils be given,<br>Till toils and cares shall end. |
| 2. I love Thy Church, O God;<br>Her walls before Thee stand,<br>Dear as the apple of Thine eye,<br>And graven on Thy hand.                  | 4. Beyond my highest joy<br>I prize her heavenly ways,<br>Her sweet communion, solemn vows,<br>Her hymns of love and praise.            |
| 5. Sure as Thy truth shall last,<br>To Zion shall be given<br>The brightest glories earth can yield,<br>And brighter bliss of heaven. Amen. |   |

The Word of God ..... *Matthew 16:1-20*

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory, "Kammenoi Ostrow" ..... Anton Rubenstein

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication\*

The Anthem, "Lauda Anima" ..... Mark Andrews

The Sermon, "The Church of Christ"

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Hymn No. 362\*, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

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| 1. Soldiers of Christ arise,<br>And put your armor on,<br>Strong in the strength which God supplies<br>Through His eternal Son.<br>Strong in the Lord of Hosts,<br>And in His mighty power,<br>Who in the strength of Jesus trusts<br>Is more than conqueror.              | 2. Stand, then, in His great might<br>With all His strength endued;<br>And take, to arm you for the fight,<br>The panoply of God:<br>That, having all things done,<br>And all your conflicts passed,<br>Ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,<br>And stand complete at last. |
| 3. Leave no unguarded place,<br>No weakness of the soul,<br>Take every virtue, every grace,<br>And fortify the whole.<br>From strength to strength go on;<br>Wrestle, and fight, and pray;<br>Tread all the powers of darkness down,<br>And win the well fought day. Amen. |   |

The Benediction and Choral Response\*

The Organ Postlude, "Toccata in D Minor" . . . Gordon B. Nevin

*\*\*Ushers to seat those arriving after the Call to Worship.*

*\*The congregation stands.*

# THE EVENING SERVICE OF DEDICATION

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1959

8 : 0 0 P.M.

*"I was glad when they said to me,  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"*

The Organ Prelude, "Finlandia" ..... Jean Sibelius

The Call to Worship

The Processional Hymn No. 434\*

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

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| 1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,<br>Zion, city of our God;<br>He whose word cannot be broken<br>Formed thee for His own abode;<br>On the Rock of Ages founded,<br>What can shake thy sure repose?<br>With salvation's walls surrounded,<br>Thou mayest smile at all thy foes. | 2. See, the streams of living waters,<br>Springing from eternal Love,<br>Well supply thy sons and daughters,<br>And all fear of want remove;<br>Who can faint, while such a river<br>Ever flows, their thirst to assuage;<br>Grace, which, like the Lord the Giver,<br>Never fails from age to age? |
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3. Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering,  
Showing that the Lord is near;  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which He gives them when they pray.  
Amen.

The Salutation\*

Organ Interlude\*\*

The Anthem ..... The Roberts College Choir

The Responsive Reading

The Rev. Richard Blocker, 1927-1929

*Minister:* How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

*People:* My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

*Minister:* Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,

*People:* Where she may lay her young, at thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

*Minister:* Blessed are those who dwell in thy house, ever singing thy praise!

*People:* Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

*Minister:* As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;

*People:* The early rain also covers it with pools.

*Minister:* They go from strength to strength;

*People:* The God of gods will be seen in Zion.

*Minister:* O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

*People:* Behold our shield, O God; look upon the face of thine anointed!

*Minister:* For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

*People:* I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

*Minister:* For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

*People:* No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

*Unison:* O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in thee!

The Anthem ..... The Roberts College Choir

The Evening Prayer and Organ Response

The Rev. Anthony Luidens, 1930-1955

Hymn No. 431\*, "O Where are Kings and Empires Now"

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| 1. O where are kings and empires now<br>Of old that went and came?<br>But, Lord, Thy Church is praying yet,<br>A thousand years the same. | 3. For not like kingdoms of the world<br>Thy holy Church, O God;<br>Though earthquake shocks are<br>threatening her,<br>and tempests are abroad. |
| 2. We mark her goodly battlements,<br>And her foundations strong;<br>We hear within the solemn voice<br>Of her unending song.             | 4. Unshaken as eternal hills,<br>Immovable she stands,<br>A mountain that shall fill the earth,<br>A house not made by hands. Amen.              |

The Word of God . . . . . The Rev. Henry C. Jacobs, 1920-1927

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory, "Evensong" . . . . . Edward Johnston

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication\*

The Anthem . . . . . The Roberts College Choir

The Sermon . . . . . The Rev. Norman Thomas  
Minister, The First Church, Albany, New York

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Hymn No. 332, "Lead on, O King Eternal"

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| 1. Lead on, O King Eternal,<br>The day of march has come,<br>Henceforth in fields of conquest<br>Thy tents shall be our home;<br>Through days of preparation<br>Thy grace has made us strong,<br>And now, O King Eternal,<br>We lift our battle song. | 2. Lead on, O King Eternal,<br>Till sin's fierce war shall cease,<br>And Holiness shall whisper<br>The sweet Amen of peace;<br>For not with swords' loud clashing,<br>Nor roll of stirring drums,<br>With deeds of love and mercy,<br>The heavenly Kingdom comes. |
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3. Lead on, O King Eternal,  
We follow, not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er Thy face appears;  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;  
We journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might. Amen.

The Benediction and Organ Response\*

The Organ Postlude, "Unser Vater im Himmelreich" . . J. S. Bach

*\*The congregation stands.*

*\*\*Ushers to seat those arriving after the Call to Worship.*

## THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OF DEDICATION

W E D N E S D A Y , M A Y 2 0 , 1 9 5 9

8 : 0 0 P . M .

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And all that is within me,  
Bless His holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And forget not all his benefits."*

The Organ Prelude, "Sonata in C Minor" . . . . . A. Guilment  
Preludio and Adagio

"Regina Cœli—Antiphon" . . . . Everett Titcomb

The Call to Worship

The Processional Hymn No. 9\*, "Now Thank We All Our God"

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| 1. Now thank we all our God<br>With heart and hands and voices,<br>Who wondrous things hath done,<br>In whom His world rejoices;<br>Who, from our mothers' arms,<br>Hath blessed us on our way<br>With countless gifts of love,<br>And still is ours today. | 2. O may this bounteous God<br>Through all our life be near us,<br>With ever joyful hearts<br>And blessed peace to cheer us;<br>And keep us in His grace,<br>And guide us when perplexed,<br>And free us from all ills<br>In this world and the next. |
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3. All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With Them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer and Salutation\*

## Organ Interlude\*\*

## The Presentation of the Keys

Participating in this act of worship will be Mr. Chester G. Engler, General Chairman of the Building Committee, and Mr. Jacob P. DeVuyst, Vice-President of Consistory.

## The Anthem, "Sine Nomine" . . . . . Vaughan Williams

## The Evening Prayer and Choral Response

A Word of Greeting from the Rochester Federation of Churches  
Dr. Hugh Chamberlain Burr

## Hymn No. 352\*, "Rise up, O Men of God!"

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| 1. Rise up, O men of God!<br>Have done with lesser things;<br>Give heart and soul and mind and<br>strength<br>To serve the King of Kings. | 3. Rise up, O men of God!<br>The Church for you doth wait,<br>Her strength unequal to her task;<br>Rise up, and make her great!        |
| 2. Rise up, O men of God!<br>His Kingdom tarries long;<br>Bring in the day of brotherhood<br>And end the night of wrong.                  | 4. Lift high the cross of Christ!<br>Tread where His feet have trod;<br>As brothers of the Son of Man,<br>Rise up, O men of God. Amen. |

## The Word of God

## Organ Meditation and Silent Prayer

The Sermon . . . . . The Rev. Robert E. Slaughter  
Minister, Immanuel Baptist Church, Rochester, New York

## Silent Prayer and Meditation

## Hymn No. 437\*, "The Church's One Foundation"

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| 1. The Church's one Foundation<br>Is Jesus Christ her Lord;<br>She is His new creation<br>By water and the word;<br>From heaven He came and sought her<br>To be His holy Bride;<br>With His own blood He bought her,<br>And for her life He died. | 3. 'Mid toil and tribulation,<br>And tumult of her war,<br>She waits the consummation<br>Of peace for evermore;<br>Till with the vision glorious,<br>Her longing eyes are blest,<br>And the great Church victorious<br>Shall be the Church at rest.           |
| 2. Elect from every nation,<br>Yet one o'er all the earth,<br>Her charter of salvation<br>One Lord, one faith, one birth;<br>One holy name she blesses,<br>Partakes one holy food,<br>And to one hope she presses,<br>With every grace endued.    | 4. Yet she on earth hath union<br>With God the Three in One,<br>And mystic sweet communion<br>With those whose rest is won;<br>O happy ones and holy!<br>Lord, give us grace that we,<br>Like them, the meek and lowly,<br>On high may dwell with Thee. Amen. |

## The Benediction and Choral Amen\*

## The Organ Postlude, "Grand Chorus in March Form" . . A. Guilment

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## *A TRIBUTE*

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We bow in gratitude to Almighty God for His constant guidance and strength.

We pay tribute to our forefathers who founded the Brighton Reformed Church.

We give thanks for our pastors, teachers, leaders, and all who have been faithful in service, worship, and prayer.

We are grateful for everyone who has contributed materially and spiritually to the program of the Church.

We express gratitude for time and effort given by committees and labors of the architects, contractors and workmen bringing forth a building of enduring quality and endearing beauty.

We stand in adoration before God to commit ourselves anew to the great task of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

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## *Members of the Building Committee*

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Chester Engler, *Chairman*

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## *HISTORICAL NOTES*

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Our Church had its beginning in the then unincorporated village of Brighton, a section of nursery land and gardens. A small chapel known as the First Reformed Church of Brighton a daughter church of First Reformed of Rochester, was dedicated on November 15, 1891. The first Sunday School was organized in 1892. As more people of Dutch descent moved into the area and the need of assistance from the First Reformed Church of Rochester diminished, its name was changed to Brighton Reformed Church. This was in 1893. In October 1896, a second dedication was held for the large new addition.

Each of our pastors over the years has left his mark on the Church's achievements and upon its children. All will be fondly remembered—

Rev. John Van Westenberg . . . . . 1891-1895

Rev. D. Lawrence Betten . . . . . 1897-1910

Rev. Andrew Stegenga . . . . . 1911-1918

Rev. Henry C. Jacobs . . . . . 1920-1927

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Rev. Anthony Luidens . . . . . 1930-1955

Rev. William C. Hillegonds . . . . . 1955-

Through the years, the city has grown, the Church community has changed, and sons of the Church have been called to the Christian ministry. The Lord has richly blessed the work of our church in all its endeavors.

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1959

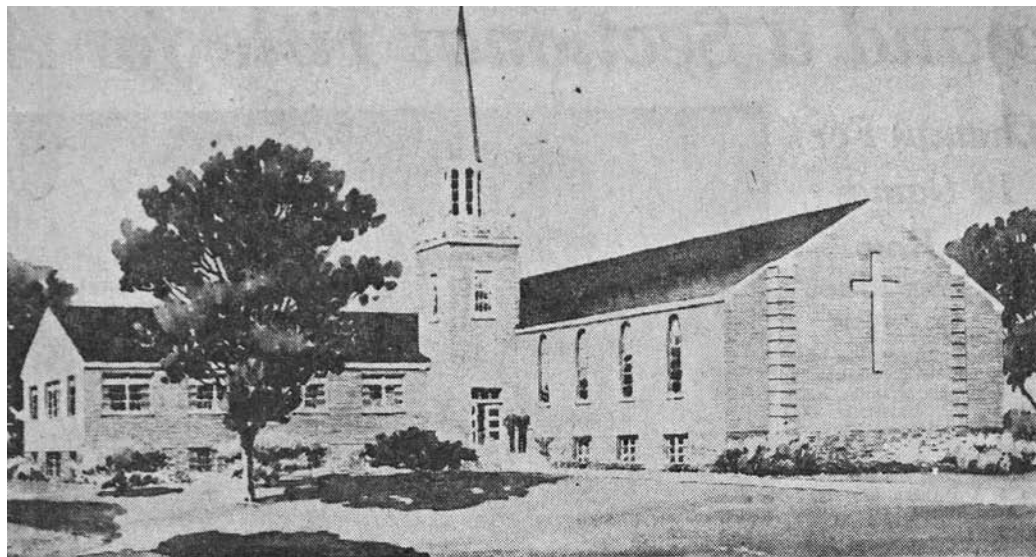
TWO SERVICES OF HOLY COMMUNION

one at 8:00 and one at 10:30

OPEN HOUSE in the afternoon from 2:00 until 5:00  
for the friends of the community.

ORGAN RECITAL at 7:00 p.m.

MISS MARGERIE DAVIS, Staff Organist of Allen Organ Co.



BRIGHTON REFORMED CONGREGATION will build this modified Colonial church, designed by

Architects Walzer and Miller, on site opposite the present church on Blossom road, starting Apr. 15.

## Dream Building Nears for Parish

Brighton Reformed congregation plans a new church on a 3½-acre site across the street from its present site in Blossom road. Estimated cost is \$225,000.

Construction is scheduled to start the middle of next month and it is hoped to have the building ready for Easter 1959.

According to the Rev. William C. Hillemonds, minister, overflow attendance at Sunday services and inadequate Sunday school facilities make the new building necessary.

The new L-shaped church, of modified Colonial design, will be faced with brick and stone. The ground floor will contain a 400-seat sanctuary, a chapel seating 90, parlor, church offices, and toddlers' and crib rooms. A lower level will provide 28 church school rooms, several large assembly areas, a kitchenette, church school office and choir room.

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**BRIGHTON REFORMED** was founded in 1891 by Dutch farmers in the Atlantic avenue dugway area. The 65 charter members built a small frame church and the Dutch

language was used at all services until 1922.

One charter member survives, 92-year-old Mrs. Jacob De Graff who will participate in ground-breaking ceremonies for the new building.

Worshippers now use an addition, constructed early in the century. The original building houses the Sunday school.

Over the years, complexion of the congregation has changed greatly. Now many nationality and denominational backgrounds are represented.

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Before the Rev. Mr. Hillemonds took over the pastorate two years ago, Brighton had been served for 25 years by the Rev. Anthony Luidens, now retired.

Chester G. Engler is chairman of the building committee.





Above: Architect's drawing of the new sanctuary.

Left: The Rev. Wm. C. Hillegonds, pastor, sets the cornerstone while Mr. Wm. Cooper looks on.

#### BRIGHTON ROCHESTER BUILDS

The Brighton Reformed Church of Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. William C. Hillegonds, pastor, laid the cornerstone for its new church and education building on June 15. Ground was broken two months earlier in a service in which the only surviving charter member, Mrs. Jacob De Graff, 92 years old, and Miss Bonnie Revier, one of the "new members," participated.

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SEPTEMBER 5, 1958

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The Rev. William C. Hillemonds, minister, will lead the congregation in the litany of dedication and will preach on "The Church of Christ."

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A community service of dedication is scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday. At that time the keys of the new building will be presented to the church's governing body. Chester G. Engler, building committee chairman and Jacob P. DeVuyst, vice president of the consistory, will participate in the service.

The Rev. Robert E. Slaughter D.D., minister of Immanuel Baptist Church, will preach.

The congregation will worship in the new sanctuary, completed this week, for the first time tomorrow. The sanctuary seats 400, and 90 more can be accommodated in an adjoining chapel which can be opened to the main portion of the church. There are 22 church school rooms.

Features of the building are an illuminated tower and a stained glass window in the form of a cross which will be illuminated throughout the night by a lighting system operated by a photo electric cell. The light will go on automatically each day when the sun goes down.

ROCHESTER TIMES-UNION

Sat., May 16, 1959

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## Miss Nellie Hartfeld Burial Rites Held

Burial rites were held today for Miss Nellie Hartfeld of 16 Rich's Dugway, Brighton, a resident of Brighton for 91 years. She died Saturday (Dec. 12, 1953) of injuries suffered Dec. 4 in a fall.

A service was held at 2 p. m. in the Houck Funeral Home, 515 Goodman St. N. Burial was in Brighton Cemetery.

Miss Hartfeld was the last surviving offspring of the late John and Maria L. Hartfeld, who brought her to Brighton from The Netherlands when she was 4. She attended Brighton School I, then at 25 Winton Rd. N. She ran a millinery shop at University and Atlantic avenues for more than 35 years. After leaving the business, she built several apartment houses in the Rich's Dugway - Landing road section.

She was a member of Brighton Reformed Church for more than 60 years. For many years, she taught Sunday School there.

Surviving are six nieces, Miss Winona Derrenbacher, Mrs. Katherine Shannon, Mrs. Ethel Granke, Mrs. Mary VanBortel, Mrs. Bessie VanBortel, Mrs. Alma Littlewood, and three nephews, John Hartfeld, Merton Derrenbacher and John Hebbs.

## Brighton Reformed Plans Two Dedication Services

Brighton Reformed Church will dedicate its new church and educational building, one year in the making, at special services tomorrow, with a community program to follow next Wednesday.

The minister, the Rev. William C. Hillegonds, will lead the congregation in the Litany of Dedication and preach the sermon at the 10:30 a.m. service. The choir directed by Nelson A. Abeel will offer dedicatory music, with Harold Harper playing the new electric organ.

At the evening service tomorrow the guest preacher will be the Rev. Norman Thomas, minister of First Reformed Church at Albany, oldest Reformed church in the nation. Also participating will be three former Brighton Reformed ministers—the Rev. Henry C. Jacobs, Richard Blocker and Anthony Luidens, D.D.

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The new building, across Blossom Road from the old site, will provide seating for 90 in its chapel and 400 in the nave. The basement contains 22 classrooms. Following the trend of providing off-street parking, a paved area adjoining the church can handle 100 cars. The original structure, which still stands, was erected in 1891.

*New*

### BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH

*Blossom Road at Arbordale Avenue*

#### SERVICES OF DEDICATION

10:30 A.M. Service

### "THE CHURCH OF CHRIST"

*The Minister preaching*

8:00 P.M. Service

#### REV. NORMAN THOMAS

*Minister, First Reformed Church  
Albany, New York  
Roberts Wesleyan College Choir*

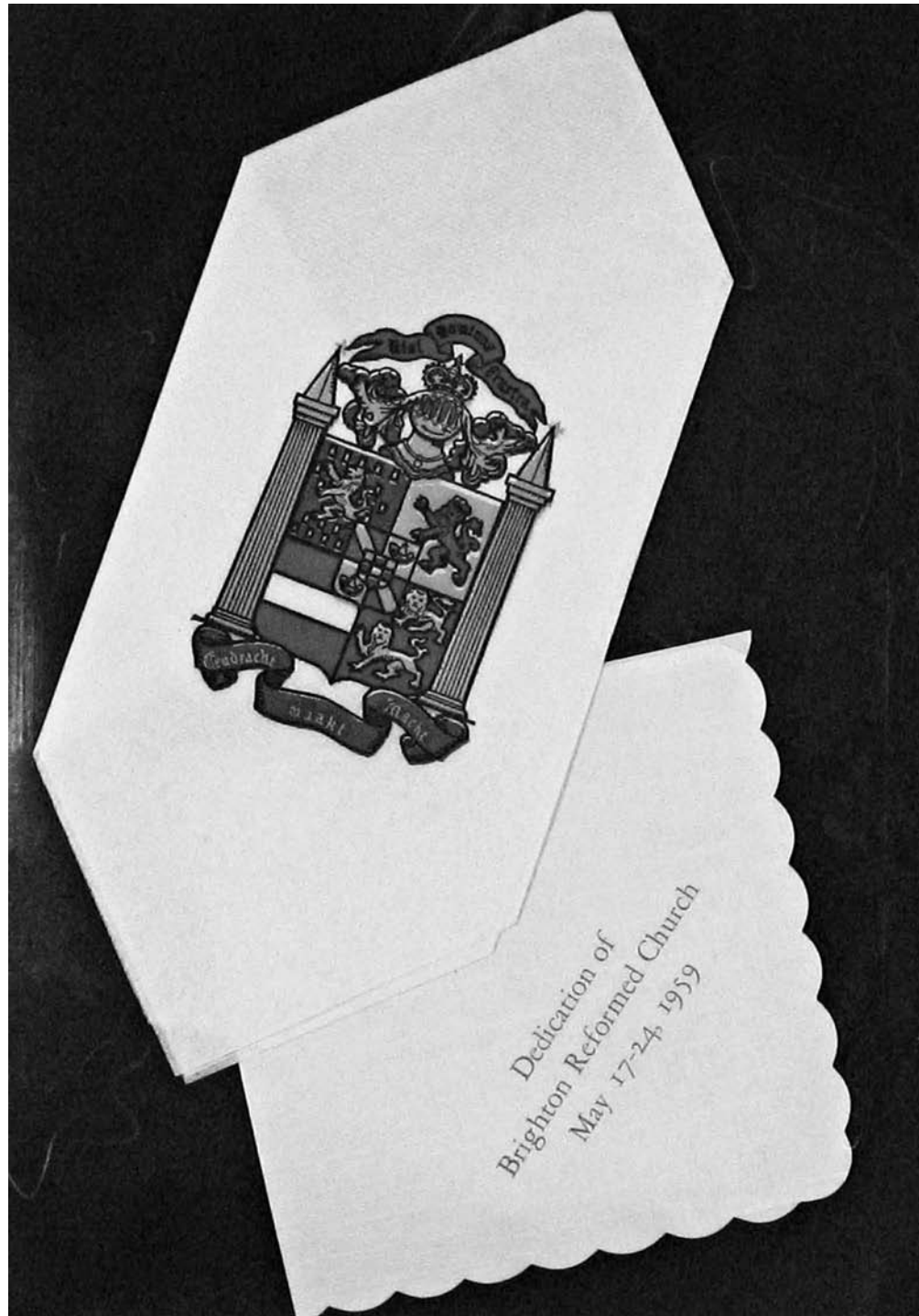
Wednesday, 8:00 P.M.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE of DEDICATION

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*The Consistory  
requests the honor of your presence  
at the Service of Installation  
of the Reverend Russell Frank Pater  
as pastor and teacher  
of the Brighton Reformed Church,  
to be conducted by the Classis of Rochester  
of the Reformed Church in America  
at 805 Blossam Road, Rochester, New York  
at four o'clock  
Sunday, the fourteenth of September  
Nineteen hundred seventy five*



## MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

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**PRAYER**

BLESSED be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to commence the erection of a house, in which Thy Name is to be worshiped, the glad tidings of salvation proclaimed, and Thy holy Sacraments administered. Prosper them, O Lord, in this their undertaking. Keep and preserve by Thy providence unto the end the work which is now begun in Thy fear. Excite the skill and animate the industry of the workmen. Shield them from accident and danger. And grant unto them, and unto all of us here present, the influences of Thy divine Spirit, so that we may become, in soul and body, living temples of the Holy Spirit, and be prepared for that eternal city which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God. All which we ask through the abundant merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

(In Unison)

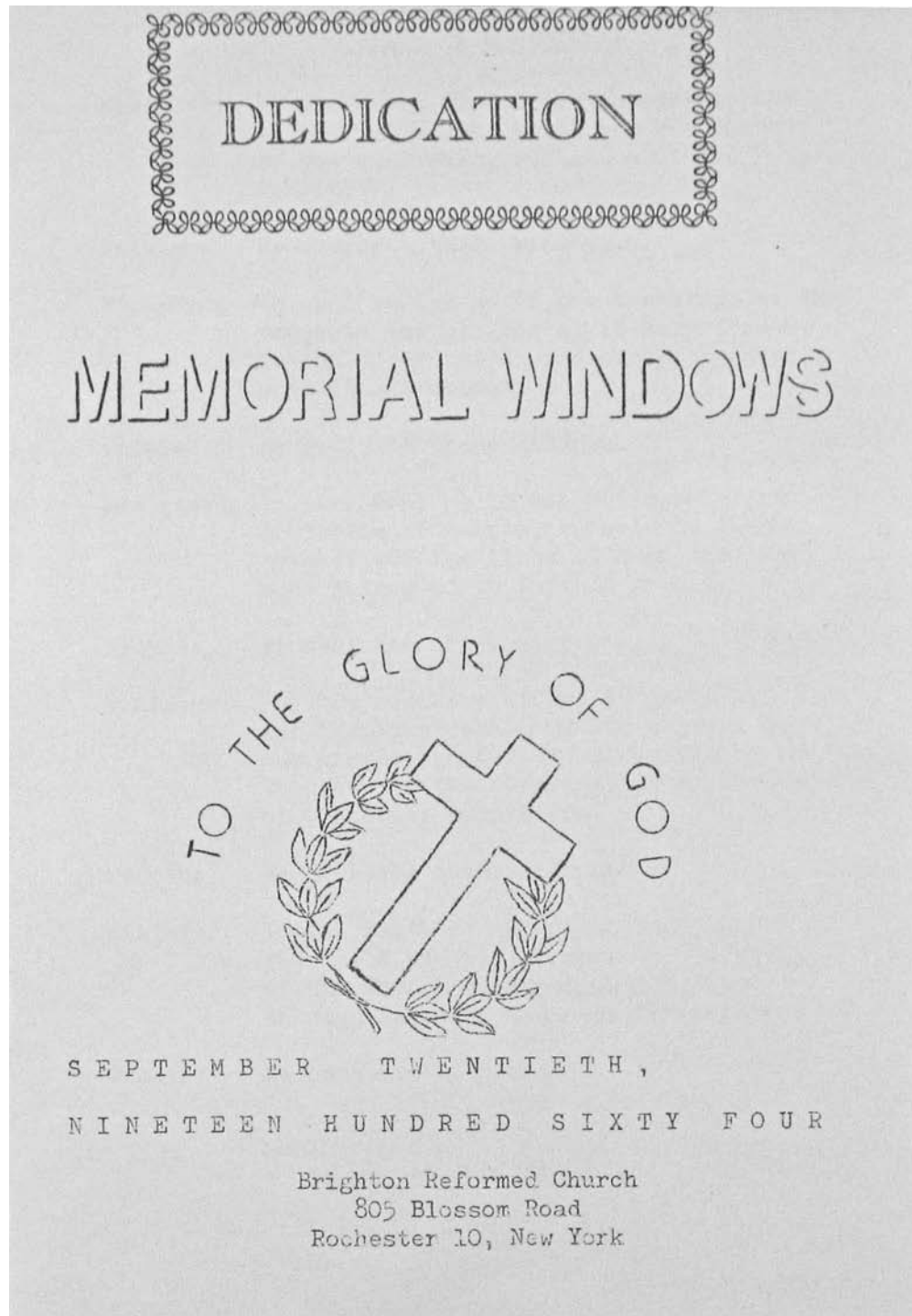
OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. William C. Hillegonds

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Floor Plan of Church



## LITANY OF DEDICATION

Minister: To the glory of God the Father; to the service of Jesus Christ and His Church; to the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit.

People: We dedicate these windows.

Minister: To ever remind us of the teachings of the prophets and psalmists; to keep forever fresh in our hearts and minds the mighty acts of a gracious God.

People: We dedicate these windows.

Minister: To ever keep us in the fellowship and communion of saints, to hold in fond remembrance the lives of dear ones who have passed on to faith's reward.

People: We dedicate these windows.

Minister: For the ministry of art to the soul; for the inspiration of its message to our minds; and for the direction of the thoughts of the congregation in channels of Christian meditation.

People: We dedicate these windows.

Minister: To the faith of Christian martyrs, to the faith of our fathers, to the faith of the Church of Jesus Christ down through the ages and even forevermore.

People: We consecrate ourselves.

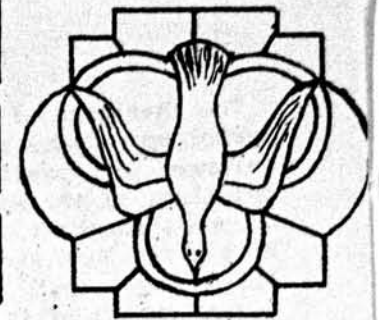
Prayer of Dedication

# seven symbols

## THE DOVE

John 1:32

Descent of the Spirit, as a Dove, in Jesus was a sign of his divinity. A symbol of the Third Person of the Trinity.



## LAW OF GOD

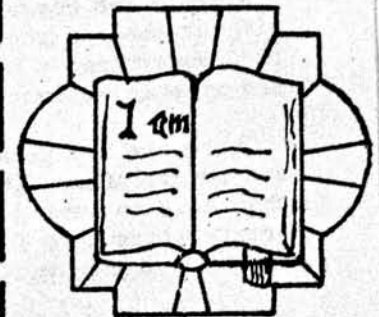
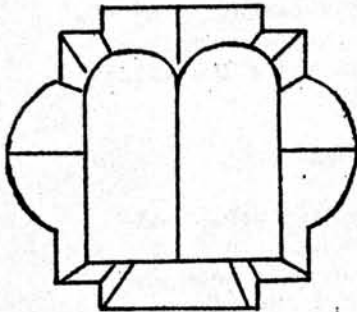
Exodus 20: 1-17

God reveals his requirements of his people through moral law, the commandments.

## THE WORD OF GOD

John 1: 1-18

God reveals his requirements of his people through a Life.



## BURNING BUSH

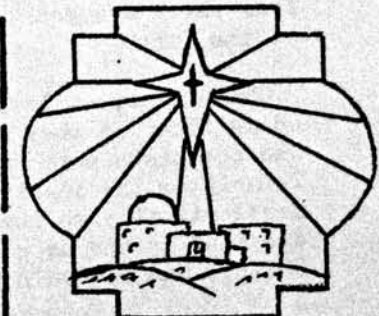
Exodus 3: 1- 6

God calls Moses and confronts him as a living God.

## THE STAR

Matthew 2: 1-12

God confronts all men in the incarnate Christ, "born in Bethlehem of Judea".



## SACRIFICIAL ALTAR

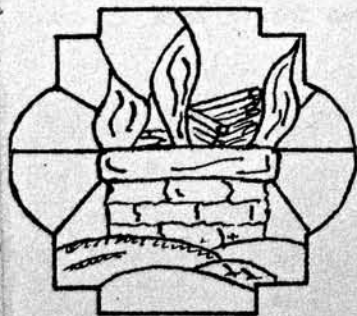
Leviticus 1: 1 - 9

Sacrifice was a means of access to God, and anticipates the death of Christ on Calvary.

## LAMB OF GOD

John 1: 29

Christ, as the Lamb, was the ransom paid for the sins of the world.



## CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

The heritage of the Christian Church is rich in symbolism. Jesus used symbols again and again. He referred to himself as the Good Shepherd, the Door, the Light of the World, the True Vine. The Christian Church throughout the world remembers the night when He ate his last earthly meal, when He said "Take eat; this is my body." And of course the Church's universal symbol of its faith is the Cross.

Symbols are common in every walk of life. Indeed without them we could not easily live. A smile signifies something; a handshake says something. Words are symbols without which we could not communicate.

There are two great values in symbols: devotional and educational. There is devotional value because they help to remind us of the Christian faith; they create atmosphere for worship; they provide something to think about even before the prelude begins.

The second value is educational. It is easier to tell a story by a picture. They are a starting point from which one can launch into greater understanding of the faith.

Christians, no less than others, need to be reminded as often as they need to be informed. Prophets and psalmists were unceasing in recalling for the Israelites the mighty acts of God. Symbols can also serve silently to remind the worshipper of the heritage that is his as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, one of God's own chosen people.

We hope that they will serve our people as stones of remembrance, for there is indeed a rich heritage to be remembered and for which we must be eternally grateful.

## ABOUT THE "IN MEMORIAM FUND"

The policy which governs how "In Memoriam" funds are to be used was established by Consistory November 20, 1962.

"All monies received "in lieu of flowers" at the time of death of any of our friends or members of the congregation, also all monies received from any source with the request of the donor that it be used for a specific purpose in memory of a departed loved one... shall be placed in a fund to be known as the IN MEMORIAM FUND. This fund shall be in the hands of the Church Treasurer and all disbursements shall be by him.

The IN MEMORIAM FUND shall have two separate subdivisions.

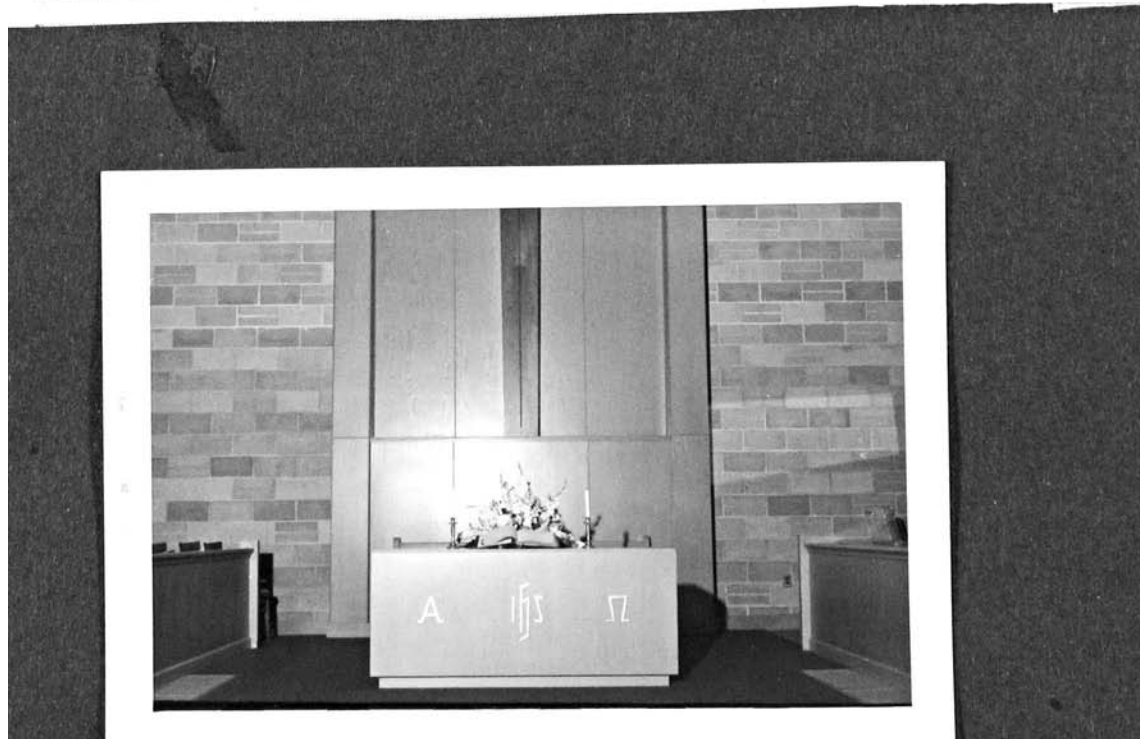
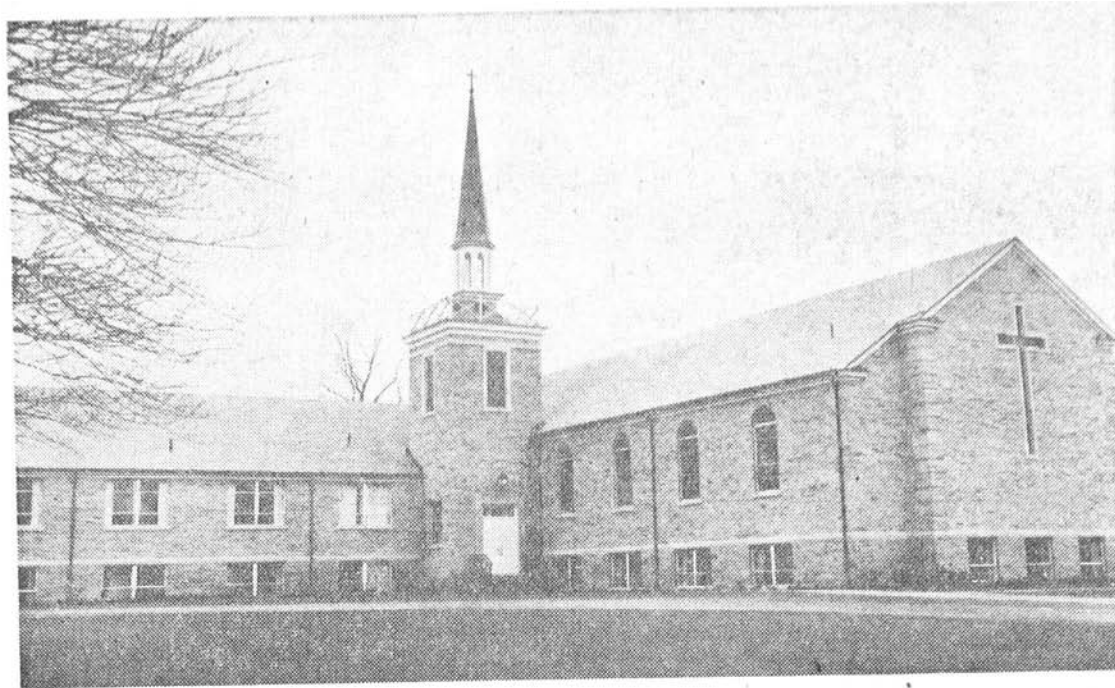
(a) The Spiritual Growth. From this fund shall be withdrawn funds to pay for all projects deemed worthy and acceptable and contributing to the spiritual growth of the church, and approved by the IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE and the Consistory.

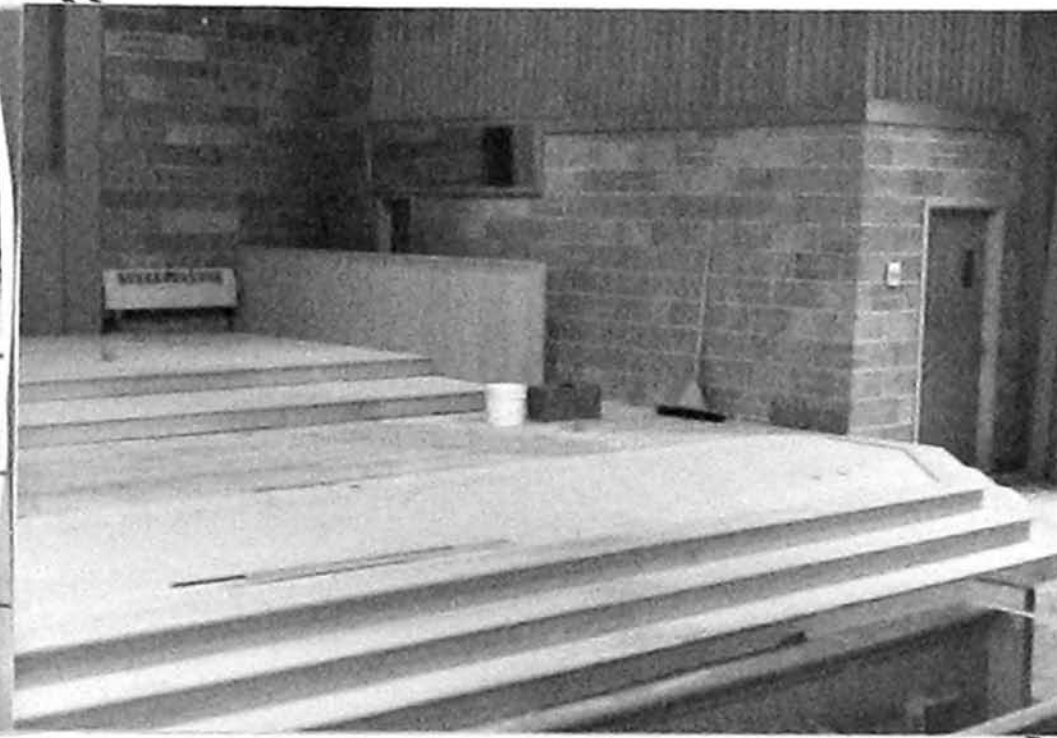
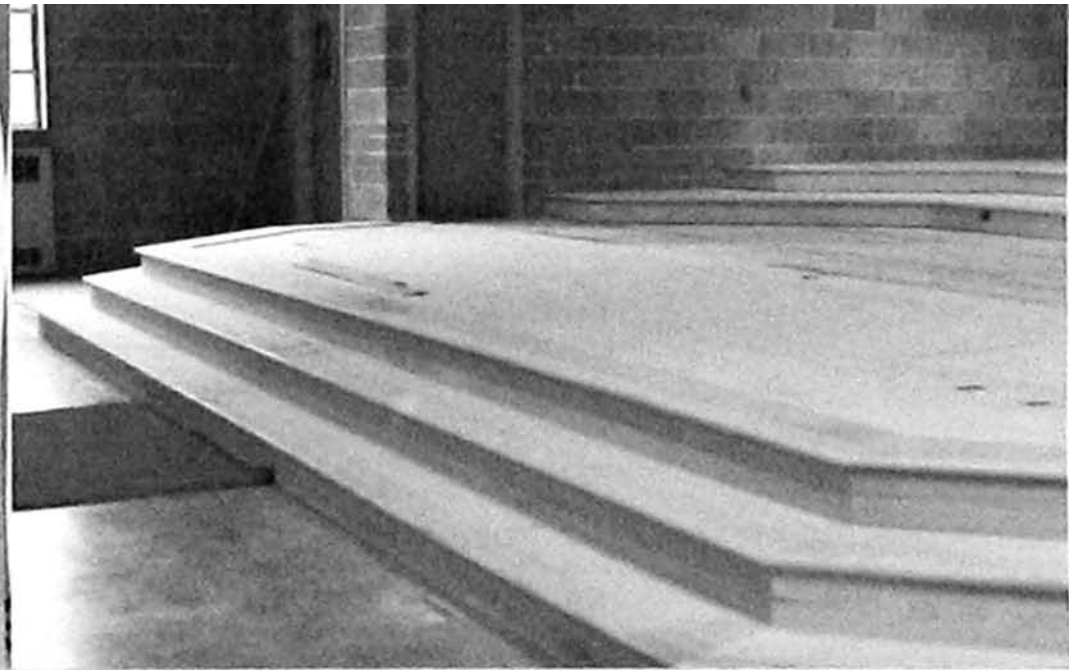
(b) The New Sanctuary Thrift Fund. Any funds remaining which are not needed to pay for any specific projects of the Spiritual Growth Fund or which are specifically allocated for this purpose by the donor shall be used to reduce the debt incurred in building the new sanctuary.

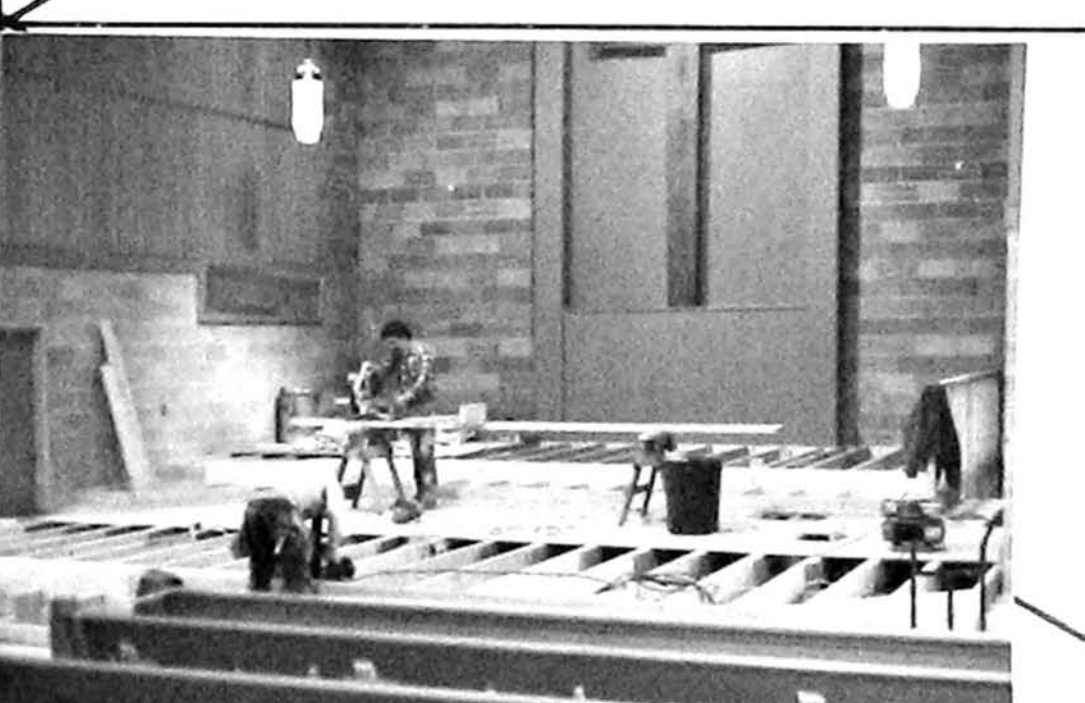
When funds are offered by a prospective donor for any purpose not so approved, it shall be first approved by the IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE and then submitted to the Consistory for its approval."

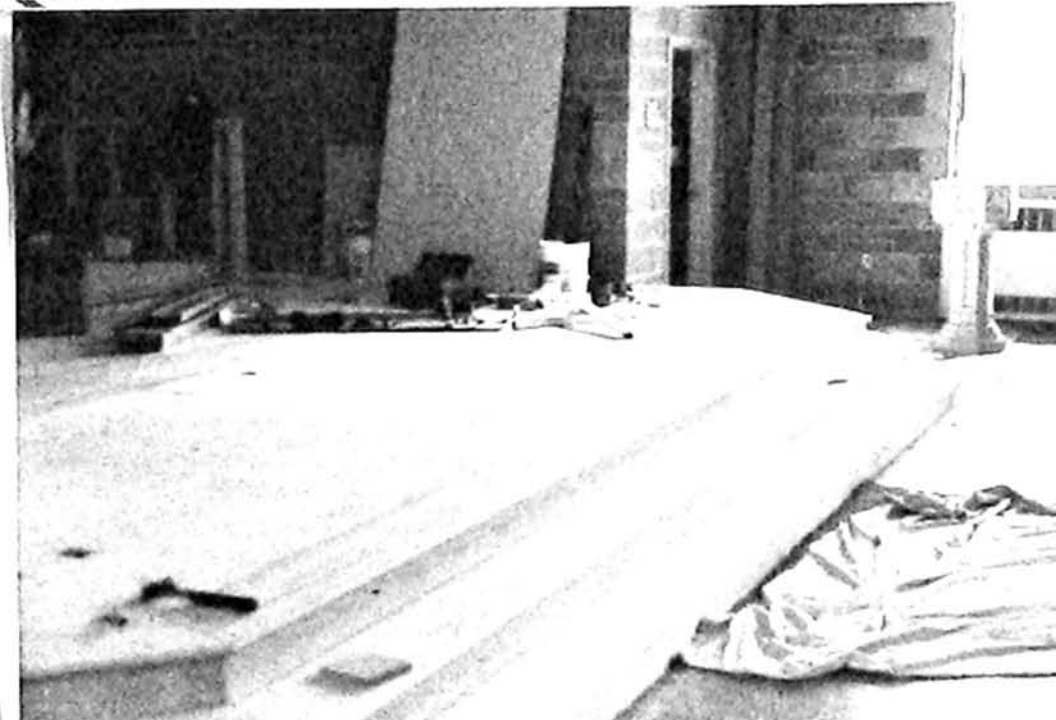
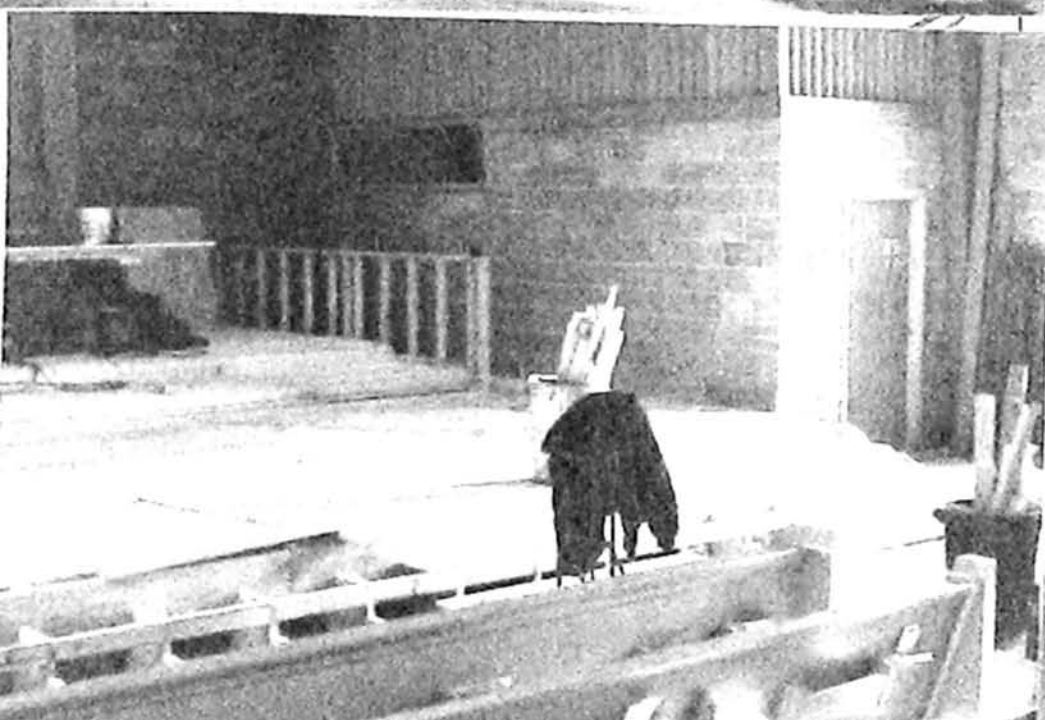
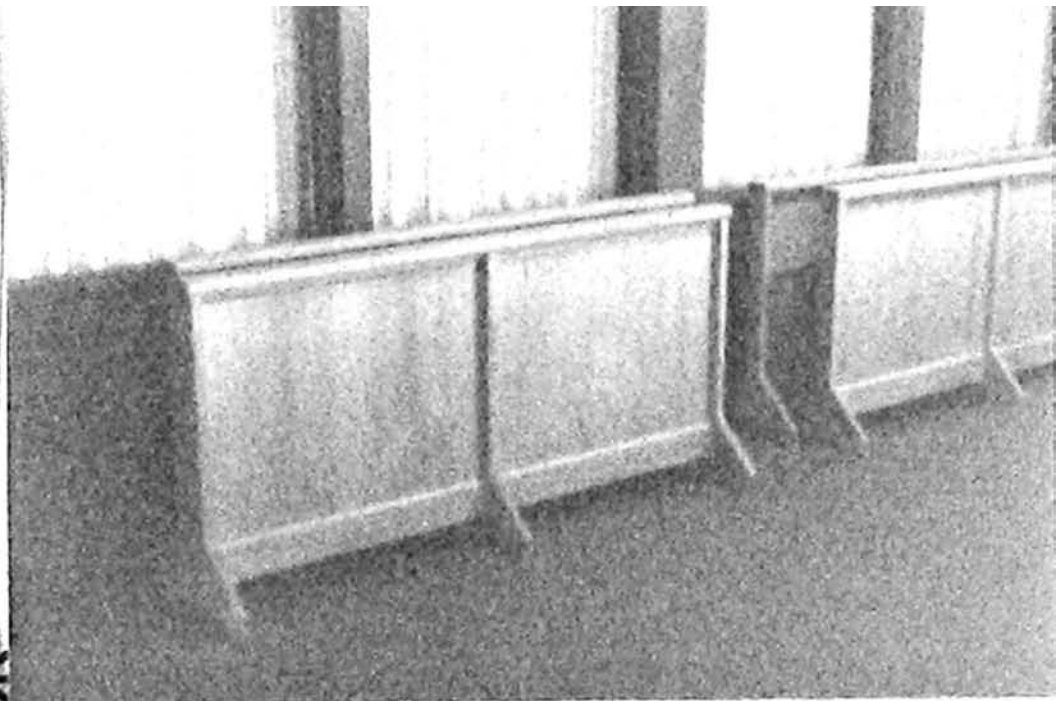
Legacies in which the Church is a beneficiary and which often designates the use, are not covered by this policy.

Persons who wish to contribute to the "In Memoriam Fund" and to designate how their gift is to be used are referred to the "In Memoriam Committee" or the Pastor. All gifts are acknowledged.











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Monday, April 14, 1958

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**BREAKING GROUND** — Mrs. Jacob DeGraff of 305 North Winton Rd., flanked by the Rev. William C. Hillemonds and Bonnie Revier of 503 Humboldt St. prepare to break ground for new church building.



GROUND BREAKING

## Charter Member Helps Turn Sod for Church

The oldest and newest members of the Brighton Reformed Church—Mrs. Jacob DeGraff, 91, and Bonnie Revier, 13—were star performers at yesterday's ground-breaking ceremonies for the new church building.

Mrs. DeGraff, only living charter member of the church, and Bonnie, who was received into church membership on Maundy Thursday, struck a gold-painted shovel into the ground and intoned:

"That a church may rise here where the aged and youth shall come to worship, pause to pray, and rise to serve."

"We break this ground today," responded members of the congregation, standing in the warm sunlight around the ground-breaking patch.

The new building, across the street from the present church at 815 Blossom Rd., will be constructed in a modified colonial style with brick and stone facing. It is expected to be finished by next Easter.

Other participants in the ground-breaking ceremonies voiced hopes for the church.

Chester G. Engler, chairman of the building committee: "A church . . . where the weary and heavy laden shall find peace

which the world can neither give nor take away."

Mrs. Clarence DeLyser, president of the Women's Guild for Christian Service: "A church . . . where children shall learn to love God and to be held close to Christ."

Frank Elliott, president of the Men's Brotherhood: "A church . . . where many shall be refreshed in spirit, redeemed from sin, relieved from pain and made heirs of God."

The Rev. William C. Hillemonds: "A church . . . where the unsearchable riches of Christ shall bear the fruit in making our human lives more constant, our homes more Christ-like, and our families creative centers of Christian influence."

The Brighton Reformed Church was founded in 1891 by a group of 65 Dutch farmers and until 1922 all services were conducted in Dutch. The membership now is about 500, with approximately 300 youngsters.



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### Church Sets Sod Turning

Ground will be broken tomorrow by Brighton Reformed Church for construction of a new church edifice in Blossom Road. Following a brief service at 11 a.m., the congregation will go to the new site for the ceremony.

Participating in the ceremony will be the only living charter member of the church, 92-year-old Mrs. Jacob DeGraff, and Miss Bonnie Revier, who was received into membership in the church last Maundy Thursday, the oldest and newest members.

Elder Walter Blakley, vice president of the Consistory, will officiate. Others will be Chester G. Engler chairman of the building Committee; Mrs. Clarence DeLyser, president of the Women's Guild; Frank Elliott, president of the Men's Brotherhood, and the minister, the Rev. William C. Hillemonds, who is president of the Consistory.

### Church Drive Passes Goal

A Brighton Reformed Church fund drive to raise \$100,000 in pledges for the construction of a church-school building yesterday hit a total of more than \$130,000.

The Rev. William C. Hillemonds, minister, said he hopes construction can be started late this summer with the aim of finishing the structure by next Easter.

The building, a modified Gothic church with a wing for a school, will be erected on a 3½ acre plot opposite the present church at Arbordale Avenue and Blossom Road.

Some 50 persons canvassed the 550-member parish yesterday afternoon. A "victory dinner" will be held tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Lodge, a recreation hall on the parish grounds.





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## CORNER STONE BOX OPENED IN CEREMONY

In a brief and informal ceremony held in Fellowship Lodge, Consistory opened the box that was contained in the corner stone of the original Brighton Reformed Church. Walter Blakley, vice president of Consistory, officiated.

The contents, placed in the box at the corner stone laying on July 4, 1891, included time-weathered documents that had begun to crumble with age.

The first item in the copper box was a letter written by the Dominie (pastor) of the First Reformed Church of Rochester in which he tells the history of the early Dutch settlement in this area. Many newspapers had been carefully folded and placed in the box along with other interesting data about the times.

A committee of Consistory will make a study of these documents and a digested form of their contents will be presented in the next issue of The Brightoner.







## **Brighton Reformed Church**

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HUBbard 2-0301

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BUtler 8-5649

1259 Winton Road North  
Rochester 9, N. Y.  
November 4, 1959

Dear Mr. DeVisser:

For Mr. Baker, and myself, and all the members of our Building Committee, I want to thank you for your splendid cooperation and generous contribution to our project.

It is difficult to express in words how much we appreciate your advice, your supervision of the grading, the use of your equipment, the shrubs and plantings, the lawn seed, and the many hours of labor you and your helpers spent to do the job right.

The fine lawn and appropriate plantings show an expert and professional touch, and add just the right framing to set off and beautify our building.

A poet once wrote "A thing of beauty is a joy forever" and I assure you that the beauty you have helped create will be a source of joy and inspiration for years to come, to all who pass our way, or come to our Sanctuary to worship.

Again let me thank you for your fine spirit of cooperation, your many helpful suggestions, and your generosity.

Sincerely,

Chester G. Engler  
For the Building Committee

February 3, 1960

Dear Members:

All work on our new church building has been completed and all bills paid. Below is a statement of cost of the building, furnishing, equipment, landscaping, driveway and parking area.

## STATEMENT OF COSTS OF BRIGHTON REFORMED CHURCH - January 24, 1960

Cost of building (This covers the general contracts, architects fee, engineering survey, performance bonds and insurance during construction.)	\$210,914.67
Chancel, Nave and Chapel furniture, Organ, carpeting and draperies	27,473.02
Church School and Music Dept. furniture, equipment, pianos, etc.	7,026.21
Other furniture and equipment, office, parlor, and kitchen	1,297.06
Landscaping, driveway and parking area	12,492.85
Miscellaneous. This includes various extras, sound system, flood lights, extra electrical, janitorial and grounds equipment, etc.	<u>3,578.58</u>
TOTAL COST OF BUILDING, FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	\$262,782.39

The above statement shows only actual cash disbursed. It does not, and cannot, take into consideration the many hours spent by various committees in planning and many hours of volunteer labor in adding the final finishing touches to the building and grounds.

It is impossible to measure this service by monetary standards. The time and energy spent by all of these people was given willingly. Theirs has been a dedicated service of love to the Brighton Reformed Church. No money value can be placed on such devoted loyalty to the Church.

At the time of planning, provisions were made to remodel and modernize the kitchen in the Lodge. This work is now well underway. Much of it is being done by volunteer labor. These men work on Wednesday nights and all day Saturday. It is hoped the work will be completed by about March 15.

As has been stated on previous occasions it was necessary to borrow money to pay for completion of our new church building. Early in 1959 we borrowed \$50,000.00 against unpaid pledges. This loan has been reduced to \$12,000.00. However, the entire loan matures on April 30, 1960. We are expected to retire it in full by that date. If your pledge payments are not up to date will you make a real effort to complete your payments by April 30.

Our long term loan was for \$75,000.00. This has been reduced to \$71,250.00 as of December 31, 1959. This loan must be repaid at the rate of \$1,250.00 each quarter which amounts to \$5,000.00 per year.

Your Consistory is indeed grateful for your very fine support during the past three years. May we urge you to continue your high level of giving. This will enable us to continue the work of an expanded church program as well as making substantial reductions on our outstanding obligations.

Yours in the work of the church,

The Finance Committee of Consistory  
Clarence DeLyser, Chairman

## Building Committee Meeting May 6, 1957

Present: J. Scheerens, J. Olyslager, C. DeLyser, M. Howell, R. Porteous, D. Wahl, J. DeVuyt, R. Tell, C. Talsma, J. DeRoo, A. Zonneville, M. Hubregsen, E. Hand, W. DeWitte, H. DeRoo, Janna DeGraff, R. DeLyser, M. Asbrook, A. Brouwer, M. Baker, M. Scheerens, A. Martin, C. Engler, P. Nelson, C. Pearson, R. VanBortel, R. Miller, E. Anderson

C. Engler opened with brief devotions.  
Minutes of February meeting accepted as read.

## Sub-committee reports -

C. Pearson - has various committees studying special aspects, such as heating, seating, etc.

C. DeLyser - inquiries have been made on possible financing

J. DeVuyt - studies being made

J. Olyslager - committee about ready with needs for space

R. DeLyser - research work only

M. Baker - recommends 150 car parking with one way entrance and exit for lot

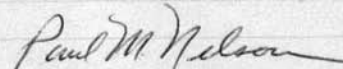
R. Porteous - no report

C. Engler - Steering Committee met prior to financial Campaign and agreed to delay definite recommendation until after campaign, meanwhile they would study what firms of architects to contact. They decided to interview four firms, Smith & Stickney, Walzer & Miller, Waasdorb & Northrup, Bohacket & Flynn. The four firms were asked about the same questions in order to bring out comparative ability. The committee particularly inquired into their church building records. It was stated that the suggestion of Mr. Faunce made by the Study Group was discussed, but the committee leaned toward picking a local firm. It was the unanimous recommendation of the Steering Committee that Walzer & Miller be selected.

After considerable discussion of the various firms J. Scheerens and A. Martin moved that we follow the recommendation of the Steering Committee. The motion carried on a vote of 20 to 4.

C. Pearson brought up for discussion the subject of how much authority a sub-committee should have.

Meeting adjourned.

  
Paul M. Nelson  
Secretary

## Building Committee 10/21/57

C. Engler, Chairman, opened the meeting reading Romans 14.

Minutes of May meeting were read and approved on motion of J. DeVuyt and M. Baker.

## Committee Reports:

J. DeVuyt on Chancel, etc. recommended a divided Chancel. This was approved on motion of R. Porteous and E. Hand. It was recommended that the Communion Table be kept away from the rear wall of the Chancel, to avoid being considered an altar. It was suggested that it be on the same level as the pulpit and lectern. C. Pearson and J. DeGraff moved that the choir be located in the Chancel. Approved unanimously.

J. Olyslager on Religious Education needs reported a requested area of 5200 sq.ft. made up of 25 class areas, stating that this space requirement will be covered in the proposed floor plan.

C. Pearson on Architecture and Construction presented a floor plan as recommended by his committee. J. DeVuyt and M. Baker moved that this floor plan be accepted as submitted.

(Approved unanimously) C. DeLyser ammended this motion to especially commend the committee for a terrific job done in preparing the plans.

The proposed cost for the building was estimated \$193,000.

Adjourned on motion of J. DeVuyt and E. Anderson.

*Paul M. Nelson*  
Paul M. Nelson  
Secretary

*Note - all members present  
except R. De Lyser, H. De Roo + C. Talsma  
plus 8 members of Consistory*

## Building Committee

Nov. 18, 1957

Meeting was opened by Chairman Engler reading Psalm 121-1 followed by prayer. There were 30 members present. Minutes of October meeting read and approved on motion of J. Scheerens and C. Pearson.

## Committee Reports:

J. DeVuyt on Organ reported that his committee recommends the purchase of an electronic organ, and after giving pertinent figures which influenced their recommendation, he moved that the Building Committee approved the recommendation. A. Martin seconded, approved unanimously.

C. Pearson on Construction submitted elevations in two architects drawings, which were projected on a screen. He stated that these were selected by his committee following elimination and revision of other drawings, and moved that these be adopted by this full Building Committee. R. Porteous seconded, approved unanimously.

The architects estimate of cost is \$198,500.

Meeting adjourned on motion of J. DeVuyt and G. Field.

*Paul M. Nelson*  
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Secretary

## Building Committee Meeting March 14, 1958

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Engler,  
with 20 members present.

Minutes of November meeting were accepted as read.

Chairman Engler reported on the offer of underwriting the cost of substituting a stained glass cross in place of the proposed exterior stone cross. This change has the approval of both the Chancel Committee and the Committee on Architecture and Construction.

## Committee Reports:

C. Pearson reported on his committee's discussion on heating, lighting, flooring. He then submitted completed drawings and specifications, stating that these would be sent out immediately to contractors, but would be subject to revision within one week. Bids will be asked in three parts: general contractor, plumbing & heating contractor, and electrical contractor, and will be returned on April 1st. He moved that the plans and specifications be approved by the Building Committee, R. Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.


J. DeVuyt reported his committee's selection of the Allen organ at a cost of \$11,985. He also mentioned available extras which may be added to the organ if our finances allow. The report was accepted on motion of C. DeLyser and M. Scheerens.

R. Porteous announced a press release ready and the architect's artist's picture ready for printing in the Times Union on Saturday, March 22nd.

It was announced that all requirements requested by the Church School Needs committee have been included in the specifications, including all the desired folding partitions.

R. DeLyser briefly discussed color selections, and interior wood finish.

Adjourned.

  
Paul M. Nelson, Secy.

Building Committee      April 1, 1958

A joint meeting of the Building Committee and Consistory was held for the purpose of opening bids, with a total of 32 present. Chairman Engler read Hebrews 11: 1-8.

The following base bids were read for General Construction:

Cooper & Craib	\$154,987 + 613
D. J. Meagher	158,461
A. Goldstein	186,132
F. Yeager	170,000
Werner-Spitz	175,987
Stewart & Bennett	186,800
A. Fredericks	182,706
A. Link	187,799

For Electrical:

VanDerlind	\$16,840
Dwyer	20,128
Morrison & Schuler	20,225
Foreman	17,300
Hickson	17,265
T.H.Green	20,165
Driscoll	19,248
Alhart	13,775

For Plumbing & Heating

	Combined	Heat only	Plumbing
Utz	27,700	17,100	10,732
Lobene & Hayes	26,790	19,100	7,890
Heinzle	26,900	15,727	11,213
Thurston	25,400	17,200	10,200
Snyder	25,666	15,979	9,933
Howe & Bassett	30,785	17,990	12,795
Burgart		16,550	10,344

On the bids for General Construction there were 7 alternates listed. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the first 6 alternates be eliminated. The 7th alternate, that of an extra \$613.00 for the framing for the glass cross window, was accepted on motion of E. Hand and C. DeMyser.

Due to Alharts low bid, E. Anderson moved that the bidder be contacted to affirm the bid. Fields seconded, carried. Should this bid be withdrawn, then Vanderlind's bid would be considered.

J. Scheerens and E. Hand moved that Lobene & Hayes be contacted to confirm their low bid. Carried. Should this be withdrawn, Thurston would be awarded his combined bid

R. Porteous and J. DeVuyt moved that the low bid for General Construction of Cooper & Graib be accepted. Carried.

C. DeLyser and J. Scheerens moved that we require all contractors to be covered by a performance bond. Carried.

R. Miller and M. Howell moved that we approve \$11,965 for the installation of an Allen Organ. Carried.

Adjourned.

*Paul M. Nelson*  
Paul M. Nelson  
Secy.

## Building Committee

June 18, 1958

Present 24

Meeting opened with prayer by Ch. Engler.  
Minutes of April 1st meeting approved as read.

The chairman announced that performance bonds are in force, also that minor changed by the contractors had brought savings of \$929.00, but increased expense for footing and rock removal had increased costs by \$955.00.

Steering Committee had met the previous Monday, and announced the following expected ceiling costs.

Church School Needs	\$5500.
Chancel Furniture	2000. plus pews
Interior Decorations	3500
Music needs	4500
Nave lighting	1500
Study & office furniture	1000
Kitchenette equipment	500
Seating	10000
Parlor furniture	1500
Chapel chair	800
— parking lot for 175 cars	15000

This brings our total estimate for completed, furnished building to \$268,817.00

Current collections indicate we might show a loss of 10% in pledges. It was announced that we may reasonably expect a minimum mortgage of \$50,000.

E. Hand reported various costs on seating, stating that he had solicited twelve manufacturers. Following discussion, M. Scheerens moved, seconded by R. DeLyser, that we obtain all wood pews not to exceed a total of \$8500.00. Carried.

Committee on Construction was authorized to arrange selection and contract.

Adjourned.

*Paul M. Nelson*  
Paul M. Nelson  
Secretary

## Building Committee

October 8, 1958

Present 23

Chairman Engler opened with prayer and reading a Psalm.

Minutes of June meeting were approved.

## Sub-Committee Reports:

C. Pearson - His committee is considering hanging electric fixtures for Nave. Their decision should be ready soon for action by full committee. Roofing has been selected. He announced there would be a little added expense for storm sewer connection.

R. DeLyser - Samples of Amber Seedy Marine glass were shown for use in windows of Sanctuary.

Shade #45 was chosen on motion of J. Scheerens and R. Tell.

It was announced that pews, wood panel and ceiling would match; arches and purlins to be shaded slightly darker for contrast. Darker wood will be used in chapel chancel to blend with present pulpit which will be used there.

This report was approved on motion of J. DeVuyt and C. Pearson.

For main floor, floor tile in brown C shade was approved on motion of Asbrook and Baker.

Committee was authorized to purchase carpeting on motion of Miller and Field. Richard Hornberger has offered to buy and install the carpeting at the best price.

Basement floor tile in St. Ann's (gray tone) was selected on motion of Martin and J. Scheerens.

Main floor toilet rooms - Persimmon and Berry Brown

Approved on motion of Asbrook and M. Scheerens.

Basement toilet rooms - Leaf and Forrest Green

Approved on motion of Baker and Martin.

Folding partitions in Beige throughout building.

Approved on motion of Field and DeVuyt.

On motion of DeVuyt and Baker, the selection of a red color was approved for carpeting.

DeVuyt and M. Scheerens moved that we authorize the Committee to handle color selection for slate floor in vestibule. Carried.

M. Baker - Landscaping - His committee needs a little more time. He advised DeVisser will furnish seed and shrubery if we furnish labor.

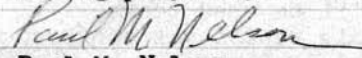
J. Olyslager - stated that all Church School needs had been itemized to the Finance Committee, and urged action by that committee.

J. DeVuyt - Endicott designers are working on Pulpit and Lectern design. He announced Mrs. ~~XX~~ Zonneville's gift for the Echo organ. M. Howell and R. Miller moved that the gift be accepted. Carried

R. Tell and J. DeVuyt moved that the Chapel Chairs be selected jointly by the Committees on Construction and Interior Decoration. Carried

J. Scheerens suggested a meal for the workers on the building to express our appreciation. This matter was tabled.

Meeting adjourned after closing prayer by M. Howell

  
Paul M. Nelson  
Secretary

Building Committee

October 30, 1958

Members present 19

Meeting was opened with prayer by Chairman Engler  
Minutes of October 8th meeting were approved as read.

Rev. Hillegonds read a statement of finances with  
recommendations to the Building Committee. J. Scheerens  
moved that we as a committee do all in our power to carry  
out these recommendations. J. Olyslager seconded, carried.

C. Pearson - recommendations

Two principal designs were submitted for the hanging fixtures  
for the sanctuary by Niagara Industries, one hexagonal and  
the other cylindrical. Through Vanderlind Electric it was  
found that we could not equal prices by purchasing through  
ordinary electrical channels. The committee therefore  
recommends that the fixtures be ordered from Niagara, and  
also that the cylindrical fixture be purchased at a cost of  
approximately \$140 each. J. DeVuyt and R. Porteous moved  
that the recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

M. Baker - recommendations

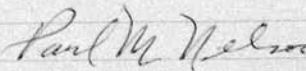
Larry Hess bid on removal of approximately 15 trees is \$475.  
He carries his own liability insurance. M. Scheerens and  
C. Pearson moved that this bid be accepted. Approved.  
A. Martin and J. Scheerens moved that the mulberry tree be  
removed in addition to other trees, at an additional cost  
not to exceed \$100. Carried.

Re: Drive and parking lot - An 18' wide driveway from  
Blossome Road and into Shirley Street is recommended, also  
23,000 sq. ft. of parking space. R. Porteous moved that we  
accept the recommendation for an 18' driveway. C. Pearson  
seconded, Approved.

It was suggested that the Shirley St. exit be closed off  
during week-days.

Chairman Engler extended thanks to J. DeVuyt and those who  
have provided guard duty.

Adjourned.



Paul M. Nelson

Secretary

## Building Committee Jan 8, 1959

Jacob DeVuyt opened the meeting with devotions. Chairman Engler gave a resume of progress.

Report of Chancel Committee by J. DeVuyt. A sketch of the proposed chancel drawn by Endicott was shown. For a total of \$982, they will furnish a pulpit, a lectern, two clergy pews, frontal screen and communion table. On motion of Hand and J. Scheerens the Chancel Committee was authorized to order these furnishings from Endicott. It was announced that our organ will be ready for delivery on Jan. 29th, at which time we must make payment as scheduled, but Allen will store it until we are ready.

Report of Church School Needs Committee by J. Olyslager, who read a proposed list of equipment needed for classroom and Church School Office, for a total of \$4298.70. This amount includes \$70 for a rug and \$100 for pictures for classroom walls. On motion of DeRoo and DEWitte, this committee was authorized to purchase their needs for this sum. It was announced that a probably amount to \$400. would be needed later for audio-visual equipment.

Report of Interior Decoration Committee by R. DeLyser on carpeting. It is recommended that the carpeting be purchased through Richard Hornberger, and that 1st grade carpeting be purchased, and 2nd grade padding. Bigelow commercial has been selected in shaded red (tweed) at a cost of \$9.21 per sq. yd. padding will be 75¢ sq. yd and labor \$400, for a total of approximately \$2800. The ladies of the church have nearly \$700 to apply to this project. It was announced that the asphalt tile which would come under carpeting have been eliminated from the building specifications, the amount of saving is not yet known. On motion of E. Anderson and M. Howell, this committee was authorized to proceed to purchase the carpeting.

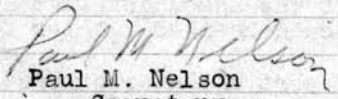
Report on music needs by P. Nelson. He advised that a minimum of 350 Hymnbooks would be required at a cost of \$1.50 each. Approved on motion of DeRoo and M. Scheerens. Choir robes was the next item; he announced that a gray robe of chromespun material had been selected with the approval of the interior decorating committee, and a red pennant to be worn with it to conform with the carpeting.

The cost of the robe and pennant will be about \$19, with the minimum number of robes set at 40. Purchase was approved on motion of Hubregsen and DeWitte.

Following a discussion on pianos after the needs were stated at a total of five, it was decided to buy a new piano for the Chapel at a maximum of \$700, this sum to include a glide so it may be easily moved into the Sanctuary when required. Mr. Nelson was authorized to make the purchase on motion of R. DeLyser, seconded by W. DeWitte. On motion of C. DeLyser he was authorized to purchase small items to equip the choir room, such as files, music stand, work table, book rack, etc. Mr. Nelson offered to continue to study our need for the other four pianos with Mr. Olyslager, and present the matter at a later date.

As a final item J. DeVuyt, chairman of the collection committee, requested the members of the Building Committee to assist in making collection calls, particularly on those who are a year or more behind in their pledge, or who have made no attempt to pay anything.

Adjourned.

  
Paul M. Nelson  
Secretary

## Building Committee

March 25, 1959

## Present 19

Ch. Engler opened the meeting with a reading from Genesis. Secretary's report of the January meeting was accepted as read.

Dedication for our new Church will be May 17th.

It was announced that there will be flood lights for the steeple, also that 100 chapel chairs have been ordered.

## Committee Reports:

R. DeLyser - Cost of draperies and rods will be approximately \$1200. Geo. Logothetis will donate his labor to install. Purchase was authorized on motion of Olyslager and Pearson.

Parlor furniture - unit consisting of corner table, 2 sectionals, 1 chair, coffee table and step table will cost \$219. Two units are needed plus possibly two extra chairs at \$25. each. On motion of Hand and Hillegonds a total of \$500 was authorized.

Kitchenette stove - space allotted will hold two apartment type gas stoves, which are recommended rather than a larger stove with only one oven. Installed cost will be \$198. Motion of Field and J. Scheerens authorized purchase. The chair appointed R. DeLyser's committee to purchase.

For the Committee on Parking and Driveway, J. Scheerens reported prices ranging from \$8450 to \$17,778 for the complete job to park 100 cars. He reported that a bid secured through Dolomite for \$11,400 had the best specifications. It was agreed that all other bidders should be given these exact specifications and asked to submit a new bid. Bidders will also be asked to submit an alternate bid to do all work except blacktop the actual parking area.

P. Nelson read a report on piano needs, stating the condition of present pianos and recommended the purchase of four new pianos for a total of \$1760. Motion by Hand and Wahl to authorize the purchase was defeated. Hillegonds moved that two small Cameo Pianos be purchased, that our own Steinway be moved to the new building and that we advertise to secure one additional used piano. This was adopted ~~mm~~ after second by J. Scheerens.

M. Asbrook moved that we advise the architect to notify the contractors in writing that May 1st must be the completion date. C. DeLyser 2nd, Carried.

The sum of \$200 was authorized for equipment for the Study and Church office, on motion by Pearson and C. DeLyser.

J. Olyslager requested \$300 for additional Church School equipment. This was approved on motion of Hillegonds and Wahl.

Adjourned.

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## Building Committee

April 15, 1959

Meeting was opened with prayer by G. Field. Minutes of March meeting were accepted as read. It was announced that the builders protective and owners liability policies need a one month extension. This was authorized on motion of J. Scheerens and M. Howell.

C. Pearson reported that the contractors should be finished by May 1st. His committee will meet with the contractors to tour the building this week to make sure. He has consulted with the architect with reference to partially moving into the building which presents problems in cleaning up. After May 1st another tour of the building will be made with the architect to accept the building.

The construction committee was authorized to select the type of outdoor bulletin board and also check on mail delivery to the new building.

Various furnishings were reported as ordered and ready for delivery.

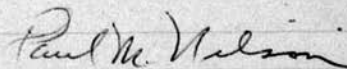
Considerable discussion took place with reference to moving into the building before final acceptance.

M. Baker reported on the parking lot and driveways. Four bids were announced ranging from \$10,995 to \$17,778.70. As Steensma was low bidder and also would give a five year guarantee, his bid was accepted on motion by P. Nelson and E. Anderson. M. Scheerens and E. Hand moved that the location of the front driveway be left with the committee. Carried.

M. Asbrook requested allocation of maximum of \$500.00 to purchase a 17" floor scrubber and polisher and wet/dry vacuum cleaner. This was authorized on motion of J. Scheerens and M. Baker. Extra wiring for outside lighting was authorized on motion of C. Pearson and W. DeWitte.

J. Olyslager was authorized by common consent to purchase coat hangers.

Adjourned.

  
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Secretary