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MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING
CHRIST CHURCH
February 20, 1978

The Vestry of Christ Church met on Monday, February 20, 1978, at 5:15 in the Wheeler Room.

Members present: Marion Arnold, Glenn Bowron, Bob Brandt, Jim Burns, Owsley Cheek, Bill Coke, Sally Cook, Janet Davies, Merle Emery, John Kiser, Bill Koch, George Paine, Pete Robanson, Catherine Snell, Bill Stockard, Sally Thomas, Speed Thomas, Bob Thomson and Cecil Wray.

Clergy present: Dr. Eric Greenwood, the Rev. Bill Smith and the Rev. Larry Carden.

Dr. Greenwood opened the meeting with prayer.

1. The Rector explained that the first hour of the meeting would be spent informing members about the recent Vestry Conference; becoming acquainted with the task force structure to be used this year; giving vestry members an opportunity to sign up for the task force of their choice so that the task forces can be formed by the next meeting.
2. The Senior Warden, Bill Coke, read through the Vestry Conference Report and called upon various members to read the task force reports which had evolved during the conference.
3. It was decided that plans for our 150th Anniversary Celebration would begin at the next meeting.
4. Dr. Greenwood:
 - a. welcomed the new vestry members and introduced the new vestry officers.
 - b. commended the Clerk of the Vestry for the Vestry Conference Report.
5. The Assistant, Bill Smith, consented to prepare papers to be passed around so that members might sign up for the task force of their choice.
6. Dr. Greenwood read a resolution memorializing Lewis Pride. The resolution was unanimously adopted. Copies of the resolution will be included in the Minute Book of the Parish and sent to Mr. Pride's wife and family.
7. The Senior Warden read a letter from Peter Fyfe in which he expressed his gratitude for the increase in the Liturgy budget for 1978-79.
8. The Treasurer, Glenn Bowron, presented his report which was approved.
9. The Rector reported that:
 - a. he was encouraged by the attendance since the beginning of Lent.
 - 1.) the young people's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a happy time.
 - 2.) the four celebrations on Ash Wednesday were well attended (about 250 persons) with the largest congregations at 12:15 and 5:15 p.m.
 - 3.) the Wednesday evening Lenten program had begun last week and will continue ~~four~~ more weeks.

- b. there is an occasional need for chalice bearers at Christ Church when some of the clergy must be away. The Rector asked for the consent of the vestry to request Bishop Sanders to license Jim Burns and Bob Smyth as chalice bearers during 1978. The vestry approved.
10. Disposition of the Easter Offering was discussed. It was decided that the offering be divided between Meals on Wheels and the Fund for the Restoration of Canterbury Cathedral.
11. Dr. Greenwood:
- a. announced that the Rev. Larry Carden will be ordained to the priesthood at Christ Church on Thursday, March 9, 1978, at 7:30 p.m.
- b. reported that he had received a letter from Christ Church Archivist, Fletch Coke (Mrs. William G.) in which she asked for approval to submit the name of Christ Church in nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The vestry approved. She also said:
- 1.) that ten historic volumes from Christ Church had been placed in the Tennessee State Library and Archives, manuscript section.
 - 2.) that many newspaper clippings about Christ Church are being placed in chronological order in preparation for them to be put on microfilm and become a part of the permanent records of the State Library.
 - 3.) that Historic Nashville, Inc. and the Urban and Regional Ministry, in cooperation with 12 downtown churches, will be sponsoring tour days at these churches during April and May.
- c. said that vestry members will very likely benefit in their leadership roles by reading The Episcopalian. Members were given an opportunity to sign up for a ^{subscription} subscription.
12. Speed Thomas and Bill Koch were nominated to membership in the EYC. They were unanimously elected.
13. Bill Stockard, Property Chairman, reported that a small hole in the ceiling of the church had been repaired.
14. Bill Koch mentioned that the EYC wants to send a representative to address the vestry. It was agreed that an EYC representative would be welcome.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded with a prayer from the Rev. Bill Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion K. Arnold
Clerk of the Vestry

February 17, 1978

Dear Eric,

Please, find attached the nomination form completed on Christ Church to the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to the form are the write-ups for the Description and the Significance of the church. On your approval, these will be submitted for review and editing to the Tennessee Historical Commission, the state agency in charge of the nomination of all state properties to the National Register. The bibliographical references used in the footnotes were all Xerox'd from original records with the exception of the 1929 Centennial book and Mr. Stokes booklet (I lent my copies of these two rather than Xerox). We will receive the Xerox'd copies back and these will be a nice addition to our Archives- since we can trust these original records to be accurate!

To quote from the Nashville Tennessean, January 31, 1978, in an article about buildings being nominated to the National Register on the Fisk University campus:

The listing of a building in the Register signifies that the structure is worthy of preservation although inclusion does not guarantee that a building will not be torn down. However, buildings listed are afforded a measure of protection by statutes that require hearings be held and review procedures instituted before any federally-funded project that might endanger a historic site.^x Listed buildings also are eligible for matching grants from the Department of the Interior for restoration and renovation. More than 400 Tennessee sites now are included in the National Register and 20 of those have been designated national historic landmarks.

x is begun.

In Nashville, however, there are only four churches listed on the National Register: St. Mary's, Downtown Presbyterian, Holy Trinity and Church of the Assumption.

You have received from me the list of the ten historic volumes placed on deposit from Christ Church in the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Manuscript Section.

I have asked the Manuscript staff what can be done about the reams of newspaper clippings that provide such a wealth of information about our church, ministers, the diocese and related subjects. The life expectancy of newspaper clippings is not forever and gradually these will deteriorate. I have been told that if we put these clippings in chronological order that they can be copied on microfilm and thus become a part of the permanent records of the State Library- conserved and also available to scholars and researchers. Marjorie Cummins is working with me on this project.

In looking for a rare and important book in the Hotchkiss Library, I realized when I did not find the book on the shelf that perhaps thought should be given to removing the more valuable books from such an accessible place. We have several competent librarians in the parish who could doubtless be enlisted for this study.

Sketch.

*P.S. see
over, please*

Historic Nashville, Inc. and the Urban & Regional Ministry
in co-operation with 12 Downtown Churches will be
Sponsoring tour days at these churches during April & May
we will be training 3 or 4 volunteer guides at
each church during March

Christ Church Tour Days:

Thursday, April 20 - 10 - 10:00 clock

Thursday, May 18 - 10 - 10:00 clock

If this suits you

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC **Christ Church**

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

900 Broadway

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Nashville

VICINITY OF

Fifth

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Tennessee

CODE

COUNTY

Davidson

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME **Christ Church Wardens and Vestrymen**

STREET & NUMBER

900 Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Nashville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Tennessee

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Metropolitan Nashville- Davidson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Public Square

CITY, TOWN

Nashville

STATE

Tennessee

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

**Architectural Historical Survey
Downtown Area Neighborhood Development Project**

DATE

February, 1977 & April, 1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Tennessee Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Nashville

STATE

Tennessee

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

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ORIGINAL SITE

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

See separate report for Description

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES 1890-1894

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Francis Hatch Kimball

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See separate report for Significance

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Christ Church: Nashville, 1829-1929 (Nashville: Marshall & Bruce Co., 1929)

Christ Church Vestry Records, beginning June 29, 1829. On deposit at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Manuscript Section
 Nashville newspaper articles, relating to Christ Church, beginning 1829.
 Noll, Rev. Arthur Howard, History of the Church in the Diocese of Tennessee, (New York: James Pott & Co., 1900)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is a rectangular lot fronting 108' along Broadway on the south and running back 160' along Ninth Avenue North on the east.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. William G. Coke, Jr., Christ Church Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Christ Church

DATE

February, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

900 Broadway

TELEPHONE

(615) 255-7729

CITY OR TOWN

Nashville

STATE

Tennessee

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL _____

STATE _____

LOCAL _____

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHRIST CHURCH

DESCRIPTION

TOPICS FOR PARAGRAPHS

1. Architectural description of the exterior
2. Construction materials used on the exterior
3. Sketch of the architect, Francis Hatch Kimball
4. Supervising architects for chapel and church named
5. Architectural description of the interior
6. Interpretation of the stained glass windows
7. Examination of the altar, lecturn and furnishings of the interior
8. Write-up on the organ
9. Renovation projects during 1956-59.

CHRIST CHURCH

DESCRIPTION

Positioned at a corner in Nashville's downtown area, Christ Church's robust Gothic assymetry can be admired from several angles. A rectangular tower of open-work stone tracery projects upward from the corner of the heavily rusticated building. The tower and surface details of smooth Bowling Green stone make for a lively contrast with the major portion of the building which is of Sewanee sandstone. At the base of the tower tiered-arched portals are accented by menacing gargoyles between corner buttresses. A large rose window dominates the centrally positioned gable of the facade. The acutely angled pinnacle formed by the gable is filled with a pseudo-lancet window and topped by simple crockets and a prominent cross-shaped filial. Of English influence, Christ Church is one of the finest examples of Victorian Gothic architecture in Nashville. (1)

The sandstone used in the construction of the church was a gift from the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. The stone work was carried out by the Nashville firm of Denedy and Maddox. (2) The tower was not completed until 1947. The Vestry communicated with the New York firm of the original architect, Francis Hatch Kimball. The firm recommended Russell Hart, Nashville architect, who executed the design from the detailed drawings and supervised the construction. The Nashville Stone Setting Company was in charge of the stone work. The tower was built by a fund, started in 1929, which was completed by a gift of the grandchildren of Albert B. Payne who had served on the building committee in 1890 for the new church. In 1949, through a gift of Louise Bransford McGavock, the chimes were installed in the tower. (3)

Francis Hatch Kimball began his architectural career in Boston during 1867. In 1873, he was selected as the supervising architect for the buildings to be erected at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, designed by London architect William Burgess. Mr. Burgess, a well-known exponent of the French Gothic, was visiting America at the time. During this period, Mr. Kimball spent several months in England studying Gothic architecture. In 1879, Mr. Kimball opened an office in New York City where he was commissioned for a wide variety of buildings, including theatres, town and country residences, railroad stations and many beautiful churches. (4)

In 1886, the Christ Church Vestry approved the plans for the new chapel and church designed by Francis Hatch Kimball. (5) For the chapel, W.C. Smith, Nashville, served as the supervising architect and for the church, B.J. Hodge served as the local architect. (6) The chapel was completed in 1888, and the church was completed in 1894.

The sanctuary of Christ Church has a distinctive early English atmosphere. Spanning the central nave is a tunnel vault of dark oak braced by tremendous tie-beams. The interior extends to either side forming a Greek cross floor-plan. Dividing the vault from the rounded gores to each side is a banded, slightly pointed arcade supported by granite columns with foliated capitals. Above are the clerestory windows, a series of triplets with two small columns within each group. Lining the side aisles are small rosette and lancet windows. The light from the wall openings counters the deep tones of the massive carved woodwork within the sanctuary. Other interesting architectural features are the Victorian bay window encompassing the baptismal font at

the northwest corner and the small self-contained chapel beyond the southeast side aisle. (7)

Christ Church has many fine stained glass windows. The beautiful rose window was a memorial to Jane Smith Washington, given by her children. In the east clerestory, the second group of lancet windows are a memorial to the three children of Mr. and Mrs Leslie Warner. The windows were designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany and required a year for execution. The third group of lancet windows in the west clerestory were also designed by the Tiffany Company and were given in memory of Mrs. John C. Brown by her son. (8) The Resurrection windows above the altar were given as memorials. The central window was given in memory of George Augustine Washington by his widow Jane. The inscription in the glass reads "Born May 24, 1815 - Died December 4, 1802." Mr. Washington died in 1892. Here is an example of the mischief of artisans so often seen in European cathedrals. (9)

The focal point of the sanctuary is the handsome wood carved altar piece with the bronze plaque of the crucifixion in the middle of the altar. Melchoir Thoni, a Swiss emigrant, employed at the Edgefield and Nashville Manufacturing Company, is credited with supervising and personally carving the altar, the pulpit, the communion table and the chair rail. (10) The unusual angel lecturn, made of solid bronze, was the work of Silas McBee (11) The baptismal font of Sicilian marble was made for the first Scottish International Exhibition in 1886, and was a gift of a former rector, Dr. William Graham, to the congregation in 1889. (12) The baptistery also has an immersion pool, the only known Episcopal church in the area with such a pool. The pews were carved by the Nashville firm

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of Simmons, Phillips and Hawthorne. (13) All the furnishings described for the church were the gifts of two women's organizations, the Parish Aid Society and the Kensington Circle. (14)

In 1894, Christ Church purchased a Farrand and Votey organ, the finest organ available and at the time of installation the only one of its kind in the south. It was an electro-pneumatic organ. In 1940, the organ was enlarged to 2,438 pipes and chimes. A new console was added in 1957, and in 1959, the organ was dedicated to F. Arthur Henkel, organist at Christ Church for over fifty years. (15)

In 1956, Christ Church undertook a \$300,000, remodelling program to build new classrooms and a dining room by excavating under the sanctuary and to remodel the parish hall, the 1888 chapel, and connect it to the main church. This extensive building program was successfully completed in 1959. Edwin A. Keeble, Nashville, served as the architect, and W.F. Holt & Son as the construction contractor. (16)

CHRIST CHURCH

DESCRIPTION

FOOTNOTES

1. Thornton, Lee Ann, paragraph on the architecture of the exterior of Christ Church prepared by. Miss Thornton a Fine Arts Major at Vanderbilt, 1977, and presently the Executive Secretary at Historic Nashville, Inc.

2. Goodwyn, W. A., Letter of October 20, 1888, in Vestry Book II, Mr. Goodwyn served as the Church Treasurer during the building of the Chapel. Typed transcript of the original. See # 5 for the location of the Vestry books.

Cancelled check of March 20, 1893, to D.E. Denny, for \$3,500, for stone work on Christ Church. Total stonework, \$20,000.

3. Stokes, Walter, Jr., Christ Church (Nashville: Christ Church, Episcopal, 1972), pp. 19-20, Inscription in stone regarding the tower at front portal. Program for April 10, 1949, Chimes.
4. Withey, Henry and Elsie R., Biographical Dictionary of American Architects (Deceased) (Los Angeles: Hennessey & Ingalls, Inc., 1970), pp. 343-344.

National Cyclopaedia of American Biography, Vol. XV. (New York: James T. White & Co., 1916), pp. 79-80.

5. Vestry Book I. (June 29, 1829-May 28, 1888). Vestry Meeting on November 20, 1886. Typed transcript of the original. Vestry Book I and Vestry Book III (September 24, 1888-March 22, 1915) were placed in February, 1978, on deposit in the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Manuscript Section.

Receipts of August 25, 1887, and September 20, 1887, to Francis Hatch Kimball for services as senior architect for Christ Church Chapel.

Cancelled check of May 26, 1892, to F.H. Kimball, architect, for \$500.00, for services on the Church building.

6. Receipt from Christ Church of September 17, 1889, for payment of services to W.C. Smith, supervising architect for the Chapel building.

Cancelled check of April 1, 1893, to B.J. Hodge, for \$200.00, for services as architect on the church.

7. Thornton, Lee Ann, paragraph on the architecture of the interior of the church prepared by Lee Ann Thornton.

8. Christ Church: Nashville, 1829-1929 (Nashville: Marshall & Bruce Co., 1929), pp. 163-164, Mary Washington Kirkman, "Memorials in the New Church."

9. Stokes, Christ Church, p. 22.

10. Holder, Bill, "Memoir of Melchoir Thoni," The Nashville Tennessean Magazine, November 16, 1947, pp. 12-15.
Nashville City Directory, 1894, pp. 315 and 911.
11. Christ Church: Nashville, 1829-1929, p. 161. Mary Washington Kirkman, "Memorials in the New Church."
12. Ibid.
13. Vestry Book II, p. 82. Report to the Annual Parish Meeting, April 3, 1893. Typed transcript from the original.
Cancelled check of October 8, 1892, to Simmons, Phillips and Hawthorne, for \$500.00, for woodwork on Christ Church.
14. Christ Church: Nashville, 1829-1929, pp. 214-215, and p. 224, "Women's Organizations."
15. Nashville Banner, September 18, 1940.
Henkel, F. Arthur, organist at Christ Church, letter concerning the organ at the church, 1940. He died in 1958.
16. Nashville Banner, January 9, 1959.

CHRIST CHURCH

SIGNIFICANCE

TOPICS FOR PARAGRAPHS

1. Location
2. Beginnings of the Episcopal religion in Nashville
3. Organization of the first Christ Church, Nashville
4. Building "old Christ Church"
5. Growth in the early years of the church
6. Christ Church's work in the Diocese
7. The Civil War times
8. Move to the new church
9. "School for Bishops"
10. Starting missions in Nashville & Davidson County
11. Prominent Men in the Parish
12. Women's work in the church
13. Christ Church today.

CHRIST CHURCH

SIGNIFICANCE

Christ Church, located ten blocks from the Tennessee State Capitol, was built in what was a residential neighborhood in the 1890's, on the corner of Broad and McLemore (now Ninth Avenue North) in downtown Nashville. The church was built between 1890 and 1894, and first worship services were held on December 16, 1894. (1) Christ Church was organized as the first Episcopal parish in Nashville and Davidson County and as one of the first three in the Diocese of Tennessee. The present church is their second house of worship in downtown Nashville. On Broad, two blocks west is Union Station, a National Historic Landmark, and one block east on Broad, the Customs House and Hume-Fogg High School, both listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1779-1780, the western territory along the Cumberland River called "the Bluffs" was settled mainly by Scotch-Irish pioneers. During the early years the settlers at Fort Nashborough contended with the ever present menace of Indian attack and survival, leaving no time for the development of organized churches. By 1787, the Methodists were meeting and by 1789 were building a church on the public square. In 1814, the Presbyterians and in 1820, the Baptists were starting their first churches in Nashville. It was not until 1825 that James H. Otey came to Tennessee to establish the Episcopal church. He began his work in Franklin and Columbia, and by 1825, he was holding meetings at the Masonic Hall in Nashville. (2)

On June 29, 1829, at the Masonic Hall, the congregation of Christ Church met and elected the first Vestrymen, Thomas Claiborne, Francis B. Fogg, Dr. John Shelby, James Stewart and Henry Baldwin, Jr. These five men dominated the growth of the church during the early years. (3) On September 2, 1829, the

Vestry resolved to purchase a lot on the corner of Church and High (now Sixth Avenue North), belonging to Mr. Stewart for \$2,400. The building committee composed of Claiborne, Shelby and Stewart, were authorized to obtain proposals for the building and superintend the erection of the church. (4) Five months later George Weller was elected Rector of Christ Church and his first duty was to direct to Nashville the shipment of the new organ purchased in Philadelphia. (5) The parish was assisted in procuring the salary for the new rector from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church which was concerned with "the growth of the church in the west." (6)

In March, 1830, the Vestry issued invitations to the only other two Vestries in the Diocese of Tennessee, located in Franklin and Columbia, to participate in the laying of the cornerstone for the new church. (7) The cornerstone was laid, at this the first Episcopal church building in Tennessee, on July 5, 1830. The names of the rector, the Vestry, the architect Hugh Roland and the builder William Shields. were written on a scroll and placed along with the Bible and the Prayer Book in a box within the cornerstone. (8) Services were continued at the Masonic Hall until the church was completed. Even during this period, music was important to the church members. James Diggons served as the choir leader and the congregation was using the first church organ in Nashville. (9) The Gothic styled stone church, with a sanctuary measuring 45 by 60 feet, containing 62 pews, was completed in 1831. The church had cost \$16,000. An impressive ceremony was conducted by Assistant Bishop Meade of Virginia for the consecration of the church on July 6, 1831. (10) During this historic visit to

Middle Tennessee, Bishop Meade also laid the cornerstone for St. Peter's Church in Columbia and presided at the third convention of the Diocese of Tennessee. (11)

At the time the church was completed, Rev. Weller reported 34 communicants. (12) On July 9, 1831, the pews of the church were auctioned, the lowest price given was \$60.00, and the highest price was \$182.00, paid by Francis B. Fogg. (13) The sale of the pews assisted in reducing the heavy debt incurred in the erection of the church. (14) In 1833, the Vestry resolved that each pew holder was entitled to one vote at the parish meetings. The sale of pews continued until 1918, when the pews were declared "free and open to all." (15) By 1838, the church had grown to 72 communicants and 152 pupils in the Sunday School with 18 teachers. (16) By the outbreak of the Civil War, Episcopalians had grown so numerous in Nashville that Christ Church had helped to establish two other Episcopal churches in the downtown, Church of the Advent and Holy Trinity. (17)

At the first Vestry meeting on June 29, 1829, three delegates were elected to attend the convention which would take place in Nashville that July. The Diocese of Tennessee was organized on July 1, 1829, at this convention which was held at the Masonic Hall. Bishop John Ravenscroft of North Carolina presided over the meeting which was composed of three clergymen and six lay delegates. The diocese would be under the supervision of North Carolina for the next four years. (18) In September, 1830, the Vestry of Christ Church voted to accept the articles of association recommended at the convention. (19) Christ Church, as the mother church of the diocese, has continued to support the work at the

diocesan level throughout her history. (20) Christ Church was the site of a number of early religious events. Here on July 6, 1831, Bishop Meade held the first confirmation services in a consecrated church in Tennessee. On July 1, 1832, the first ordination of an Episcopal clergyman in the state was held in Christ Church with Bishop Ives of North Carolina presiding. The clergyman was John Chilton. (21)

During the Civil War, the Confederate Army withdrew from Nashville and the city was surrendered in February, 1862. The city would be occupied by the Federal Army for the next three years until the end of the war. Curfew, censorship of the press, occupation of private homes and churches were the unpleasant realities of the occupation to Nashvillians. Most of the members of Christ Church were supporters of the Confederate cause, yet Francis B. Fogg, a Union man, continued to serve as the Senior Warden during those terrible war years. (22) Christ Church was one of the few churches in Nashville not demolished or injured by the Federal troops during this period. Various reasons have been advanced for this escape, such as the windows of dark red and ochre glass made the building useless as a hospital and the fact that many Federal officers, occupying the city, were Episcopalians. (23) The doors of the church were kept open by the Rev. Harlow, of Holy Trinity, a church occupied by the Federal troops. Through the efforts of Rev. Harlow and the ladies of the church, Christ Church was at times the only church in the city holding regular services. (24) In Tennessee elected delegates had continued to attend conventions of the diocese through the first two years of the war. At the close of the war, the diocese was without a bishop, Bishop Otey having

died in Memphis in 1863. The standing committee called a special meeting of the Diocesan Convention to meet at Christ Church in September, 1865. Sixteen clergymen and fifteen lay delegates gathered and proceeded with the election of a new bishop, Charles Todd Quintard. F.B. Fogg, G.M. Fogg and C. Carvill represented Christ Church. (25) During the meeting of the General Convention in Philadelphia in October, 1865, Dr. Quintard was consecrated the second bishop of Tennessee. The fact that bishops from north and south took part in this convention was a sign of the unity of the Episcopal Church. (26)

When Rev. Ellis arrived as the new rector of Christ Church in 1866, he found less than one hundred communicants. But his report to the convention one year later indicated favorable conditions with all pews sold and the need for more room. (27) It would be almost 20 years later before the Vestry resolved to build a new church. In November, 1883, the Vestry authorized the purchase of a lot on the corner of Broad and McLemore, measuring 89 by 160 feet, for \$15,000. (28) Three years later the Vestry resolved that the plans for the church and chapel, as presented by Architect Kimball of New York, be accepted and adopted. The building committee reported that the cost of the chapel would be \$15,875, and for the church \$40,637. (29) The final cost of the two buildings would double the original estimates. The old church was sold for \$5,800, on January 27, 1890. First Sunday School services were held in the new chapel on October 28, 1880, and shortly thereafter, on July 14, 1890, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new church site. (30) In 1891, the bell from the old church was rehung in the belfry of the new chapel. The bell, cast in Philadelphia by John Wilbank

in 1831, is the physical link between the old church and the present Christ Church. (31) On September 7, 1892, the cornerstone, weighing 5,555 pounds and stating "Christ Church A.D. 1830-1892" was laid by the Bishop of Tennessee. (32) Then Nashville passed through the worst financial depression of her history. With difficulty the Vestry borrowed the necessary \$20,000, to finish the building. (33) On December 16, 1894, first services were held in Christ Church with the two bishops from Tennessee, Bishop Quintard and Bishop Gailor, presiding. (34)

Christ Church has served as the training ground for future bishops. James H. Otey, who had established the first Episcopal churches in Tennessee including Christ Church, was consecrated the first Bishop of Tennessee in 1834. (35) After serving as rectors at Christ Church, eight men have become ordained bishops, two of them in Tennessee and the others in Arkansas, Georgia, Delaware, South Carolina, Atlanta and New York. (36) Christ Church may rightly be called the "School for Bishops." (37)

From the beginning Christ Church was dedicated to establishing missions to serve neighborhoods throughout Nashville and Davidson County. Today in Davidson County, there are twelve active churches which were organized with the guidance and support of Christ Church. Some of these churches were founded as missions long ago such as Holy Trinity where work began in South Nashville in 1849, and St. Anne's in East Nashville in 1858. Others were founded in recent years such as St. George's in West Nashville in 1949, and St. Matthias in 1957. Six other missions, established by Christ Church before 1900, served neighborhoods for shorter periods of time and no longer exist. Thus Christ Church has been active in the establishing of

eighteen missions to spread the Episcopalian faith throughout Davidson County. (38)

Many of Nashville's foremost families were the founders of Christ Church, such as the Rutledge, Washington, Claiborne, Shelby and Fogg families. Men from these families served as members of the Vestry. To describe three of these men will give some idea of the outstanding leaders who served the church. Thomas Claiborne, the first Senior Warden, was also the first Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of Tennessee. Francis B. Fogg, who served on the first Vestry and served as Senior Warden for twenty-five years, was also a prominent lawyer and a Trustee of the University of Nashville for 57 years. The first high school in Nashville was named for him and today on Broad, one block from Christ Church, stands Hume-Fogg High School. (39) Captain William Driver, a retired sea captain, who named the American flag "Old Glory," served on the Vestry. (40) Over the years, members of Christ Church in the fields of law, the railroads, medicine and education have contributed significantly to their community. The same record of leadership is true today in the church. (41)

Although no women served on the Vestry of Christ Church until 1969, there were other organizations in the church through which women actively worked. One of the earliest and most outstanding was the Parish Aid and Sewing Society. Over the years this Society raised the funds and purchased the church bell for \$600.00, bought the rectory in 1878, gave the Vestry \$15,000 to purchase the new lot on Broad as well as buying the pulpits, alm basins and church furniture. (42) In 1891, the Kensington Circle, an organization for young church ladies, raised the money to purchase the new church

pews. (43) Two women of special interest will be mentioned. Mary Middleton Rutledge Fogg, granddaughter of two signers of the Declaration of Independence, was married to Francis B. Fogg. Her works were so worthy in the church that she was called the "mother of Christ Church." Mrs. Fogg was one of the twelve founders of the Parish Aid and Sewing Society in 1829. (44) In more recent years, Mrs. Leslie Warner will serve as an example of church and civic involvement by church women. The Kensington Circle was organized in 1891, by the rector and Mrs. Warner as chairman and leader. Mrs. Warner served as one of the leaders in Nashville in the work for equal suffrage. Her endeavors, along with others, resulted in victory when Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920. (45)

Today Christ Church is making preparations to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the church in 1979. This will be a time not only to celebrate a rich heritage but also to celebrate the fact that Christ Church is still a strong and active church in downtown Nashville. There are over 1100 communicants and the budget for 1978-1979 has been set at \$256,992. Outreach programs are sponsored by the church through contributions of money and volunteers to the Downtown Storefront Ministry, to St. Luke's Community Center and to the Urban and Regional Ministry. Christ Church in co-operation with the Nashville Symphony and other musical groups presents several major musical works to the community throughout the year. Christ Church is one of the major supporters of the Diocese of Tennessee. In 1977, the church contributed \$58,000, to the Diocese. In 1978, Christ Church has increased their gift to \$60,000. (46)
Prepared by Fletch Coke, 2/15/78

CHRIST CHURCH

SIGNIFICANCE

Footnotes

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7. Vestry Book I, p. 6. Typed transcript of the original.
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25. Noll, p. 146, and pp. 153-154.
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Bell inscription read and recorded by William Coke in the
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MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING
CHRIST CHURCH
March 20, 1978

The members of the Christ Church Vestry met in the Wheeler Room at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 1978.

Members present: Marion Arnold, Glenn Bowron, Bob Brandt, Jim Burns, Bill Coke, Sally Cook, Janet Davies, Merle Emery, John Kiser, Bill Koch, George Paine, Pete Robinson, Catherine Snell, Sally Thomas, Harriet Waller and Cedil Wray.

Clergy present: Dr. Eric Greenwood, the Rev. Bill Smith and the Rev. Larry Carden.

Visitors present: Karen Burbank, EYC President and Bob Smyth, Co-Chairman of the 150th Anniversary Task Force.

Dr. Greenwood opened the meeting with prayer.

1. The first hour of the meeting was dedicated to discussion and "brainstorming" regarding ideas and plans for the forthcoming 150th Anniversary Celebration.
2. After supper, it was decided that specific dates for the 150th Anniversary Celebration would be from Advent, 1978, through Advent, 1979.
3. The minutes were read and approved.
4. The Senior Warden:
 - a. Read a letter from the Rev. Larry Carden in which he expressed appreciation for his gift and the presence of vestry members on the occasion of his ordination to the priesthood on March 9, 1978.
 - b. Read a letter from Speed Thomas in which he thanked the Christ Church Vestry for the support given to The Urban and Regional Ministry.
 - c. Announced that Speed Thomas had been elected President of EDC.
5. The treasurer gave his report which was approved.
 - a. During a discussion concerning the budgetary item: parking lot beautification, it was decided that the Senior Warden would get estimates and procure appropriate shrubbery to be planted in front of the air-conditioner.
6. Dr. Greenwood reported that:
 - a. Wednesday nights during Lent had been successful. The "our story" concept and the theological implications therein had been meaningful.
 - b. The Seder, now becoming a Lenten tradition, proved to be effective.
 - c. Bishop Sanders had granted appointments to Jim Burns and Bob Smyth to be chalice bearers during 1978.
 - d. The memorial to Lewis Pride had been delivered by the Rector to Mrs. Pride.
 - e. The Rev. Larry Carden's ordination to the priesthood was a wonderful event.
 - f. We had a great Palm Sunday with Bishop Gates confirming a class of about 14 adults and young people.
 - g. A subscription to The Episcopalian had been made available to all vestry members.
 - h. The recent Jazz Mass, conducted by Barry McDonald, was of inestimable value to the parish and the community.
 - i. The Hiram College Choir, with 32 young people, will be performing at Christ Church on Wednesday, March 22, 1978

- j. The Choir of Tennessee Tech, with Chamber Orchestra, will perform the evening of Sunday, April 2, 1978.
- k. The Annual Meeting of the ECW will be held in Memphis, April 4-6. Frances Thomson, ECW President, has procured a good representation from Christ Church.
- l. He had received a letter from Property Chairman, Bill Stockard, which includes an estimate from Howell Construction Company, regarding the renovation of the chapel. The Rector suggested that the Property Committee meet to review the recommendations.

7. Task Force Reports followed:

a. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TASK FORCE: Bill Smith reported that:

- 1.) The task force met during breakfast on Sunday, March 19.
- 2.) Dr. Leo Rippey has met with him frequently and we can expect a report by May 1.
- 3.) Dr. Rippey met with the EYC to hear their issues and concerns.
- 4.) Dr. Rippey will meet with EYC advisors and church school teachers soon.
- 5.) Dr. Rippey will meet with adult class on April 9 & 16 to hear from them about adult education and parents' concerns about CE for children and young people.
- 6.) After meeting with the CE Task Force, Dr. Rippey will issue a final report including a job description for a possible CE person. Expectation is that a CE staff person will be available by April 1.
- 7.) The proposed compensation for a CE staff person is sub-standard and vestry needs to be ready to raise the present suggested compensation.
- 8.) Bill Koch would introduce Karen Burbank, EYC President.
 - a.) He said that Karen had done an effective job this year in guiding the EYC in programs: Halloween Party, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and making Palm Sunday crosses.
 - (1.) Karen said:
 - (a) She commended Bill Smith and the vestry for their concern and support.
 - (b) She was trying hard to get a good EYC program going.
 - (c) There was a small group on hand to sell Palm Sunday papers.
 - (d) That EYC bynbers were snakk byt vert devòted,
 - (e) That she would like to have an EYC member present at all vestry meetings--that the vestry can be the unit to join all groups in Christ Church together as a community.
 - (2.) After discussion, it was decided that an EYC representative would be welcome (as is also true of the ECW) at vestry meetings as an ex-officio member.

b. OUTREACH TASK FORCE: Merle Emery reported that:

- 1.) The task force plans to meet in near future.
- 2.) The Urban and Regional Ministry sponsored a meeting on Wednesday, March 15, at Belmont Methodist Church, offering thoughts and ideas about hunger, prison reform and housing.
- 3.) There will be a meeting in Metro Council Chambers on April 24 at 9:00 a.m. dealing with tax "write-offs" for food distribution. Task force members Emery and Snell will attend.

- c. NURTURE TASK FORCE: Marion Arnold reported that:
 - 1.) The group met during breakfast on Sunday, March 5.
 - 2.) Marjorie Butler, Bill Koch and Frances Thomson have been added to the group.
 - 3.) The Caring Calling Vine is still in operation and reaching about 50 persons .
 - 4.) Efforts are being made to find co-chairmen for the CCV.
 - 5.) Fletch Coke is preparing a pamphlet about the architecture and history of Christ Church.
 - 6.) Speed Thomas will head a committee to begin work on a picture directory for the parish.
 - 7.) A pamphlet will be produced to acquaint new members with all group activities and outreach projects offered at Christ Church.
 - 8.) A quarterly covered dish supper will be scheduled to honor all new members. The first supper is planned for Thursday, April 27.
 - 9.) The need for new pictures on the bulletin board is being taken care of by Glenn Bowron. Thanks to him for his prompt action.

- d. EVANGELISM TASKFFORCE: Harriet Waller had no report.

- e. The Rector reviewed the statistical report which appeared in the vestry notebooks.

- f. WORSHIP TASK FORCE: John Kiser reported that:
 - 1.) The group plans to meet soon with the Clergy.
 - 2.) Bill Kuhn has been added to the task force.

- g. STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE: Pete Robinson reported that:
 - 1.) They are in the process of selecting an Every Member Canvass Co-Chairman.
 - 2.) He had received a letter from Emmitt Russell, Trust Officer, Third National Bank, informing the vestry of a substantial bequest from the estate of Lewis Pride.
 - 3.) No decision can be made about division of the Diocesan Endowment Fund until the diocese makes an official decision about dividing the diocese.

- 8. After a discussion involving the need for planting trees in the parking lot, it was decided that the Senior Warden will get estimates and that monetary item can be added to the list of possible considerations for the 50th Anniversary plans.

- 9. After a discussion, it was decided that Bob Smyth be reappointed as an authorized signatory to expedite Christ Church financial procedures.

- 10. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after a prayer from the Rev. Bill Smith.

Respectfully, submitted,

Marion K. Arnold
Clerk of the Vestry

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING
CHRIST CHURCH
April 17, 1978

The members of the Christ Church Vestry met in the Wheeler Room at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 1978.

Members present: Marion Arnold, Jim Burns, Owsley Cheek, Bill Coke, Janet Davies, John Kiser, Pete Robinson, Don Shriver, Catherine Snell, Bill Stockard, Sally Thomas, Speed Thomas, Bob Thomson and Harriett Waller.

Clergy present; Dr. Eric Greenwood, the Rev. Bill Smith and the Rev. Larry Carden.

Visitor: Karen Burbank, President of the Episcopal Young Churchmen.

The Rector opened the meeting with prayer.

I. The first hour was devoted to a progress report from the Christian Education Task Force by Chairman, Don Shriver, and the Rev. Bill Smith:

A. Don Shriver:

1. Commended Bill Smith for his leadership, help and support of the task force.
2. Announced that the task force will meet Tuesday, April 18, with one of the candidates for the staff position of Director of Christian Education.

B. Bill Smith reported:

1. The task force had been very helpful in the CE program begun last September, some of which had been very successful, some not so successful.
2. Dr. Leo Rippey, our CE Consultant since last December, will give a final report in May including a job description for the DCE.
 - a. Information received, when Dr. Rippey met with the adult class, was helpful for future planning:
 - 1.) An almost "universal" request was made for family worship opportunities. Parents want help with parenthood.
 - 2.) A diversity of needs for adult education was expressed. Short-term options were suggested.
 - 3.) Many were pleased with the adult Bible study classes.
 - 4.) Many wanted emphasis on contemporary issues.
 - 5.) Need for more lay leadership in adult classes was expressed.
 - 6.) Church school teachers might serve on a rotating basis.
3. Reasons for adding a DCE to staff:
 - a. We are understaffed.
 - b. We need a professional person specifically trained in CE.
 - c. CE program can improve, move and grow when we have a person who can devote full time to it.

II. The business meeting followed.

A. The minutes were read and approved after the following corrections were made:

1. Item 7. a. 6.) was corrected to read: a CE staff person will be available by May 1.
2. Item 7. a. 8.) (2.) was corrected to read: the EYC President would be welcome at all vestry meetings as an ex-officio member.
3. Item 7. g. 2.) was corrected to read: Emmett Russell, Trust Officer, First American Bank etc.

B. The Rector reported:

1. That he had received a letter from the Chancellor of the Diocese, Louis Farrell, in which he was alerting all parishes about tax exemption as it pertains to church property. The Rector has turned the matter over to the Senior Warden and legal advisors.

2. That he had received a note from the Rev. Larry Carden expressing gratitude for the private communion set he had received.
3. On the activities, travels and illness of the absent vestry members.
- C. Pete Robinson gave a summary of the treasurer's report which was approved.
- D. The Senior Warden reported:
1. That he was enjoying meeting with the vestry task forces.
 2. We now have copies of our historic documents on microfilm. The originals are in the Tennessee State Archives.
- E. The Junior Warden reported:
1. That she had received a letter from Hauser Studios regarding restoration of the stained glass windows. She will turn bids over to the Property Committee.
- F. The Rector reported:
1. Easter Day was celebrated in great splendor. The offering of \$1,787.00 will be divided between Meals on Wheels and the Restoration of the Canterbury Cathedral Fund. Parishioners, Ophelia and George Paine, will deliver the gift in person and the Canterbury Cathedral.
 - a. Discussion followed re: need for publicity about important parish events.
 2. The ECW Annual Meeting was attended by Marion Arnold, Bess Blake, Louise Matthews and Katie Sharp. He and Bill Smith were also in attendance.
 3. He would be in Knoxville next week for a Standing Committee Meeting and in Chattanooga for a Structure of the Diocese Sub-Committee Meeting.
 4. That at its Annual Meeting, the St. Luke's Board had elected Shirley Lechleiter, President, and Louise Matthews, Secretary.
- G. Task Force reports followed:
1. OUTREACH TASK FORCE: Speed Thomas reported:
 - a. A meeting was planned for later this week.
 - b. The task force will meet with the adult class a week from next Sunday.
 - c. They are exploring the whole area of concern regarding hunger and how to respond to it.
 - 1.) Task force members will attend the meeting on April 24 in the Metro Council Chambers to learn more about the hunger problem.
 2. NUTURE TASK FORCE: Marion Arnold reported:
 - a. The task force met during breakfast on Sunday, April 8.
 - b. Fletch Coke is memographing a brochure to be used during the forthcoming church tours. Changes, if necessary, will be made before the brochure is printed.
 - c. The brochure about the activities and outreach programs of Christ Church is in preparation.
 - d. She would take responsibility of procuring a coordinator for the proposed picture directory.
 - e. Invitations have been sent to all new parishioners inviting them to a covered dish supper in their honor on Thursday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m.
 - f. The bulletin board with new pictures of staff and vestry will be completed next week.
 - g. New name tags will be available beginning next Sunday.
 - h. On the importance of the constituents lists and gave a memo regarding them to the vestry members.
 3. EVANGELISM TASK FORCE: Harriet Waller reported.
 - a. The task force had met with Bill Smith and the Senior Warden.
 - b. They are planning a celebration weekend using some ideas from the Diocesan Evangelism Conference and using Faith at Work as a model.
 - 1.) The design for the weekend is in three parts: preparation, the weekend itself, and something concrete to "plug into" afterward.
 - 2.) A possible date for the weekend is during Advent, near the beginning

of our 150th Anniversary celebration.

c. The Senior Warden is writing notes to all persons who sign the visitor's cards.

1.) Sally Thomas and Owsley Cheek are following up after notes are written.

H. The statistical reports were read and approved.

I. Task Force reports continued.

4. WORSHIP TASK FORCE: John Kiser reported:

a. There seems to be satisfaction with the worship services.

b. After discussion it was determined that the ushers are a part of this group's responsibility.

5. STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE: Pete Robinson reported:

a. Tom Kanaday had accepted the Assistant Chairmanship of the Every Member Canvass.

J. Property Chairman, Bill Stockard, reported:

1. Consideration needed to be given to the direction in which we should go regarding renovation of the chapel.

a. After discussion it was decided that the committee will explore possibilities of renovation within the price range of money already available.

K. After discussion it was decided that the Rector will meet with the Wardens to determine an appropriate way to commemorate Lewis Pride and report at the next meeting.

L. An EDC report was given by Speed Thomas:

1. They are working to make EDC more meaningful. A committee is presently examining the by-laws.

2. It has been recommended that the whole EDC meet about the second week in May for a review.

M. The Senior Warden said that he had not yet received a report from the man who came to see about planting shrubbery in front of the air-conditioner.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned after a prayer by the Rev. Bill Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion K. Arnold
Clerk of the Vestry

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING
CHRIST CHURCH
May 15, 1978

The members of the Christ Church Vestry met in the Wheeler Room at 5:15 p.m., on Monday, May 15, 1978.

Members present: Marion Arnold, Glenn Bowron, Bob Brandt, Jim Burns, Owsley Cheek, Bill Coke, Janet Davies, Merle Emery, John Kiser, Bill Koch, George Paine, Don Shriver, Catherine Snell, Bill Stockard, Speed Thomas, Cecil Wray.

Clergy present: Dr. Eric Greenwood and the Rev. Larry Carden.

The Rector opened the meeting with prayer.

- I. The first hour of the meeting was spent in hearing a report from Speed Thomas, EDC President, concerning a recent meeting of the EDC. He reported that:
 - A. A special meeting was held to review the existing structure of the EDC.
 - B. A committee had been appointed to study the by-laws and make recommendations for improving them.
 - C. It was hoped that changes might come about to accomplish
 1. A better understanding of what EDC is about
 2. A more firm commitment about EDC
 3. Better communication and participation.

- II. The business meeting followed after supper.
 - A. Catherine was commended by all for the delicious meals she had prepared for the Vestry.
 - B. The minutes were approved.
 - C. The Senior Warden and Junior Warden had no reports.
 - D. The treasurer's report was approved.
 - E. The Rector:
 1. Reported about some of the absent members.
 2. Thanked Fletch and Bill Coke for the wonderful Vestry party at their home.
 3. Welcomed back Merle Emery after his surgery.
 4. Announced that Glen Bowron had become a father; daughter's name is Elizabeth Ansley.
 5. Said that Joyce Paldino will be joining the staff as Director of Christian Education on June 1.
 6. Announced that Bob Thomson had recently undergone surgery.
 7. Announced that Susan Davies had been elected President of the District EYC.
 8. Said that Julia and Bill Smith were on a two-week vacation.
 9. Reminded everyone about the Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 4, at the home of Mrs. Paschall Davis.
 10. Announced that Vestry meetings in June and August will begin at 5:00 p.m. There will be no dinner during those meetings. No meeting in July.
 11. Announced that summer schedule will begin the first Sunday in June with worship at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
 - F. George Paine gave an interesting report of his and Ophelia's visit to the Canterbury Cathedral and their meeting with the Archbishop.
 - G. The Rector reported:
 1. That George Paine was looking into the tax exemption matters mentioned in Chancellor Louis Farrell's letter.
 2. That he had contacted Louise Davis and Susan Brandau regarding publicity for the 150th Anniversary.

3. That he would be in Knoxville next week for a sub-committee meeting concerning diocesan structure.

H. Reports followed:

1. Christian Education Task Force: Don Shriver reported that:
 - a. Joyce Paldino, DCE, will begin work on June 1, to prepare for the fall program. Don suggested that full support from the Vestry is essential.
 - b. Data gathered during the adult class will be helpful in program planning.
2. Outreach Task Force: Speed Thomas reported that:
 - a. During worship serviced on May 28, information will be offered regarding parish outreach programs. Parishioners will be given an opportunity to sign up for the programs in which they are interested.
 - b. Merle Emery will coordinate the Food Bank Program in the parish.
3. Nurture Task Force: Marion Arnold reported that:
 - a. 44 persons attended the covered dish supper in honor of new members. Another is planned for September.
 - b. 13 responses had been received regarding the need for transportation inquiry.
 - c. Bill Koch is making plans for the Annual Parish Picnic.
 - d. Bob Smyth is making new name tags to be used on Sundays.
 - e. New tracts have been ordered some of which can be used for nursing home visits.
 - f. Archivist, Fletch Coke, will continue to make the mimeographed sheet about the history of Christ Church available. She thinks, rather than have a printed tri-fold of Christ Church history (about \$700.00), it would be better to have a booklet made with color pictures which could be sold in the Book Store to defeaay cost.
 - g. It is important that Vestry members continue to communicate with their constituents.
 - h. Larry Carden had a report. Larry said that he had begun monthly services on Tuesdays at the Leah Rose Highrise.
 - i. She would be willing to coordinate the preparation of a Christ Church Pictorial Directory. After discussion a sum of \$400 was authorized for possible additional costs of the directory.
4. Evangelism Task Force: Owsley Cheek reported that:
 - a. The Senior Warden was continuing to write to newcomers.
 - b. Plans are being made for an Evangelism Week End in Advent to begin our 150th Anniversary Celebration. Bishop Weinhauer of the Diocese of Western North Carolina will be the speaker.
5. The statistical reports were read and approved.
6. Worship Task Force: John Kiser reported that:
 - a. The group had met with the Rector. A report is forthcoming.
7. 150th Anniversary Task Force: Bill Coke reported that:
 - a. A dinner at the Opryland Hotel is scheduled for June 29, 1979.
 - b. Famous personages are being invited for a special Sunday celebration and reception.
- I. The Junior Warden reported that she and the Senior Warden had met with the Rector to discuss ways in which to commemorate Lewis Pride. No decision has been made as yet.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned after prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion K. Arnold
Clerk of the Vestry

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MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING
CHRIST CHURCH
June 19, 1978

The members of the Christ Church Vestry met in the Wheeler Room at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 1978.

Members present: Bob Brandt, Jim Burns, Owsley Cheek, Bill Coke, Sally Cook, Janet Davies, Bill Koch, George Paine, Pete Robinson, Catherine Snell, Bob Thomson, Harriet Waller and Cecil Wray.

Clergy present: The Rev. Eric Greenwood and the Rev. Mr. Bill Smith.

Visitor: Mrs. Joyce Paldino, Director of Christian Education.

The Rector opened the meeting with a prayer.

Due to summer scheduling, only a brief business meeting was held as follows:

1. The Rector introduced Joyce Paldino who recently joined the staff as DCE.
2. The minutes were approved.
3. Correspondence was received and reported to the Vestry:
 - a. The Senior Warden, Bill Coke, reported on a letter that was received from Mrs. Henry Elwood McLaughlin, Coordinator of the pre-school, concerning paint chipping off the walls. It will be corrected as soon as possible and the vestry was asked to take a tour to see the problem immediately following the meeting.
 - b. The Rector reported that he had received a letter from Steve Stevenson of the Third National Bank concerning the gift from Mr. Frank Gillette. Pete Robinson reported that the final payment from Mr. Gillette to the Endowment Fund amounted to a little over \$1,000.00.
 - c. The Rector reported that he had received a communication from David Herbert concerning the retirement center and turned the letter over to Bill Koch.
4. The Senior Warden and Junior Warden had no reports.
5. The Treasurer's report was approved.
6. The Rector:
 - a. Reiterated about Mr. Gillette's generous gift to Christ Church.
 - b. Stated that George Paine had procured our tax exempt status for our church property.
 - c. Reported that he had received communication from the Historical Commission concerning the proposal that Christ Church be listed in the National Register.
 - d. Again welcomed Joyce Paldino who joined the staff on June 1, 1978.
 - e. Expressed pleasure over the first anniversary of Bill Smith's coming to Christ Church—June 21st.
 - f. Announced that Larry Carden is presently at DuBose Conference Center where he is participating in the Diocesan camping program.
 - g. Reported that the Annual Parish Picnic held at the home of Mrs. Paschall Davis in June, was quite a success and commended Bill Koch for his work in getting it organized. He also requested that the secretary write a note of appreciation to Mrs. Davis from the Vestry.
 - h. Said that on June 10 he was busy with three weddings on the same day and that there were two Baptisms the day after.

- i. Said that he would take his vacation in July and that he may add the ten days which were due him from last year.
- j. Said that Mrs. Sophie Jamison, Mrs. Greenwood's mother, was in the hospital and was improving.
- k. Announced that there would be no vestry meeting in July.
- l. Said that he would be a staff member at DuBose for the upcoming Music Conference.
- m. Said that Col. Sailor had requested to stop his duties as Chairman of the Ushers. The Task Force on Worship will take over his duties.
- n. Reminded all men of the Vestry to remember the dates: September 8, 9, and 10 for the Laymen's Conference at DuBose. He urged as many to come as possible.

7. Reports followed:

a. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TASK FORCE:

1. Bill Smith introduced and welcomed Joyce Paldino, our new DCE, who briefly explained what she was doing in preparation for the forthcoming year. She stated that most of her time so far had been spent gathering information and finding direction. She has some plans for teacher training and intergeneration sessions this Fall.
2. Bill Smith reported that Christ Church, St. George's and St. David's have been meeting to discuss the possibility of having some joint youth ministry. We will hear more later.
3. Bob Thomson stated that he had been quite impressed with Leo Rippy's report on Christian Education at Christ Church and requested that a copy of the report be mailed to each Vestry person.

b. OUTREACH TASK FORCE:

1. Catherine Snell reported that there would be a Symposium in Ministry to transients in the downtown area on the 29th of June, with other churches involved.
2. Merle Emery will be the coordinator for the Food Bank.

c. NURTURE TASK FORCE: Marion Arnold reported by letter that:

1. The Annual Parish Picnic was a success with 250 in attendance.
2. She has been in touch with Bob Paine of Bel-Air Church Directory Publishers and plans for pictures are to be taken from August 12 to September 18. She will send a letter to the parish in July announcing the program.
3. She had met with Marjorie Butler and Georgianna Russell concerning the Caring Calling Vine to discover ways the task force could help with the program. No coordinator has been found to direct CCV.

d. EVANGELISM TASK FORCE:

1. Harriet Waller reported that she hoped someone from Christ Church would attend the National Conference on Family Life to be held in Denver this Fall.
2. Owsley Cheek reported that he wished the Vestry to lead the way for the rest of the parish to help with the Host Program for newcomers on Sunday mornings. He passed cards for two people to sign up for the 8:00 a.m. service and four people to sign up for the 10:00 service for the rest of the summer. He promised a schedule would be sent to us in the mail.

e. The statistical reports were read.

f. WORSHIP TASK FORCE: No report.

- g. 150th ANNIVERSARY TASK FORCE:
1. Pete Robinsin reported that there should be a correction in the minutes. The dinner for June 29, 1979, has not been scheduled at the Opryland Hotel, but it, along with the Sheraton and the Hyatt, are being considered.
 2. Janet Davies and Bill Stockard are compiling an all-inclusive list for capital improvements for the fund drive.
 3. Bill Coke reported that the committee was moving along the meeting frequently.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after a blessing by Bill Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Waller
Acting Clerk of the Vestry

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING
CHRIST CHURCH
August 21, 1978

The members of the Christ Church Vestry met in the Wheeler Room at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 1978.

Members present: Marion Arnold, Glenn Bowron, Jim Burns, Owsley Cheek, Bill Coke, Sally Cook, Janet Davies, Merle Emery, John Kiser, Bill Koch, George Paine, Don Shriver, Catherine Snell, Bill Stockard, Sally Thomas, Speed Thomas, Bob Thomson, Harriet Waller and Cecil Wray.

Clergy present: The Rev. Eric Greenwood, the Rev. Bill Smith and the Rev. Larry Carden.

Visitors: Joyce Paldino, DCE, and Susan Davies, EYC District President.

The Rector opened the meeting with prayer.

- I. The minutes were read and approved after item 3.c. was corrected to read Bill Coke instead of Bill Koch.
- II. The Senior Warden had no report.
- III. After the Treasurer made a correction in the June financial report (\$84,200 was budgeted under Receipts instead of the stated \$24,200) the June and July reports were approved.
- IV. The Rector:
 - A. Reported that the summer had gone well due to the skilled leadership of Bill Smith and Larry Carden.
 - B. Asked for a report from George Paine who said that Christ Church had applied for tax exemption and it had been approved.
 - C. Said that he and the Rector of St. George's were present at the memorial service for Pope Paul at the Cathedral; the Christ Church clergy attended the reception for the new Rector of St. David's.
 - D. Reminded the men about the Laymen's Conference at DuBose, September 8-10.
 - E. Reported that he and Peter Fyfe were on staff for the DuBose Music Conference this summer.
 - F. Mentioned that very serious planning was underway to design and make needlepoint for the parish.
 - G. Asked Sally Thomas to report on the Parish Weekend, September 29-October 1. She announced a capacity registration with a waiting list.
 - H. Sent a document around for vestry signatures, regarding Jim Burns' intension of pursuing ordination.
 - I. Announced the Clergy Conference at DuBose, September 18-20.
 - J. Alerted the vestry to a conflict of dates for the September and October vestry meetings. It was decided that the vestry will meet the fourth Monday during September and October—September 25 and October 23.
 - K. Issued an invitation from Louise Matthews, President of the This-N-That Shop, to have a supper vestry meeting at St. Luke's. It was agreed that the vestry will meet at St. Luke's either in September or October.
- V. Reports followed:
 - A. Christian Education Task Force:
 1. Don Shriver reported that:
 - a. The Committee had met during the summer.
 - b. The new director, Joyce Paldino, and Bill Smith have been busily planning an effective program for the fall.
 - c. The Committee will continue to meet.

2. Bill Smith reported:

- a. That St. David's, St. George's and Christ Church have put together a program of Joint Youth Ministry and plan to meet on Sunday evenings twice a month. Joyce Paldino, Susan Davies, Margaret Snell and he will be members of the Board of JYM?
- b. Concerning the proposed model of Adult Christian Education for the coming year.

3. Joyce Paldino reported that:

- a. The Church School year will be divided into 4 sessions of 9 weeks.
- b. A teacher training session will be held on Saturday, September 9.
- c. September 10 is Rally Day.
- d. On September 17, the task forces of the vestry will give brief explanations of their work and goals and invite parishioners to become members.
- e. The curriculum of the Methodist and Episcopal Churches will be used.

B. Outreach Task Force:

1. Speed Thomas reported that the group had met during the summer but there was no official report at this time.

C. EDC Report:

1. Speed Thomas reported that:

- a. The EDC Board had had two extensive meetings to try to create better communication between the various sub-groups and with the EDC.
- b. He was excited about the progress this year and EDC's potential.
- c. The Episcopal Retirement Center had procured property on Nolensville Road and had received approval for Section 8 funding.
- d. A general meeting of the EDC will be held on September 26 at St. Bartholomew's.
- e. Distributed to the members of the vestry a summary of URM activities prepared by Ed Landers.

2. Bill Smith:

- a. Announced that a seminar of ministry to transients will be held at Christ Church on October 12.

3. Speed Thomas:

- a. Said that a meeting was planned with Bishop Sanders and the representatives of the EDC sub-groups on Thursday, August 24.
- b. Explained that a media person was being sought who can serve as a "public relations" person for the Bishop, the Diocese and the Editor of The Tennessee Churchman.
- c. Reported that the EDC was having difficulty meeting its budget and requested that Christ Church give the loose offering some Sunday in September to the EDC.
 - 1.) After discussion it was decided that we will give the loose offering of the 2nd Sunday in September to EDC.

D. Nurture Task Force: Marion Arnold reported:

1. That Bob Smyth was preparing name tags to be used during the coffee minute.
2. That the tract rack had been replenished and tracts given to Larry Carden to be used during nursing home visitations.
3. That the second Newcomers Gathering will be planned for September.
4. That no leadership has yet been found for the Caring Calling Vine.
5. Pleasure regarding the excellent response to the October Parish weekend.
6. Progress was being made in the preparation of the pictorial directory and the response had been very good thus far.

E. Evangelism Task Force: Harriet Waller reported:

1. That she had met with the clergy and plans continue for the Evangelism Weekend, in December when Bishop Weinhour will be with us. His suggested theme: "A Look at the History of Faith—Empowerment for Ministry."

- F. Worship Task Force: John Kiser asked the Rector to report on a recent task force meeting:
1. The Rector said that because the committee is aware of the importance of CE in worship, they are proposing a "full-blown" Rite II every fifth Sunday at 11:00 a.m. with Holy Communion the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month at 11:00 and Morning Prayer on the 4th Sunday.
- G. George Paine reported that a letter regarding workers for Every Member Canvass will be forthcoming in September.
- H. 150th Anniversary Task Force:
1. Bill Coke had no report but asked that we keep alert for ideas.
 - a. It was agreed that Bob Smyth, 150th Anniversary Task Force Chairman, should be invited to the remaining vestry meetings this year.
- I. Bill Stockard reported that walls in the Crib Room and other places had been replastered and would be painted.
- J. John Kiser asked that members of the vestry help him and other members of the 150th Anniversary Task Force, identify persons in the parish who have visual arts skills.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion K. Arnold
Clerk of the Vestry

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING
Christ Church
September 20, 1978

Members present: Marion Arnold, Jim Burns, Owsley Cheek, Bill Coke, Merle Emery, John Kiser, George Paine, Don Shriver, Bill Stockard, Catherine Snell, Sally Thomas, Speed Thomas, Bob Thomson, Harriet Waller.

Clergy present: The Rev. Eric Greenwood, the Rev. Bill Smith and the Rev. Larry Carden.

Visitors: Joyce Paldino, DEE, and Susan Davies, JYM Representative.

The Rector opened the meeting with prayer.

I. Everymember Canvass Report:

A. George Paine reported that:

1. He, along with the Rector and Senior Warden, had attended a Stewardship Conference.
 - a. He gave each vestry member a copy of a document he had received at the conference and stressed the stated purpose therein regarding the Stewardship Canvass: to stimulate people to a deeper loyalty to Jesus Christ and his Holy Church.

- B. After discussion and two amendments, the statement drafted last year, regarding the important leadership role of the vestry in the canvass, was adopted for this year.

II. The minutes were approved as read.

III. The treasurer's report was received with thanks.

IV. The Rector reported:

- A. On the Layman's Conference at DuBose. Owsley Cheek was installed as Keyman for Christ Church.
- B. Corporate Communion, on September 17, had the largest attendance at 8:00 a.m. service (except for Easter) on record.
- C. That Glenn Bowron had resigned as Treasurer.
 1. The Rector expressed his regret and spoke of Glenn's tremendous contribution to Christ Church in his role as Treasurer. The clerk was asked to send a letter of gratitude to Glenn on behalf of the vestry.
- D. Announced plans to have the next vestry meeting at St. Luke's on October 23 at 5:15 p.m.
- E. Said that the loose offering from the second Sunday in September had been given to EDC.
- F. Announced that the next UTO Ingathering will be Sunday, October 22.
- G. Announced an EDC Meeting on September 26.
- H. Said he would be attending an Urban Southern Rector's Meeting on October 16, 17 and 18.

V. Reports followed:

A. Christian Education Task Force:

1. Don Shriver reported an increased attendance at adult classes.
 - a. He said the task force will meet every other month and commented on the excellent beginning of the church school this year.
2. Joyce Paldino expressed pleasure at the positive response of the youth and children to the church school program.
3. Bill Smith reported that Joint Youth Ministries will have its first meeting at Christ Church on Sunday, October 1, at 5:00 p.m.

B. EDC Report:

1. Speed Thomas reported that plans for next EDC meeting included resolutions to consider changing the name to Episcopal Ministries of Middle Tennessee and to procure a media coordinator.
2. Bill Smith announced the Symposium on Ministry to Transients to be held at Christ Church on October 12, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

C. Nurture Task Force:

1. Marion Arnold reported:
 - a. That plans are continuing on the pictorial directory.
 - b. Name tags are being made.
2. Sally Thomas reported some cancellations for the coming parish week end, but still expected a large attendance.
3. Larry Carden reported that he would like to have training for additional members of St. Chrysostom's, perhaps including some Vanderbilt students.

D. 150th Anniversary Task Force:

1. The Senior Warden reported that Bob Smyth will have a meeting soon.
2. John Kiser reported that:
 - a. James Hamilton had submitted a logo to the art committee. Copies were shown to the vestry.
 - b. Dr. Hamilton Hazelhurst had suggested that parishioners be asked to display their art objects on Sundays in the Parish Hall.
 - c. Children's art will be displayed from time to time.
 - d. Consideration was being given to commissioning a relief sculpture for the stairway niche. Suggestions for a possible theme for the sculpture were requested.

E. Property Committee:

1. Bill Stockard requested authorization to sign the contract submitted by Hauser Studios to restore the stained glass windows for \$34,975.
 - a. He further requested that a total amount of \$38,000 be approved allowing \$3,500 for contingency.
 - b. He said that restoration need not begin for six months if we are willing to pay 10% of the total amount now. (\$3,800)
2. The vestry agreed to adopt a total budget of \$38,000 for the restoration and pay 10% (\$3,800) now.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned after prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion K. Arnold
Clerk of the Vestry

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING

Christ Church

October 22, 1978

The members of the Vestry of Christ Church met in the Reception Room of the Clinic at St. Luke's Community Center on New York Avenue at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Marion Arnold, Jim Burns, Owsley Cheek, Bill Coke, Sally Cook, Janet Davies, John Kiser, Bill Koch, George Paine, Pete Robinson, Don Shriver, Catherine Snell, Sally Thomas, Speed Thomas, Bob Thomson, Harriet Waller.

Clergy present: The Rev. Eric Greenwood, the Rev. Bill Smith and the Rev. Larry Carden.

Visitors: Joyce Paldino, DCE; and Bob Smyth.

- I. The first hour of the meeting was devoted to acquainting the vestry with the program and facilities of St. Luke's. Frad Rodgers, Director of St. Luke's, and Shirley Lechleiter, President of the Board of St. Luke's, headed up the program. After a tour of the facilities, the vestry enjoyed supper on the premises.
- II. The business meeting followed supper.
 - A. The minutes were approved as read.
 - B. Every Member Canvass Report:
 - 1. George Paine outlined plans for Loyalty Sunday, November 5, and reported that a large number of canvass workers had been procured to enable a rapid and efficient termination of the canvass.
 - C. The Senior Warden reported that the Symposium on Ministry to Transients was well attended, was ecumenical, had excellent speakers and created a keener awareness of the problem. He thanked Bill Smith for his efforts in coordinating the program.
 - D. The Rector:
 - 1. Shared a note from his daughter Catherine, thanking the vestry for the wedding gift she had received. The Rector termed the gift "a wonderful sign of affection and esteem".
 - 2. Read a copy of the vestry clerk's letter to Glenn Bowron, accepting, with regret, his resignation as treasurer.
 - 3. Reported that a check for 10% of the total amount to restore the stained glass windows had been sent to Hauser Studios and acknowledgment had been received.
 - 4. Stated that a letter had been received from the attorney in charge of the estate of Eleanor H. Fort announcing her gift to Christ Church which will be channelled to the endowment fund.
 - 5. Spoke of his attendance at a DECONS (Downtown Episcopal Churches of the New South) meeting in North Carolina where the Rt. Rev. William Jones was coordinator.
 - 6. Announced an area Confirmation at St. Bartholomew's on Sunday, November 19, and said he expected a goodly number of confirmands from Christ Church.
 - 7. Alerted the vestry to the election, at the next meeting, of delegates to the Annual Diocesan Convention in Knoxville next January.

- 8. Stated that the Nominating Committee for the Annual Parish Meeting in January would be announced at the next meeting.
- 9. Asked for suggestions regarding the recipients of the Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings.
 - a. After discussion, it was decided that the Thanksgiving Offering will be given to Manna and the Christmas Offering will be given to the Storefront Ministry.

E. Because of the resignation of the treasurer, a specific report was not available. Pete Robinson announced the present financial balance.

F. Reports followed:

- 1. Christian Education Task Force:
 - a. Don Shriver reported that the task force will meet in mid-November. All seems to be going smoothly.
 - b. Joyce Paldino announced plans for a Middle Tennessee C.E. Conference in February. She said that the children's chapel service was exciting, offering children an opportunity to sing, say the creeds and read scriptures.
 - c. Bill Smith announced good attendance at the last two JYM meetings.
- 2. Outreach Task Force had no report.
- 3. EMMT Report:
 - a. Speed Thomas announced that EDC had changed its name to the Episcopal Ministries of Middle Tennessee and the new structure will allow for better communication between the various groups which are a part of EMMT.
- 4. Nurture Task Force:
 - a. Sally Thomas reported that the Parish Weekend Away was a huge success, offering an opportunity for community "building" for all ages, and will be even better next year.
 - b. Marion Arnold reported that:
 - 1) Name tags are about completed.
 - 2) There will be a reception for new members at the rectory on Sunday, November 12, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 - 3) Pictorial directory is going well.
 - c. Larry Carden reported that there was probably one person at Vanderbilt who would be interested in membership in St. Chrysostom's.
- 5. The Statistical Report followed.
- 6. Finance Committee:
 - a. George Paine announced that the vestry pledges showed a generous increase.
- 7. 150th Anniversary Task Force: Bob Smyth reported that
 - a. There is lots of activity and Jim Hamilton's logo has been gratefully accepted.
 - b. We will begin with the Evangelism Task Force's effort to present Bishop Weinhauer; looking to our future and renewal.
 - c. The Nashville Ballet Society will have an offering in the context of the liturgy.
 - d. Fletch Coke will offer a view of the history of Christ Church to the adult class during Advent.

- e. Louise Davis is planning a cover story with photographs in the newspaper.
 - f. During March, we will have an opportunity to hear the choir with instrumentalists in a premier performance of a commissioned musical piece.
 - g. During June (the anniversary week of the 29th) an Evensong, and banquet at the Sheraton is planned.
 - h. In July, a parishwide breakfast is planned with the Presiding Bishop and other prominent bishops and clergy in attendance that day.
 - i. Janet Davies is planning for a daylong celebration of the performing arts--music, drama, dance, etc.
 - j. Pamphlets announcing the events and also a color pamphlet about the history of Christ Church are being prepared.
 - k. Pete Robinson is preparing a capital funds drive to raise funds for the stained glass windows, and remodeling of the kitchen, the chapel and the third floor.
8. Both Sally Thomas and Bill Coke expressed the importance of all vestry members to make use of their constituents lists as we progress with our anniversary plans.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned after prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion K. Arnold
Clerk of the Vestry

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MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING
Christ Church
November 20, 1978

The members of the Christ Church Vestry met in the Wheeler Room at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 1978.

Members present: Marion Arnold, Bob Brandt, Jim Burns, Owsley Cheek, Bill Coke, Janet Davies, John Kiser, Bill Koch, George Paine, Pete Robinson, Don Shriver, Catherine Snell, Bob Thomson, Harriet Waller, and Cecil Wray.
Clergy present: The Rev. Eric S. Greenwood, the Rev. Bill Smith, and the Rev. Larry Carden.
Visitors: Joyce Paldino, DCE, and Bob Smyth.

The Rector opened the meeting with prayer.

- I. The Rector shared with the vestry recommendations from the Committee on the Structure of the Diocese and a resolution regarding Venture in Mission which will be considered at the next diocesan convention.
 - A. After discussion it was decided that the vestry will unanimously support the nomination of Charlie Cook to Bishop and Council. The vestry also supported the nomination of the Rev. Bill Smith to the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, Sewanee.
 - B. Election for delegates to Diocesan Convention followed:
Delegates: Bill Coke, Charlie Cook, Bob Smyth.
Alternates: Shirley Lechleiter, Katie Sharp, Frances Thomson.
- II. Bill Smith reported that the Annual Vestry Conference is scheduled for the third week-end in February at Henry Horton State Park, with the Rev. Arnold Bush, the National Staff Person on Church Growth in the South East, as leader.
- III. George Paine announced that the Every Member Canvass report showed contributions considerably up over last year and asked that all vestry members make an effort to contact their workers who had not yet reported.
- IV. The Rector announced that Mrs. Ed Jones (Wanda) had consented to serve as Treasurer. He termed her a "very skilled person who will be a great boon to Christ Church in her capacity as Treasurer."
- V. The vestry reconvened after supper.
- VI. The minutes were approved as read.
- VII. Pete Robinson reported that Christ Church is financially solvent.
- VIII. The Rector reported:
 - A. That Loyalty Sunday and the Canvass have been very successful and the last UTO Ingathering was the best yet.
 - B. The Loyalty Sunday Evensong was a marvelous musical presentation with a good congregation in attendance; reminded the vestry of the choir's participation in worship at the Cathedral of the Incarnation next Sunday.
 - C. That about 55 persons came to the Rectory on Sunday, November 12 for the Newcomer's Reception.
 - D. That the Samaritans will have the Burnt Bridges Dinner at Christ Church on November 21.
 - E. That Christ Church had 12 persons who were confirmed by the Bishop at St. Bartholomew's on Sunday, November 19.

- F. That there are exciting plans for Advent as we begin the celebration of our 150th year.
 - G. The following persons will serve on the Nomination Committee for the Annual Parish Meeting: Marion Arnold, Bob Brandt, Janet Davies, (Chairman), Merle Emery, Don Shriver, Catherine Snell, and Cecil Wray.
 - H. Since the last rain storm we are having more problems with the church roof.
- IX. Pete Robinson suggested that, in light of the successful Loyalty Sunday Dinner, which was held after the 11:00 a.m. service, the same schedule be adopted for the Annual Parish Meeting. The suggestion was approved.
- X. Reports followed:
- A. Evangelism Task Force: Harriet Waller gave a detailed report of the schedule of events for the weekend of renewal beginning on Friday, December 8 through Sunday, December 10.
 - B. Christian Education Task Force:
 - 1. Don Shriver announced a planned meeting for November 21.
 - 2. Joyce Paldino:
 - a. Announced plans for a Christmas Pageant during Eucharist on December 24.
 - b. Said that the Singles Group is having an exciting time meeting and drawing up a statement to share with the parish.
 - c. Announced that child care will be offered to the younger grade school children during the 11:00 a.m. service.
 - d. Received some very positive responses in the questionnaire given to the adult class last Sunday.
 - C. The Rector mentioned a conflict on Thanksgiving Day with the 10:00 a.m. worship service and the Annual Christmas Parade. It was decided that the Rector will write a friendly note to the Mayor requesting that consideration be given to a change of schedule for the parade. Owsley Cheek will contact the Chief of Police asking for help in the event of a traffic problem that day.
 - D. Nurture Task Force: Marion Arnold reported that:
 - 1. Bob Shotwell is making an easel to hold name tags.
 - 2. Layout for the institutional pages and parish list for the pictorial directory are now being done.
 - 3. The newcomers' reception at the Rectory was delightful and thanked the Greenwoods for the graciousness as host and hostess.
 - 4. A transportation schedule is being arranged for Phyllis Stevens, a new parishioner, so that she can be brought to church each Sunday.
 - E. Finance Committee:
 - 1. Pete Robinson reported that Budget forms are being given to all department heads and a proposed budget should be completed in several weeks.
 - F. 150th Anniversary Task Force: Bob Smyth reported that:
 - 1. The committee is preparing a brochure which will outline the schedule of events for the weekend of December 8-10. The logo will be used.
 - 2. Fletch Coke is at work planning tours for Sunday, December 3, and will make use of Lucy Ray's slides during the afternoon.
 - 3. Joyce Paldino is making plans with the young people who will wear "old time" costumes.

4. Sue Robinson is in charge of a part of the program which will identify Christ Church personalities from the past.
 5. Peter Fyfe will be offering organ music periodically during the event.
 6. Louise Davis is writing an article about the event which will appear in the Sunday paper.
 7. Invitations continue to go out to clergy and other dignitaries.
- F. Bill Coke emphasized the need for all vestry members to contact their constituents regarding the forthcoming events.
- G. John Kiser announced that the Visual Arts Committee will meet soon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after prayer offered by the Rev. Larry Carden.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion K. Arnold
Clerk of the Vestry