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Annual Report from the Senior Pastor

January 2006

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:4, 5)

The great preacher Harry Emerson Fosdick was teaching a class of future preachers. He encouraged them to look into the faces of their congregation and to know that *"there is one person out there who desperately needs what you have to offer today."* As a preacher, I have found that to be true. I also see, as I look into your face and the faces of our people, hundreds of people who need to belong. As I journey into homes, hospitals, and nursing or rehabilitation facilities, I see the great value of being connected to a community of faith.

The value of belonging! Psychologist Abraham Maslow wrote a paper in 1943 titled *A Theory of Human Motivation* where he proposed his classic hierarchy of needs. He explained that one of the basic human needs – a need which must be met – is the need to belong.

Perhaps Jesus was aware of that basic human need as he taught about being connected to the vine. *I am the vine, you are the branches*, he said. Consider the life-giving energy that flows into you when you are connected to that vine. Think about how belonging to the Kingston Congregation Church provides a "connectedness" to something greater than one's self.

<u>Connected to the vine</u>

As you read the annual reports of each of our parts, you will notice a wholeness and a health which derive from being connected to the vine. There is evident a spiritual health which recognizes that the most important thing we do as individuals and as a congregation is to strive to be faithful to God.

..Being connected leads to a generous impulse in sharing. This congregation gives away almost a double tithe to purposes outside of itself. Each year we seem to worry about making the budget, and each year, we seem to end up with a surplus. Each year for the past four years, giving has increased.

..Being connected leads to a sense of joy in our worship, coffee hour, classes, programs and being with one another.

..Being connected leads to growth. We are growing in our spiritual relationship to God. We are growing in our learning. We are growing, as a congregation, in size. I have welcomed 117 new members in the past three years. We are growing in attendance. We usually have in attendance a range of 180 to 250 worshipers. Plus sixty children. Plus a dozen teachers, child care attendants, and others. (We only hold about 225). At a time when most mainline Protestant congregations are declining, KCC is expanding.

..Being connected leads to programs that meet needs: four adult education units a year; numerous "second hour" programs and discussions; a blend of family life committee picnics, dinners, workshops, and programs; a year full of Women's fellowship activities.

It is not just the activity or business that determines the quality of our life together, but the connectedness – to one another and to the Vine - to Jesus Christ. That connectedness is felt when you are hurting. It is felt when you meet another in the market. It is felt within all of our life together – boards and committees, classes and choir loft, Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary, in friendships and in lifting one another up. You belong. You are linked to this small organization which has an influence "out there" far out of proportion to its size. We are connected to one another in this community of faith because of our connection to the Vine.

Gratitude runs through my daily life for the hundreds of members who provide leadership and service to the church. To thank each in my report would sound like a night at the Academy Awards, but I do thank God for you by name in my prayers.

Staff

I cannot avoid raving about our TEAM, the staff. Each of the staff is highly competent, skilled, and playing at the top of his or her game. Most important, they play together as a team. We really like working together and enjoy one another's company. **Enrico Garzilli**, our talented superstar in music. Everything Enrico touches turns to beauty. He is my favorite singer barring none. When Enrico plays the piano and sings, I worship. **Joanne Gyorgy**, our educator par excellence. Teaching and learning is one of the key functions of a church and thanks to Joanne, teachers are recruited, trained, and supervised to help them model their faith to children. **Kevin Munroe**, our bright Assistant to the Pastor, preaches uplifting sermons that help relate the Bible to our everyday lives and helps me with visits, teaching, and pastoral responsibilities. **Shirley Schock**, our church secretary with the heart of a concierge. Her door is open, her welcome is warm, and her hands reach out in helpfulness and service to all. And wow, is she proactive! **Andy Cournoyer,** our sexton, cares for the church and tends our beloved facility with eagerness, capability, and warm friendliness. **Cathy White**, our financial secretary with a "can do" attitude, tends to the payment of bills and checks in a timely and accurate manner and knows more about computers than the rest of us combined.

Senior leaders

We are also blessed by a team of church leaders who give so much of their wisdom, energy and hours to undergird all else that happens at KCC and they too play well as a team: **Paul Schubert** is our creative and talented Church Council President who is a true partner with me in the mission and ministry of the church. **Ben Smith,** our Treasurer, keeps our financial house in good order with accuracy, integrity, and good humor. And it is to our senior leaders, our Board chairs and co-chairs, to whom we all owe a debt of appreciation for their seasoned and skilled leadership: **Paulette Osterman** and **Tom Brillat**, Deacons. **Jim Ross**, Trustees. **Sue Tierney** and **Jack Beliveau**, Christian Education. **Cindy Buxton** and **Dan Reifsteck**, Mission.

A challenge ahead

Recent studies have tried to identify marks of a vital church. I have shared these with our church leaders at our Leader's retreat. We have agreed that we are blessed to serve in a church that exhibits a great many of the characteristics of a vital, healthy church.

We are friendly. We offer an extravagant welcome to all, without exception. *YOU are welcome here!* is our motto. We are growing in many ways.

The challenges ahead which face the Kingston Congregational Church differ from those confronting many congregations. We have good resources. We have outstandingly gifted leaders. We have a first-rate staff. We are growing in health and in faithfulness. Our greatest challenge in the decade ahead is our growth in size. It's a nice problem to have, but it is a problem. Membership growth has consequences for seating, parking, educational facilities, staffing, program, and budget. We have 80% of our seats filled 80% of the time. Even more than that. So, how shall we manage growth? What if our crowdedness discourages us from reaching out enthusiastically to seek new members? Will guests and "church shoppers" be attracted to a service where they might have to stand in the back?

We need to think about the kind of church we want to become. We need to decide important questions together. Consequently, I have invited our church leaders to consider implementing a long-term strategic planning process. Not this year. Next year. This year we will plan to plan. Let's try to identify a lot of questions this year. Then, in 2007, let's spend the year in conversations, small groups, information gathering, and thinking creatively about our future, our calling, and our hope. The journey will be as important as the destination, for in the process of our thinking and planning, we will experience the best of our congregational form of governance, where the people themselves choose the future they wish to embrace.

It is my pleasure and honor to serve as your pastor. I really like our people and I can't find words to tell you how much I enjoy what I do. Thank you for inviting Donna and me into your life!

– John Zehring

President's Annual Message 2005

"God's self is community." With these words the Rev. Chuck Barnes, RIUCC Conference Minister opened our Leaders Retreat in September 2005 and, indeed over the past year I continue to draw strength and inspiration from our community of faith here at Kingston Congregational Church. The degree of concern, passion and commitment to improving the lot of the local and international community which you display is impressive. The testimonials by members of our congregation during the recent stewardship drive were moving and eloquent examples of what it means to be part of this faithful family.

It has been an honor to represent this wonderful congregation over the past year and a privilege to interact with such a talented group of staff and volunteers. The signs of a vital church abound here at Kingston Congregational Church: from extensive youth and mission programs to soulful sermons and soaring music to the welcoming of a continuous influx of new members. While it is not always easy to preside over such a dynamic group I would not have it any other way…our Congregational roots ensure that, while we will always experience diversity in non-essentials we also will always be united in the essentials of our love for one another and in our faithfulness to God.

God Bless this Church family as we look forward to another great year in 2006!

Paul Schubert

President, Church Council

Deacon's Annual Report

1. Completed writing and editing of Deacons' responsibilities.

2. Posted Deacon related information on web site.

3. Implemented recording of church services and posting on web site.

4. Modified how we receive input from committees. Deacon related committee chairs attend Deacon meetings on a rotating basis.

5. Completed job descriptions for assistant to the pastor and minister of music.

6. Welcomed all new members.

7. Assigned "God is Still Speaking" activities to the Welcoming Committee.

8. Initiated grief support group.

9. Maintained support for casserole crew.

10. Continued home communion.

11. Served as advisors, as requested, to confirmands.

Concerning the Deacons' work with the confirmands this past year, there are three things of note - the addition of the Assistant to the Pastor as a guest speaker; the use of videos and other materials recommended by the Board of Christian Education, and a close working relationship with the Senior High Fellowship.

Parish/Pastoral Relations

"The Parish/Pastoral Relations Committee holds in trust the relationship between congregation and pastor, pursuing the best interests of both equally. It supports and maintains this relationship, and helps the pastor and members of the church share ideas, hopes, dreams, and interpretations of mission. It lets the pastor know what people in the church are thinking. It provides a framework in which conflict can be dealt with creatively."

The committee met several times during 2005 to fulfill its purpose as stated above. As of December, 2005, I completed my term of service on this committee. At its January meeting a new Chairperson will be chosen. If church members ever have issues they would like the Parish/Pastoral Relations Committee to take up, they can contact any of the committee members at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bartels

Pastor/Pastoral Relations Committee: Bill Bartels, Sue Davis, Steve Washburn, Ernest Torres, Loretta Shaw, and Amy Hubertus.

Annual Report 2005
Music Director

I have continued to enjoy being organist and music director here at Kingston Congregational Church. I believe the past year has truly been a great musical and worshipful experience. The adult, junior and youth choirs have been excellent in their dedicated contribution to Worship. The repertoire of anthems for the three choirs consists of the best available music, from the past as well as contemporary settings of musical texts. While the Senior Choir sings every Sunday, the junior and youth choir normally sing on the fourth Sunday of the month and on special occasions such as Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday and Easter. Kristen Couturier and Andrea Richardson along with other parents have been generous and faithful in their superb work with the children.

This past Christmas the Senior Choir gave a Concert of Christmas Music before the Midnight Service. I am very proud, indeed, of their fantastic work. Along with the traditional Christmas Music was the beautiful Anthem of John Rutter, entitled "What Sweeter Music". The Choir continues to meet every Thursday evening to prepare for Sunday worship. I deeply appreciate their great contribution to worship. Our two Easter services included an original piece by your musical director along with the Alleluia Chorus of Handel. For Pentecost we enjoyed the music of the URI Traditional Jazz Band that performed with the Senior Choir. One of the pieces performed, "Come Holy Spirit" was written by Peloquin who was my organ teacher. I was very pleased to have that piece performed since I also was his assistant at the Cathedral in Providence when I was a teenager.

The Concerts at the Church this year were truly enjoyable, inspired and varied, from the Cabaret of Eric Times 2 to the Classical Concerts. The Concert Committee under the leadership of Delight Carpenter has done a great job in the planning and promotion of the concerts. I look forward to the beautiful concerts that are being planned for this year. I know that many of you are as well.

On a personal note, I have continued to compose music for both Concert and Service. In closing, I would like to thank Margaret Bradley and the music committee for their help and guidance during the year, along with Diana Geisler, and Dianne Kinsey who have provided very much appreciated service as choir librarians. And finally to all of you, I express my gratitude once again for your support, encouragement, and inspiration.

Respectfully submitted,
Enrico Garzilli

The Kingston Congregational Church
Music Committee
Annual Report
2005

On Christmas Eve 2005 the senior choir members wore for the first time their new, loden green robes. During preparation for the purchase, many people provided expertise, suggestions, and donations. Among the gifts were those from the families of choir member John Hopkinson and choir alumnus Bob Harrison, both of whom we lost in 2005. Choir member Sharon Davis and her husband donated two vans, and Tom Brillat performed a storytelling concert on January 30th and donated all the proceeds to the choir robe fund. Director of Music Enrico Garzilli donated some recently-produced CDs of his *Rage of the Heart*, as well. The music committee and the choir are very grateful for all the generosity and assistance provided.

The church is the recipient of a beautiful Fischer piano, which was delivered to the church on June 21st and is the gift of an anonymous donor, to whom we are very grateful.

The Concert Committee, under the leadership of Delight Carpenter, presented three uplifting, educational, and varied concerts in 2005. On February 27th, the Ocean State Children's Choir performed under the directorship of Paul Mancini. The Jubilate Chamber Music Ensemble feted us on April 15th. This ensemble and its music was of the highest quality, but we were proudest of oboist Amy Mendillo and composer Carl Schimmel, both of whom grew up in this church. Finally, on October 28th Eric X2 returned with a Cabaret concert that built hauntingly on their February 2004 performance.

The sale of *Rage of the Heart* CDs in December, along with CDs of the October 10, 2003 concert by and in this church, has provided some funding for the purchase of a much-needed microphone.

The voices of the youth and junior choirs were in good form this year, again prepared and directed by Andrea Richardson and Kristen Couturier, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Dein Bradley, Chair

Board of Christian Education
Annual Report 2005

The Board of Christian Education had a wonderful year in 2005. With the help of our very active Board, many Congregational members, the Senior Pastor, and our Church School Coordinator we were able to expand our existing programs and offer additional opportunities for education and fellowship to the Congregation.

Church School

In 2005 the Board of Christian Education set out to accomplish many goals. One of our goals was to promote the "Giving Curriculum" (a stewardship program for youth), to teach our children about the importance of sharing their time, talents or treasures with others. The Board is still looking for the most effective way to have giving become a priority for the church school children. We also looked at and discussed church school attendance, attrition and how to better connect with and engage the interest of parents, as well as the children. About seventy children registered for church school and there is an average attendance of about fifty children in church school each Sunday. The Board developed a class outline guide which was posted in each classroom. Teachers use this guide as a framework for their lesson plan. The guide covers: Attendance Taking, Lord's Prayer, Prayers of the Children, Offerings, Bible Reading(s), Lesson and Closing. John Zehring presented to the Board a workshop on the Philosophy of Christian Education in the UCC denomination. The Committee broke into two small groups afterwards and discussed what the members envisioned for the Church School.

Vacation Bible School was held in July at Camp Canonicus in Exeter, RI with the theme "Gospel Light". It was a cooperative VBS with a total attendance of 140 children from various churches. Twenty-four children and four volunteers from KCC attended. Feedback from attendees was positive and the cost was only thirty-five dollars per child for the week. The Providence Journal published an article about the camp on August 6, 2005.

The Christmas pageant was well-organized and Rev. Zehring received many compliments from the congregation about the service.

Adult Education

On an on-going basis, there were many opportunities for adults to further their study of the Bible or share in discussions of spirituality in 2005. The Bible Study group and the Spirituality Book group continued to meet regularly. Both are always open to new members. Their meetings are posted in the Bulletin and Spire. Throughout the year John and members of our Congregation led special programs which were well attended. John's Sermon Talk Back discussions continued to give everyone a chance to discuss and reflect on the day's message. These are announced by John as they are scheduled.

Senior High Fellowship

The year 2005 was another banner year for our Senior Highs! In 2005, Senior Highs could be found supporting each other at school activities and sporting events, raking leaves and baking cookies for the Congregation, as well as getting together for cook-outs, URI football games, and participating in RI UCC youth events.

Junior High Fellowship
Junior High Fellowship continues to offer Junior High students opportunities to get together after church and on weekends for fun and fellowship with one another. Led by various adults, the Jr. High students have gone out for Brunch with Jim Findlay and others about once a month following church service. They enjoy time to talk, play games and eat! They also enjoyed an "Ask your Pastor what's on your mind" pizza night this winter, with both John Zehring and Kevin Munroe there to answer all their questions. A one-day ski trip is being planned for this winter, as well as a mission trip to Downcity Providence for early spring.

Family Life
A big thank you to all the Family Life Committee members for their hard work in 2005 organizing many successful events, including the Mardi-Gras Pancake Supper, Progressive Dinner, Fall Festival, and Advent Workshop.

In closing, I would like to say a big thank you to the entire Board for the energy, enthusiasm, and thought you each bring to the Board's efforts. It has been a wonderful experience to be a member of this Board for the past several years.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Tierney, Chair

2005 Annual Report
Church School

Our church school at KCC is currently comprised of six classes that accommodate children from infants through eighth grade. Attendance is generally between 50 and 60 students per week.

There are 16 volunteer teachers, as well as several assistants from the Jr. High and High School classes. The Nursery School is staffed by a paid teacher and a volunteer teacher, with assistance from the Junior and Senior High students. We are still using a "Team Teaching" system, which allows the teachers flexibility in scheduling. It is always a challenge to recruit new teachers, and we never seem to have the full compliment of teachers for each class. We do, however, have at least two teachers for each class, and this allows the teachers to attend worship at least some of the time. We are truly blessed to have a committed, caring group of teachers, who give their time and talent, and do such a great job with the kids.

We are currently using a curriculum called "Hands- On- Bible", published by Group Publishing. This curriculum is used in Kindergarten through Grade Six. Feedback from the teachers has been quite positive for this curriculum, and the students seem to be happy with it as well.

Vacation Bible School was held, for the first time this year, at Canonicus Conference Center in Exeter, and was a rousing success. Approximately 20 children and 5 adults from KCC participate, which was put on in collaboration with other churches in the area. The feedback from those attending was very positive for this program, and we will participate again next summer.

Thanks to the support of a strong Board of Christian Education, the Reverend John Zehring, a wonderful group of teachers, and a great bunch of kids, Church School at KCC continues to thrive.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Gyorgy

2005 Annual Report
Christian Family Life Committee

We started off the year with the Mardi Gras Pancake Supper in February, which was attended by over 90 hungry members. The children enjoyed the craft table, creating Mardi Gras hats and masks.

99 participants enjoyed the Progressive Dinner in late April. A wonderful evening of fellowship was shared by all.

The weather was warm and beautiful for the 60 people that attended the KCC Annual Church Picnic at the South Kingstown Town Beach in September.

In October we again hosted a Fall Festival at the church. Although the weather was poor, we had almost 70 attendees. Activities included pumpkin decorating, scarecrow making, apple pie making, leaf rubbing, and fun foam crafts.

The Advent Workshop on the last Sunday of November was a busy event and a real success. Favorite activities included beaded ornaments, stamped metal ornaments, reindeer food, cookie decorating, pine cone bird feeders, Advent wreaths and crèche painting. Special thanks to Debi Jennings and family for coordinating the crèche painting and for molding plaster figurines.

The following week our beautiful new Christmas tree was raised, purchased with proceeds from the coupon program at Bedrock Tree Farm. Thank you to all church members who used the coupon when purchasing a tree.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy White, Chair

Faye Boudreaux-Bartels, Cindy Dowgiallo, Karen Elliott, Lori Ann Hiener, Kelly Jarbeau, Ann Lenox, Kristin McGrath and Beverly Stringer.

Trustees Annual Report 2005

The Trustees are responsible for certain personnel, for the buildings and grounds, and for the budget and the finances of the church. During 2006 Jeff Richardson replaced Janice Wright and Marc Ferrelli replaced Susan Hammen-Winn as Trustees, Andy Cournoyer was appointed Sexton replacing Marie Mersereau, Ben Smith was elected Treasurer replacing Nelson Weiderman, and Grace Woodward and Doug Kraus were appointed Assistant Treasurers (responsible for the counting and deposit of offerings) replacing Wilma Cole. Trustees serving during 2005 were Dave Cox, Sharon Davis, Marc Ferrelli, Audrey Hallberg, Wayne Lee, Jeff Richardson, Jim Ross, Dick Shaw, Ben Smith, and Craig Thompson. Thanks to all for your hard work and service.

Work on buildings and grounds, both directly by Trustees and by others, and by contractors, was comprehensive. Painting was extensive upstairs in the Church House, pew doors were realigned, a new mailbox and slot were installed near the front door by the office, the ceiling of the choir loft stairway was replastered and painted, an exit driveway was regraded and reseeded, a donated meeting-bell was installed in Fellowship Hall, the office was re-keyed, runners were laid upstairs in the Church House, the church sign at Route 2 was put back up, chairs were re-caned, pew cushions replaced, innumerable leaks were identified and fixed, gutters and downspouts cleaned, regular weeding and planting of the gardens carried out, the premises were sprayed for carpenter ants, and preparations have been made for hearing enhancements in the sanctuary and for repairing the chimes in the steeple. Two successful Blue Jeans Sundays were held; over fifty people participated in each, and their efforts have made the insides of our buildings as sparkling as the newly-painted exteriors.

Several sizeable projects were funded by sources outside of regular parishioner pledges. The 2005 painting of our beautiful church, which was funded by a gift from the Roehl estate that paid for painting, shutter work, and associated carpentry/siding expenses, is an outstanding example. So too is the bright new carpeting installed in the aisles, stairways, and the altar steps. New plantings and landscaping around the foundation also were funded in this way. Thirty bricks were sold and laid in the walkway. Our Potter Fund grant for 2005 was deferred until 2006, when two new sets of doors, opening into the front and back gardens, will be installed. Two donated vans were sold by the Trustees, and the proceeds directed to the choir robe fund. Considerable planning work was done on a new kitchen – work continues into 2006; it is contemplated that such work will be funded from other than regular parishioner pledges. (The exterior building work required close coordination with the Historical Commission.)

Budgeting was complicated by the many early winter storms, by the capital expense of replacing expensive furnace components early in the year, and by soaring expenses for heating and for insurance. We rewrote our rental expense contract, increased our one-time rental rates, and shifted to the Board of Missions in the review of organizations seeking a reduction from our current rental rates. It seems clear to Trustees that existing rental rates enjoyed by established long-term renters of our facilities result in subsidies by KCC to those organizations, and thus are "community contributions." We continue to seek to quantify these "contributions" so that KCC may take credit for them.

Respectfully submitted,
James B. Ross, Chair

Nominating Committee Annual Report for the Year 2005

The nominees on the 2005 ballot presented by the Nominating Committee were accepted as proposed at the January 2005 Annual Meeting. The youth position on the Committee of Delegates was unfilled. In February a position on the Board of Christian Education was created due to a resignation. At the next regular congregational meeting, the nomination of Vicky Wallace was approved to fill that position. At the October congregational meeting the following nominations to fill open positions were approved: Board of Deacons -–Louise Pearson, Board of Trustees – Marc Ferrelli, and Board of Missions and Social Justice – Jean Miller.

The 2006 ballot will contain 28 persons nominated for election or reelection. This includes persons who filled mid- term vacancies indicated by (*) who have not been voted on at a previous congregational meeting, those who have accepted another term as allowed by the bylaws, or those who filled openings which arose at year end due to normal rotation of terms. Please note on the ballot that (1) '08 means first term ending December of 2008. Persons with an (*) remain eligible for two complete terms.

Meetings were held monthly when positions needed to be filled but meetings were held at least twice a month during October, November and December. The ballot is complete with the exception of the two positions on the Nominating Committee. These will be filled by nominations by Council. We have worked hard as a committee and I thank the members for their work. After serving two terms, Tom Holland will go off the committee and I thank him for his dedication. I will not be seeking a second term. The committee thanks all people who have agreed to join a Board or Committee and those who will continue their terms.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Barth, Chair; Connie Fitzelle, George Fitzelle, Tom Holland Sue Kermes,
and Holly Washburn

Membership Report

Members as of January 1, 2005		**518**
Additions		
Confirmations	14	
Other	33	
Total Additions		**47**
Losses		
Death	8	
Other removals	7	
Total Losses		**15**
Members as of December 31, 2005		**550**

Baptisms 18
Marriages 3

Baptisms	Date of Baptism
Vickie Sherman	January 16, 2005
Katherine Marie Entwistle(confirmed)	March 6, 2005
Heather Elise Richardson (confirmed)	March 6, 2005
Emma Pelton	April 10, 2005
Joshua Pelton	April 10, 2005
Samuel Robert Wallin	April 24, 2005
Nolan William Jarbeau	May 1, 2005
Courtney Marissa Previte	May 22, 2005
Megan Rose Falk	May 29, 2005
Alyssa Lee Howe	June 5, 2005(private)
Julia Hope Reid	June 19, 2005
Emma Rose Davis	June 26, 2005
Sarah Marie Brown	July 31, 2005
Sophia Rae Knoblock	August 7, 2005
Juliana Lynn Sticca	August 28, 2005
Jacob Henry Joly	October 16, 2005
Eliza Kate Jensen	October 30, 2005
Ian Cameron McGrath	November 27, 2005

Deaths

Karl Thompson	January 12, 2005	Kenneth Munroe	May 3, 2005
George Bridges	January 14, 2005	Urda Wood	July 31, 2005
Sheila Peters (n/m)	January 21, 2005	Marie Rieser	November 5, 2005
Robert Harrison	January 31, 2005		
John Hopkinson	February 22, 2005		
Roger Bond (n/m)	March 9, 2005		
Charles Bechtold	March 19, 2005		

Other Removals

Melanie Fennueff	December 11, 2005
Robert Fenneuff	December 11, 2005
Carol Grandin	December 17, 2005
John Grandin	December 17, 2005
Marcus White	December 17, 2005
Steve Horton	December 17, 2005
Tracy Tenny	December 17, 2005

Marriages

Peter Cobb Walsworth and Katherine Anne Mendillo	September 17, 2005
Eric James Kordish and Laura Anne Torres	September 24, 2005
Carl Beauchamp and Elisabeth Borges	December 3, 2005

New Members 2005

Andrew Curtis	January 19, 2005
Bethany Curtis	January 19, 2005
Cynthia Caraccia	January 16, 2005
Kristen O'Mahoney Franco	January 16, 2005
Todd Gregory	January 16, 2005
Deborah Kirchick	January 16, 2005
Pamela Lezaeta	January 16, 2005
Kevin Pelton	January 16, 2005
Christine Pelton	January 16, 2005
Vickie Sherman	January 16, 2005
Karen Tucker	January 16, 2005
Erik Wallin	January 16, 2005
Karissa Wallin	January 16, 2005
Grace Woodward	January 16, 2005
Alison Elizabeth Buxton	March 6, 2005
Ernest Jeremy Corvese	March 6, 2005
David Sherman Curtis	March 6, 2005
Eric Hodgson Dumican	March 6, 2005
Sara Dunleavy-Berge	March 6, 2005
Katherine Marie Entwistle	March 6, 2005
Casey Rose Farrell	March 6, 2005
Gregory David Fiedorowicz	March 6, 2005
Sarah Joyce Johnson	March 6, 2005
Emily Matthew	March 6, 2005
Heather Elise Richardson	March 6, 2005
Katherine Lee Still	March 6, 2005
Ross Robert Tucker	March 6, 2005
Kathryn E. Wallace	March 6, 2005
Michael Lockwood	April 17, 2005
Christine Lockwood	April 17, 2005
Jeffrey Brown	April 17, 2005
Linda Brown	April 17, 2005
Elizabeth Clappin*	October 2, 2005
Lisa Harlow*	October 2, 2005
Gary Harlow	October 2, 2005
Rebecca Harlow	October 2, 2005
Barbara Johnson	October 2, 2005
Gordon Johnson	October 2, 2005
Jodie Luzzi	October 2, 2005
Joseph Luzzi	October 2, 2005
Patricia Moore	October 2, 2005
Ron Stevens	October 2, 2005
Judith Scott	October 2, 2005
Elizabeth Walls	October 2, 2005

*in absentia

Submitted by Ruth Fiddes, Registrar

Treasurer's 2005 Annual Report

The year 2005 was a good financial year for the Kingston Congregational Church. Initial figures show an operating budget surplus for the year. The congregation pledges exceeded the budget helping income to reach 100% of plan. Significant monies were also raised from fund raisers and for special offerings. Despite a few large unplanned expenses, including a large boiler repair and an unusually snowy winter leading to extra snow removal expense, KCC was still under budget reaching only 98% of planned expenses.

The financial audit was officially closed this year. The real work was accomplished over the summer and fall of 2004. 2005 was spent tying up some loose ends after which the audit was signed off by Mark Provost, CPA, Ltd. of Warwick, RI and the KCC Auditors. KCC members can be assured that all our accounts are in order and the church is financially healthy.

Submitted by,

Ben Smith
KCC Treasurer

Investment Committee
2005 Annual Report

During 2005 the Investment Committee met February 13 and October 5. On January 1, 2005 the endowment portfolio had a market value of $1,150,825. During the year $49,000 of the endowment's mutual funds were sold with the proceeds used to support the 2005 annual budget. There were no new contributions or gifts to the endowment during 2005. The market value for Dec. 31, 2005 is not available yet but a rough estimate would be $1,165,000 for a 5.6% return. This would compare favorably to the returns of the average S&P 500 index fund and the average balanced fund index of 4.4% and 4.7% respectively. At year end the endowment portfolio held seven mutual funds with an approximate portfolio weighting of 81% equity, 19% bonds and 0% cash. In accordance with the Investment Committee Policy Statement, using 5% of a rolling 3 year average, it was determined that $54,000 from the endowment fund be considered to support the general operating budget in 2006. In anticipation of this we will sell a portion of the endowment mutual fund holdings to fund the support.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Geisler, Chairman

Members: Jim Aukerman, David Deuel, John Ferry, Richard Geisler, John Hatch, Harold Henn, Ken Kermes, Jim Ross, and Nelson Weiderman.

Board of Missions and Social Justice

The BOM/SJ started our year after the tragic Tsunami on December 26th 2004. John dedicated the Pastor's Samaritan Fund to relief efforts and we collected $3000. We realized the Tsunami victims would be years in recovery and needed ongoing support so we made Tsunami relief our theme for the year. In July our own Brook Ross, who was working on rebuilding in Indonesia, came to speak to us and we collected $1365 more for Tsunami relief.

In February we hosted Dr. Lafayette for the annual Emig Lecture and learned about his work for peace and conflict resolution in Rhode Island and around the globe. March followed with the Peace and Justice Task force holding a service to pray for peace around the world and remember the victims of war. April was our annual one great hour of sharing in which we designated our collection for Church World Service Tsunami relief once again.

Then in late August, Hurricane Katrina hit. John again designated the Pastor's Samaritan Fund to relief efforts and with the help of an anonymous donor (who volunteered to match any funds collected) we collected $17,635! In September we finished our commitment to the Hungarian Chaplaincy collecting $1542.00. The Findlays later reported to us on the ongoing work of the chaplaincy and on their trip to Hungary. We took the Blanket Sunday collection for Church World Service in October and collected $2808 this time designated for two major disasters. When the earthquake in Pakistan occurred we decided to split our Christmas offering between relief to Pakistan and our local missions. As of this writing the amount collected is not available. Christmas 2004 you donated $5832 which was sent in 2005. You have been very generous this year and it has been a year of great need. This does not even include the church school's Heifer Project collection of $803 and the Women's fellowship's mission contributions of $3705.07.

The BOM/SJ has two task forces which are subcommittees. The peace and justice task force has been busy this year. In addition to the peace service they had a peace board in coffee hour with a theme each month. In October Terry Schimmel did a workshop on violence in the media and non-violent toys and gifts. In November, they sponsored our own Molly Little (who came up through our church school) speaking on her trip to Palestine working with Palestinian youth. The Environmental Task Force has just gotten stated and we hope you've noticed there articles in the Spire each month starting in November. We hope to plan more activities soon. We are working on a Local missions task Force to be a liaison with local organizations and would love participation from anyone interested.

We are so proud of your interest and participation in Missions as we work together to do God's work in the world.

Respectfully Submitted,
In Peace,
Cindy Buxton

for your Board of Missions: Carolyn Barwise, Cindy Buxton, Nina Gowell, Doris Findlay, Tina Letcher, Mark Mersereau, Jean Miller, Dan Reifsteck, and Patty Stout

Women's Fellowship 2005 Annual Report
January 2006

Women's Fellowship Mission

The Women's Fellowship of KCC is open to all women who are members or friends of this congregation. Our purpose is:

1) To provide friendship and support and to nurture each woman's faith journey To come together for education, entertainment and enjoyment To donate our time, efforts and money to projects which benefit our church, our community and the world.

2005 Activities

We have continued to have monthly meetings with successful programs held at church. January was a panel presentation about Alternative Health; February was Walking the Labyrinth as Prayer and we sent Valentines to shut ins; March was a program by Tina & Steve Letcher about their travels in China; April was Church World Service with Infant, School and Health Kits assembled & delivered; May was the Kingston Fair Lunch & Bake Sale and June was our Ice Cream Social & Annual Meeting. September was our Potluck Supper; October was a slide show about Migration by Prentice Stout; November was the Mother-Daughter Gingerbread House Decorating Extravaganza!! December started off with the Christmas Dinner (74 attended) and Storyteller Steve Burt. Next was our Christmas Workshop, where we made arrangements to sell and we arranged narcissus bulbs that are delivered to shut-ins; we also made 7 holiday centerpieces and 3 door swags plus other handmade, knit and baked items were donated which all get sold at the Christmas Sale! This year also included special paintings by Ruth Gilbert, which her family donated to us for sale! It was a very full and active year!!

2005 Donations

Please note that Women's Fellowship money is separate from the Church's Budget and the work of KCC'S four main boards (though we do have a vote and attend council meetings).Your donations to Women's Fellowship do not appear on your church financial statement but are still tax deductible and we thank you so much for your support!! We have three fundraisers during the year: An appeal letter in September, the Christmas Sale and the Kingston Fair Lunch & Bake Sale in May. We donate money in January and in June to local charities. For 2005, a total of $2300 went to South County Church Women United, Women's Resource Center, Johnny Cake Center, Cane Child Development Center, South Providence Neighborhood Ministries & to their Youth Program, RI Community Food Bank, South County Habitat for Humanity, Seniors Helping Others, RI UCC Conference Camperships and Camp Ruggles.

Our international donation (@$1691 plus donated items) was to Church World Service with the 453 kits we assembled in April. We also contributed $100 each to KCC Senior & Junior High. In addition, we donated $300 towards the new choir robes from our memorial fund to honor all of our women who sang and are still singing!! **Our grand total of donations for 2005 was $4500. GREAT!!**

Thank you board members and all the many volunteers who worked so hard to make all of the above happen!! Thank you everyone who contributed their time, talents and treasures, to make 2005 a success. Please join us for our 2006 activities.

Helen Rowe-Drake, President

Flower Committee Report

The committee organized the weekly flowers for the sanctuary and distributed them to people named in prayers and others with special needs. We decorated the sanctuary for both Easter and Christmas. We continued our efforts with the visiting committee and at Easter almost every homebound member (including those in nursing homes and assisted living) received a lily and at Christmas a poinsettia (thanks to the donations of plants from the congregation).

The new order form for the lilies and poinsettias proved to be both successful and convenient.

The transition to artificial greenery was completed last year. This year there was a nominal cost of replacing only a few bows. The use of this artificial greenery has resulted in a substantial savings for the church.

The committee is now in transition with new co-chairs Vickie Wallace and Claudia Smith who begin their term in January ’06. We thank them for volunteering for this task.

Submitted by
Pat Cox and Judy Potter

Visiting Committee 2005

The Visiting Committee meets bi-monthly at the Church to report on visits and calls made to shut-ins. We send birthday cards to Church members who are 85 years or older. We also send get well and sympathy cards and notes and Easter cards.

Our annual Christmas card signing is held the first two Sundays in December during coffee hour. Signatures and notes are collected and enclosed in the Christmas cards we send to shut-ins and out-of-town friends.

We also work with the Flower Committee to help distribute flowers, poinsettias, and Easter lilies to the members we visit.

During the year the Visiting Committee has been interviewing the older members we visit. The published articles, written by members of the Visiting Committee, can be found in The Spire.

This year our committee included: David Barwise, Carolyn Bradley, Cheslie Carpenter, Wilma Cole, Diana Geisler, Earl Noblet, Ann Ross, Patricia Weeden, and Paulette Osterman (Deacon representative). Urda Wood, a committee member and dear friend, passed away on July 31, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Geisler, Chairman

KCC Telephone Prayer Chain Report 2005

There have been 579 requests for prayer:

237 from persons in our KCC family

342 from friends of our KCC family

Each person for whom we offer prayer support needs to want to receive prayer support and is asked monthly whether a corner has been turned.

Monthly requests have varied from 45 to 56 a month coming from KCC and from friends of KCC living locally, in the US, and abroad.

Each has been given to the 21 prayer links. Five are not in KCC but asked to be links having appreciated support of the prayer chain.

Our links each pray daily, at home, for those who welcome support from our KCC prayer chain. Urda Wood, a long prayer link, died this year. We will always welcome new links in the prayer chain.

PLEASE CONTACT if you want to receive prayers either Rev. John Zehring, the church office, Delight Carpenter, Dianne Kinsey, Lou Pearson, or Carol Shilling who will contact other prayer links.

This prayer ministry has been enriching both for those receiving prayer support and each of the prayer links.

Submitted by Carol Shilling

Congregational Society in the Pettaquanscutt Purchase
Report of the Cemeteries Committee May 3, 2005

The Cemeteries Committee supervises three cemeteries: Old Fernwood and Tower Hill belong to the Society, and the Peckham Family Cemetery belonging to that family. The Tower Hill Cemetery, on the site of the first church building in the history of the Kingston Congregational Church, had its first burial in 1719 and that last one in 1944, Bernon E. Helme. Although inactive since then, it is still available for use. The Peckham Family Cemetery is restricted to use by members of that family, but is cared for by our committee in accordance with an agreement made with the late Dorothy Peckham who contributed $5,000 to our endowment for that purpose. Old Fernwood is divided into two parts: the original section was given by Elisha Reynolds Potter in 1826 for use by members of this society and of the church, and by people living within one mile of the church or of the cemetery. The extension of the Old Fernwood, landscaped in the 1960's and put into use in the 1990's, was given by Herbert J. Wells in 1927 for use by members of this Society and of the church and their families.

Edward Young conscientiously cares for Old Fernwood, where he began service in 1970, and for the Peckham Family Cemetery. With the surface of the cemetery being very uneven and the monuments varying in shape and size, this is not an easy task.

Scott Wallace has given the same quality care to the Tower Hill Cemetery. This last fall before the Pettaquamscutt Historical South Ferry/Tower Hill house tour, Scott did a major brush clearing that uncovered at least seven marked graves and the monument to John Pitman's widow Abigail "who departed this Life June 17th 1780 in the 54th Year of her Age, Life How Short, Eternity How Long" and also one for a two year old.

We have been working with the continuing problem of lichen growth on the monuments cleaning stones as suggested by the historical cemetery association. Road maintenance of the dirt road (originally the main road) in Old Fernwood also was attended to with both additional dirt and grading. The Faella family who own the section to the right as one comes in from the west contributed to this project.

During the past year (June 2004 – May 2005) two members of this Society and the church have died and been interred in the cemetery: David Shilling and Delmae Wyllie Ferrelli. Kingston resident Sheila Peters was also interred.

Our desire is to make the cemeteries in every respect places of honor to the dead and of comfort to their relatives and friends. Lots remain available in both cemeteries, with contributions to the endowment fund of $250 a plot from members of the church and $400 from nonmembers. Rates are presently being reviewed. Reservations may be made for future use, and a number of families have elected to have monuments placed on their lots even many years in advance of actual use, thus to ease the burden on the family at a time of great sorrow.

Respectfully submitted: Cheslie Carpenter, Elizabeth McNab, Richard Shaw, William D. Metz, Chairman

BALLOT FOR 2006

President	**Paul Schubert**	(2) '06
Moderator	**Angelo Mendillo**	(2) '06
Clerk	Martha Hartman	(1) '06
Treasurer	Ben Smith	(1) '06
Assistant Treasurers	Grace Woodward	(1) '07
	Doug Kraus	(1) '07
Registrar	Ruth Fiddes	'06
Archivist/Historian	William Metz	'06
Council at Large	Faye Boudreaux-Bartels	(*) '06
	Nancy Holland	(*) '06
	Jim McGrath	(2) '07
	Wayne Svehlik	(2) '07

President and Moderator are one-year terms. All other church officers are two-year terms. Board and standing committee members are elected for three years (one term) and are limited to two terms (6 years). The first number indicates first or second term. The second number indicates December of the year in which term expires.
(*) indicates persons who filled mid-term vacancies. **Bold type indicates persons to be voted on**.

Board of Deacons

Louise Pearson	(*) '06	Sandra Andrew	(2) '07
Ellen Henry	(1) '06	Nancy Ross	(1) '07
Frank Lenox	(1) '06	**Paulette Osterman**	(2) '08
Jacquelyn Piez	(2) '06	**Thomas Brillat**	(2) '08
Lora Schubert	(2) '07	**Kevin Pelton**	(1) '08
Andrea Richardson	(1) '07	**Linda Mendillo**	(1) '08

Board of Trustees

Marc Ferrelli	(*) '06	Craig Thompson	(1) '07
Richard Shaw	(1) '06	Jim Ross	(2) '08
Sharon Davis	(1) '06	Wayne Lee	(2) '08
David Cox	(2) '07	**Maureen White**	(1) '08
Ben Smith -Treasurer	(1) '07	**Bob Saurette**	(1) '08
Jeff Richardson	(1) '07	**Bob Scott**	(1) '08

Board of Christian Education

Gary Harlow	(*) '06	Susan Buntz	(1) '07
Vickie Wallace	(*) '06	Jan Blackwell	(1) '07
Marilyn Goodman	(2) '06	Paul Mello	(1) '07
Jack Beliveau	(1) '07	**Jill Dumican**	(1) '08
Pam Smith	(1) '07		

Board of Mission and Social Justice

Carolyn Barwise	(1) '06	Nina Gowell	(1) '07
Tina Letcher	(1) '06	**Cindy Buxton**	(2) '08
Mark Mersereau	(1) '06	**Jane Bridges**	(1) '08
Jean Miller	(*) '07	**Daniel Reifsteck**	(2) '08
Patty Stout	(1) '07		

Stewardship Committee

Mary Daly	(1) '06	**Stephen Clegg**	(2) '08
Doris Findlay	(*) '06	**Tom Heald**	(1) '08
Ken Kermes	(1) '07	Marci Redinger	(1) '07

Music Committee

Beverly Stringer	(1) '06	Vernon Bradley	(1) '07
James Nelson	(1) '06	**Margaret Bradley**	(2) '08
Elizabeth McNab	(2) '07	**Don Barry**	(1) '08

Committee of Delegates

Rosemary Wilson	(1) '06	Canna Falby	(2) '08
Susan Brillat	(1) '06	**Cliff Falby**	(1) '08
Ed Carney	(2) '06	**Joann Svehlik**	(1) '08
Deb Shaw	(1) '07	**Wayne Svehlik**	(1) '08
Rebecca Harlow – youth	(1) '08		

Nominating Committee

Connie Fitzelle	(1) '06	Holly Washburn	(1) '07
George Fitzelle	(1) '06	Susan Brillat	(1) '08
Sue Kermes	(1) '07	Bob Schneck	(1) '08

Investment Committee

John Hatch	(2) '06	John Ferry	(2) '07
Ken Kermes	(2) '06	Nelson Weiderman	(2) '07
Harold Henn	(2) '06	**Jim Aukerman**	(2) '08
David Deuel	(1) '07	**Richard Geisler**	(2) '08

Standing committees nominated by the Nominating Committee and appointed by Council:

Human Resource Committee

Ellen Henry (2) '07 Laura Nelson (1) '08 Jan Wright (1) '06

Audit Committee

Henry Schwarzbach (2) '06 George Fiddes (1) '07
Bonnie Baker-Daigle (2) '08