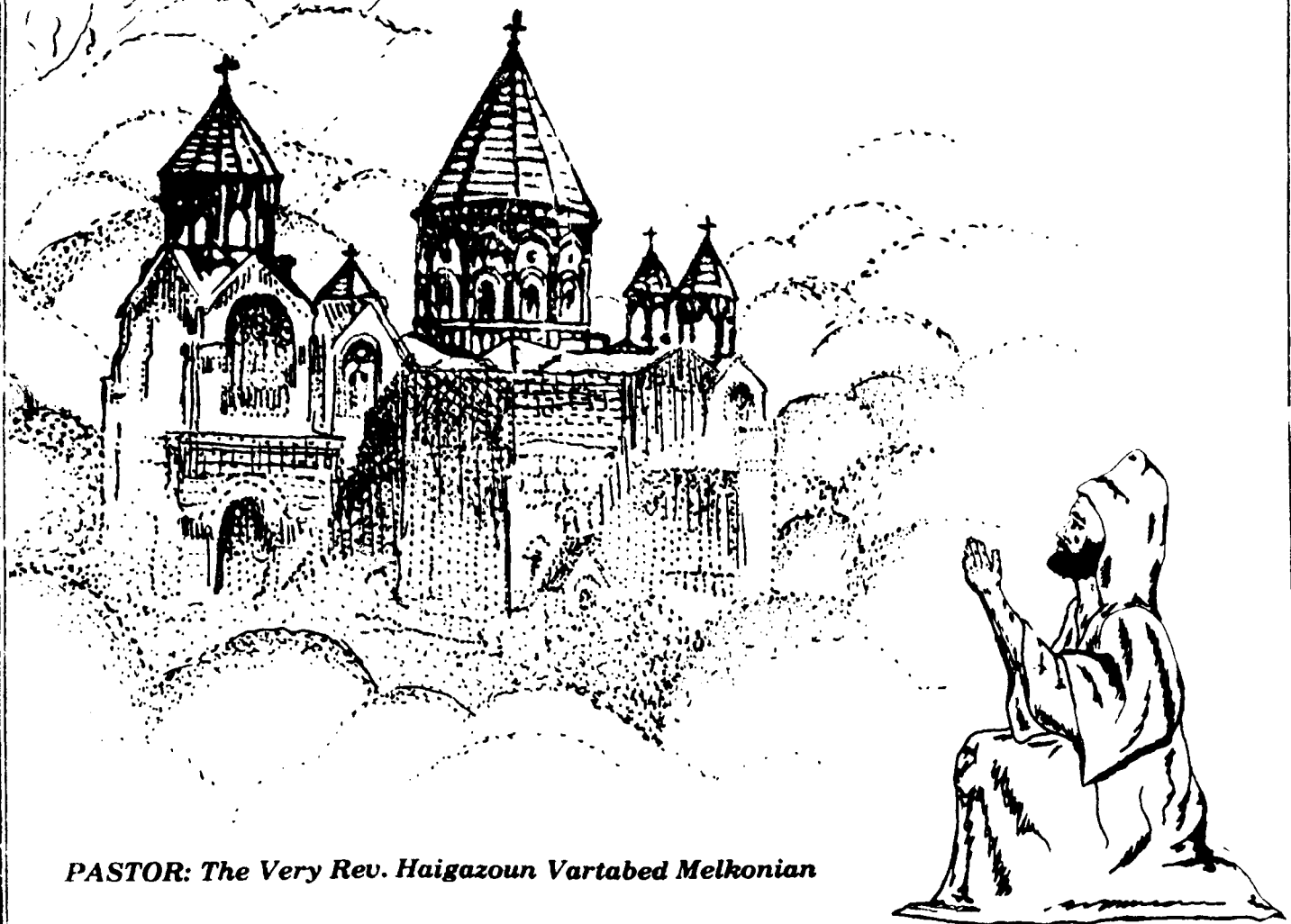


# ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT 1983

**ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR  
ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
110 MAIN STREET  
HAVERHILL, MA 01830



*PASTOR: The Very Rev. Haigazoun Vartabed Melkonian*

PRAYER FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

GRANT, O LORD, THAT THY HOLY SPIRIT PRESIDE OVER US NOW IN ALL OUR CONCERNS AND DELIBERATIONS FOR THE WELFARE OF THIS PARISH. WE THANK THEE FOR ALL THE BLESSINGS OF THE PAST YEAR, AND PRAY THAT WE MAY GO TOGETHER FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH IN THE YEAR BEFORE US. HELP US ALL DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THEE, AND TO BE READY TO MAKE SACRIFICE OF THE TIME AND MONEY FOR THE EXTENSION OF THY KINGDOM.

GUIDE US, WE BESEECH THEE, IN THE CHOICE OF OUR PARISH COUNCIL, AND MAY THEY DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES FAITHFULLY.

WE PRAISE THEE FOR THESE THY SERVANTS WHO LABORED AND WORSHIPPED THEE, HERE BEFORE US AND ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED FROM THIS LIFE SINCE WE LAST MET TOGETHER. GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST, O LORD, AND LET THY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

DECEASED PARISHIONERS, 1983

CHARLES MARADIAN - VAHAKN BOGOSIAN - ZAROHY HARIAN - RICHARD KNIGHT

WALTER MANSOURIAN - NORMAN KRIKORIAN - ANNE KASPARIAN - ALEXIS KNIGHT

ADRIENNE APRIL



PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 1983

Our parish has had a very successful year. Our numerous programs included: The Annual Church Picnic, the Church Bazaar, Haverhill Festival, Anniversary of our Church, the Palm Sunday Banquet, ACYOA Day, Michink, Women's Saints Day and a host of special celebrations and affairs which have made this a memorable year. We are glad to inform our members that each and everyone of these affairs augmented the spiritual, social, cultural and financial growth and well-being of our parish. The parish council and parishioners should be complimented on a job well done.

We are pleased to inform you that the decision to have a two day Bazaar proved to be a positive one. We hope that the cooperation shown will continue from year to year and we may continue this positive effort.

The LOOSAVORICH, our Church newsletter, has reached our parishioners on a regular basis. As well as the multitude of spiritually, educationally and culturally illustrated material that emanates from the Church office.

We are sorely concerned about the lack of participation of our parishioners in regular Sunday services. As membership has increased, it seems unusual to us that Church attendance should decrease. We strongly recommend that our parishioners make time to observe their religious obligation.

We have made regular visitations to hospitals, homes, the sick and upon invitation. Divine Liturgy is celebrated regularly notwithstanding weather conditions. In extreme cases, morning service or the Jashou Zham is substituted. Other sacraments and services have been performed or administered upon request, which are:

Baptism & Confirmation 4  
Adult Confirmations 2  
Weddings 3  
Funerals 9

We have been invited on numerous occasions to deliver speeches by communities outside of our own, when possible I have not refused. We have counselled on numerous occasions parishioners with marital, psychological and other types of problems, as well as our usual pre-marital counselling, which is a prerequisite to the sacrament of Holy Matrimony in our church.

We are pleased to announce that the newly organized Ladies Aid Society has had a very successful year and has become an integral part of our Church community.

We are very pleased to report that the Martyrs Monument has been erected. The beautiful Khatchkar Monument is not only a source of pride for Haverhill Armenians but for the city of Haverhill as well.

The excess funds from the monument have been used for the purpose of purchasing books for the newly dedicated Araxie and Vahakn Bogosian Memorial Library which is housed in the Church Choir loft. We are very grateful to Mrs. Araxie Bogosian for her generous donation of a library to our Church. As well as to Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Alexanian who donated much of the labor and materials as well as to Mr. Edward Sarkissian for his work on the painting and preparation of the library.

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We lament the passing of many of our parishioners, yet the untimely passing of past Parish Council chairman, Diocesan Delegate and Diocesan Council member, Mrs. Anne Kasparian has truly been a shock to the parish. We pray the Lord grant the comfort of His Spirit to her friends and family and His eternal light unto her soul.

Mrs. Nevart Kasparian, Araxie Kasparian Cynthia and Lisa Kasparian have donated the new Altar painting, the Picture of Salvation, to the Church in memory of Hagop and Anne Kasparian.

Also, Mr. Paul Cronin has donated the newly placed ceiling fans in memory of Anne Kasparian.

As you all know His Eminence the Primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian has assigned me pastor of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. I have complied to His Eminence's and the Diocesan Council's wishes and have assumed my new position in Pennsylvania. It has been very difficult to part from the Haverhill community which I have learned to love so deeply. I thank each and every one of you who helped and aided me in my endeavors. I pray the Lord keep and protect you all under the shadow of His all-Holy Cross.

With the guidance of His Eminence and together with Parish Council, prior to my departure we were able to secure the services of Deacon Krikor Zimroutian to care for your parochial needs. I wish him every success in his service.

A special note of thanks is due the Parish Council who have been very supportive and have secured diligently the smooth operation of the Church, its organizations and all its functions.

We urge you, our community to encourage and support the functions of the Church, the endeavors of the Parish Council.

  
Very Rev. Haigzoun Melkonian

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR 1983

THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD 16 OFFICIAL MEETINGS.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES AND OFFICES OF THOSE WHO SERVED ON PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1983;

CHAIRMAN	ZAVEN GOSTANIAN
VICE-CHAIRMAN	GEORGE TASHJIAN
TREASURER	ANTHONY DEVEJIAN
SECRETARY	RICHARD BAZARIAN
ADVISORS	MARTIN AARONIAN
	EDWARD BASMAJIAN
	ALICE RAYISSIAN
	JAMES SHAHINIAN

THE MAJOR FUNCTIONS SPONSORED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR 1983 WERE:

FESTIVAL '83  
ANNUAL PICNIC  
CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE  
BAZAAR  
38TH ANNIVERSARY

ON JUNE 12, PARISH COUNCIL WAS PLEASED TO HOST HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN ON HIS PASTORAL VISITATION TO OUR PARISH AT WHICH TIME HE DISTRIBUTED CITATIONS TO CHURCH RESTORATION BENEFACTORS.

PARISH COUNCIL HELD A CEREMONY FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE ARMENIAN MARTYRS' MONUMENT. ON THAT DAY DEACON VAHAK BOGOSIAN PASSED AWAY AFTER GIVING A STIRRING SPEECH ABOUT OUR MARTYRS. PARISH COUNCIL PARTICIPATED IN FUNERAL SERVICES AT THE CHURCH.

ON OCTOBER 23, WE HAD A FAREWELL TESTIMONIAL FOR OUR HAYR SOURP AND PRESENTED HIM WITH A CHECK FROM ALL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE CHURCH.

IT WAS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF SORROW THAT WE MOURNED THE DEATH OF OUR BELOVED ANNE KASPIAN. PARISH COUNCIL PARTICIPATED IN FUNERAL SERVICES HELD IN THE CHURCH AND IN HER HOKICHANKEESD ALSO.

WE WERE ALSO SORRY TO SEE HAYR HAIGAZOUN MELKONIAN TRANSFERRED TO CHELTENHAM, PENNSYLVANIA. WE WILL MISS HIM AND WISH HIM SUCCESS IN HIS NEW VENTURE.

ON THE JOYFUL SIDE, WE WERE HAPPY TO OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF DEACON KRRIKOR ZAMROUTIAN TO BE OUR RELIGIOUS LEADER STARTING JANUARY 29, 1984.

OUR THANKS GO TO NORMAN ODABASHIAN AND DERAN DINJIAN FOR THEIR SERVICES AS DEACON WHEN NEEDED.

DURING THE YEAR, THE CHURCH TRIMMING WAS PAINTED, THE NEW CHURCH LIBRARY WAS BUILT AND DEDICATED AND TWO NEW FANS WERE INSTALLED IN THE CHURCH TO HELP IN BOTH COOLING AND HEATING THE CHURCH.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS AND PARISHIONERS WHO ASSISTED IN MAKING 1983 A FINANCIAL SUCCESS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

## WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT FOR 1983

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

CASH ON HAND, JANUARY 1, 1983	\$3,106.82
ADD RECEIPTS	4,002.18
LESS EXPENDITURES	2,365.00
BALANCE ON ACCOUNT, DECEMBER 31, 1983	\$4,744.00

### REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1983

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: WOMEN'S GUILD  
CHAIRLADY: MRS. ELBES DER BOGHOSIAN  
VICE-CHAIRLADY: MRS. YERANIG KEZERIAN  
RECORDING SECRETARY: MRS. ARAXIE DERDERIAN  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: MRS. MARY SARKISIAN  
TREASURER: MRS. VARTOUHIE MOVSESIAN

NUMBER ON MAILING LIST: 33  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: 4, MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: 6  
(ALL MEETINGS ARE PRECEDED BY A PRAYER SERVICE AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF A LUNCHEON.)

### THE ORGANIZATION'S RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

THE ORGANIZATION HAS SPONSORED THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES; ARMENIAN SCHOOL AUXILIARY COMMITTEE, VISITATION COMMITTEE FOR HOMES, HOSPITALS AND OTHER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PREPARATION OF HOKEJASH (REQUIEM DINNERS).

THE WOMEN'S GUILD HAVE AIDED THE PARISH COUNCIL IN ALL ENDEAVORS IN WHICH THE WOMEN'S GUILD ASSISTANCE WAS REQUESTED, PARTICULARLY THE ANNUAL BAZAAR, ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC, CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, AS WELL AS FINANCIAL AID IS RENDERED WHENEVER NECESSARY. THE WOMEN'S GUILD, THROUGH ITS MEMBERS HAS ENDEAVORED TO WORK FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE CHURCH AND ALL ITS ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL UPKEEP OF THE CHURCH AND HOLY ALTAR. THE WOMEN'S GUILD HAS ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL ALTAR FUND FOR THE CARE OF THE VESTMENTS AND ALTAR CLOTHS, WHICH ARE MOSTLY SEWN BY OUR OWN MEMBERS.

THIS YEAR THE WOMEN'S GUILD DONATED \$1,000 FOR THE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY AND ALSO DONATED \$100.00 TO ST. TARKMANCHATZ SCHOOL IN JERUSALEM TO SUPPORT TWO SCHOOL CHILDREN.

WOMEN'S GUILD HAS SPONSORED CELEBRATIONS ALONG WITH LUNCHEONS, HOLY THURSDAY AND FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY, AND ON THE MEDIAN DAY OF GREAT LENT THEY SPONSORED THE TRADITIONAL MICHINK DINNER. A RUMMAGE SALE WAS HELD IN MAY AND THEY PREPARED FOUR HOKEJASHES DURING THE YEAR.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD HAS ALWAYS HELPED THE CHURCH IN ALL ITS ENDEAVORS.

## MR. & MRS. CLUB ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1983

CHAIRMAN	VASKEN GOSTANIAN
VICE-CHAIRMAN	ROSE DER BOGOSIAN
SECRETARY	GRACE DEVEJIAN
TREASURER	CHARLES TASHJIAN

THE MR. & MRS. CLUB HELD 10 REGULAR MEETINGS THIS YEAR; 6 OF WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD WITH 28 MEMBERS.

WE SUFFERED A GREAT LOSS OF OUR DEAR MEMBER ANNE KASPARIAN.

WE PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS SOCIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE CHURCH, TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE ANNUAL BAZAAR AND FESTIVAL '83 AND PRESENTED A SPAGHETTI SUPPER TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF WHICH WE REALIZED A PROFIT.

WE MADE A CHARITABLE DONATION TO ST. TARKMANCHATZ SCHOOL IN JERUSALEM TO SPONSOR 2 CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL.

OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS;

JANUARY 1, 1983	\$245.15
DECEMBER 31, 1983	431.68

## LADIES' AIDE SOCIETY

CHAIRLADY	TWANDA MCNEIL
SECRETARY	MARY MOORADIAN
TREASURER	ARAXIE KASPARIAN
ADVISORS	ZARTY CHILINGIRIAN
	SUE KEZERIAN

RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR A VIBRANT WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION, THE LADIES' AIDE SOCIETY WAS FORMULATED ON OCTOBER 12, 1982 WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF FIFTEEN. MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE FIRST YEAR HAVE INCLUDED LENTEN SUPPERS AND THE POPULAR MONTHLY KHEYMA DINNERS. THE GROUP HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE CHURCH BAZAAR, FESTIVAL '83, PICNIC AND ANNIVERSARY. THEY HAVE HELPED THE WOMEN'S GUILD WITH THEIR REQUIEM DINNERS AND WHENEVER THEY ARE CALLED UPON FOR SUPPORT.

DONATIONS INCLUDED \$200.00 FOR THE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY AND MONEY WAS DONATED TO BUY MATERIAL FOR THE TABLE SKIRTS SEWN BY MRS. RUBY TASHJIAN FOR THE CHURCH HALL.

SOCIALLY THE GROUP HAS HELD TWO DINNER MEETINGS AT A RESTAURANT AND A CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS HELD AT BISHOPS WHERE GIFTS WERE EXCHANGED.

THE GROUP IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A BUSY FRUITFUL YEAR AHEAD WITH MANY PROJECTS IN MIND AND TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN CHURCH FUNCTIONS. A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WILL BE HELD AND WOMEN INTERESTED ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE GROUP.

BANK BALANCE      \$1,321.80



# CHOIR REPORT FOR 1983

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

BALANCE ON HAND, JANUARY 1, 1983 \$ 405.78

### INCOME

CHURCH COLLECTIONS	\$ 208.00	
GIFTS	250.00	
BANK INTEREST	71.06	
PALM SUNDAY BANQUET	539.08	
READJUST CHECKBOOK BALANCE	25.00	
	<u>\$1,123.14</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$1,498.92

### EXPENSES

PARISH ANNIVERSARY	\$ 100.00	
REV. H. MELKONIAN'S PARTY	100.00	
MEMORIAL DONATIONS	200.00	
8 DEACON ROBES	280.00	
GRADUATION GIFTS (2)	20.00	
FLOWERS	15.00	
PALM SUNDAY BANQUET EXPENSES	220.92	
	<u>\$ 935.92</u>	
CHECKBOOK BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1983		\$ 563.00

## REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1983

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: ST. GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR CHURCH CHOIR  
CHAIRMAN: RICHARD BAZARIAN  
VICE-CHAIRMAN: EDGAR MOVSESIAN  
RECORDING SECRETARY: VIRGINIA TAVITIAN  
TREASURER: ALICE KASPARIAN

## REPORT OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

THE CHOIR MADE VISITATIONS TO MEMBERS WHO WERE SICK. THE CHOIR DONATED MONEY TO HAVE NEW DEACON ROBES MADE UP AND DONATED TO THE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. THE CHOIR ALSO SPONSORED THE ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY BANQUET.

# RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1983

CHECK BOOK BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 1983

\$ 7,900

## RECEIPTS

SACRAMENTS	\$ 1,250	
HOKEHANKEESD & PRAYERS	3,613	
MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	6,411	
PLEDGE	8,673	
PLATE	1,308	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	3,475	
CHURCH FUNCTIONS	23,688	
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	1,341	
EASTER OFFERING	1,432	
GIFTS	3,845	
ALTAR FLOWERS	835	
ALTAR CANDLES	508	
DONATIONS TO LOOSAVORICH	465	
BANK INTEREST	246	
INTEREST ON CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS	1,778	
TRANSFERS	9,000	
CHURCH HALL RENTALS	75	
SODA MACHINE	134	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	979	
RESERVE FOR KASPARIAN ENDOWMENT FUND	6,676	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$75,732	\$83,632

## DISBURSEMENTS

CLERGY SALARY	\$15,650	
CLERGY CAR ALLOWANCE	3,000	
CLERGY INSURANCE	1,995	
TAXES	484	
CUSTODIAL SERVICES	1,862	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	7,112	
DEACON, SOLOIST & ORGANIST	1,135	
SECRETARY	925	
UTILITIES	4,096	
OIL	1,462	
GAS	6,493	
CHURCH INSURANCE	2,449	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	4,161	
DIOCESAN DUES	5,545	
CHURCH FUNCTIONS	12,291	
CHURCH STATIONERY & SUPPLIES	2,154	
PRINTING	2,662	
ALTAR FLOWERS	688	
POSTAGE	1,028	
DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY EXPENSES	693	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	1,138	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$77,023	
CHECKBOOK BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1983		\$ 6,609

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - CONT'D.

12 MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT  
(Maturity Date 11/20/84)

\$20,000

FIRST RATE 7-DAY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

\$11,059.95

# PROPOSED 1984 BUDGET

## RECEIPTS

SACRAMENTS	\$ 1,500	
HOKEHANKEESD & PRAYERS	3,500	
MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	6,000	
PLEDGE	8,000	
PLATE	1,000	
MEMBERSHIP DUES	3,500	
CHURCH FUNCTIONS	25,000	
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	800	
EASTER OFFERING	1,200	
GIFTS	800	
ALTAR FLOWERS	600	
ALTAR CANDLES	350	
DONATIONS TO LOOSAVORICH	500	
BANK INTEREST	250	
INTEREST ON CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	2,000	
CHURCH HALL RENTALS	75	
SODA MACHINE	125	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	800	
TOTAL PROPOSED RECEIPTS	\$56,000	\$56,000

## DISBURSEMENTS

CLERGY SALARY	\$ 8,000	
CLERGY INSURANCE	-0-	
CLERGY CAR ALLOWANCE	-0-	
TAXES	500	
CUSTODIAL SERVICES	1,800	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	3,000	
DEACON, SOLOIST & ORGANIST	2,400	
SECRETARY	900	
UTILITIES	2,000	
OIL	500	
GAS	7,000	
CHURCH INSURANCE	2,500	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	3,500	
DIOCESAN DUES	6,800	
CHURCH FUNCTIONS	10,000	
CHURCH STATIONERY & SUPPLIES	2,000	
PRINTING	1,500	
ALTAR FLOWERS	900	
POSTAGE	1,100	
DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY EXPENSES	600	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	1,000	
TOTAL PROPOSED DISBURSEMENTS	\$56,000	\$56,000
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