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"A Witness for the Kingdom Since 1900" is the church motto of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, located at 4400 Fourth Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The church has been without a priest since March 1980. Reverend Charles Granger resigned in March 1980 to take a position in Detroit.

The pulpit has been shared by priests from sister churches in the Minnesota Diocese. Reverend Jerry Winterowd, Administrator of Episcopal Community Services for the Diocese. Reverend Alison Crellin of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Reverend Richard Smith, former Chaplin at Breck School, Reverend William Teska, Associate Chaplin at the University Episcopal Center, Reverend Chester Talton of St. Phillips Episcopal Church, St. Paul. In June 1980 we celebrated in joint services with St. James-on-the Parkway with Reverend Denis O'Pray. We held our annual picnic with St. Phillips Church in August.

The congregation of St. Thomas' isn't large, it consists of 160 family units. A Search Committee has been organized and its primary purpose is to secure a regular priest. In the interim, Reverend Jay Hanson and Jerry Winterowd will share the pulpit. St. Thomas' is looking to the future. There are eight young women who volunteered to teach in our Sunday School. Classes begin in October. Our vestry is made up of twelve parishoners in addition of a Senior and Junior Warden.

The retired priest, Reverend Louis W. Johnson, was instituted as an Honory Canon of the Cathedral Church of St. Mark on June 24, 1980.

Data on the complete history of St. Thomas Church, organized in 1900, is being compiled and will be completed soon.

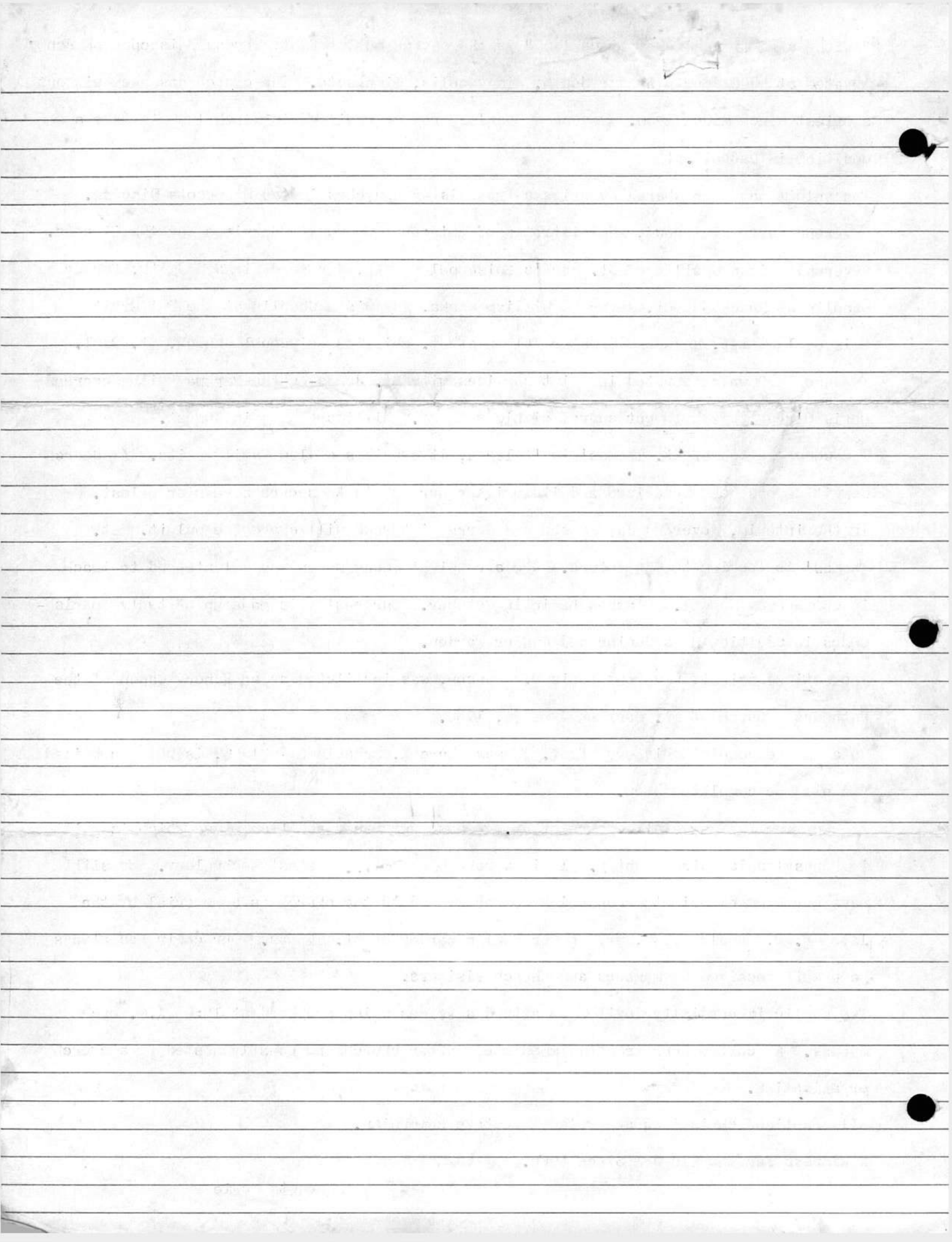
In December 1979 several members of St. Thomas' purchased an Allan Organ which is built in Pennsylvania Dutch Country. It is a rare blend of the latest technology. We still have our Hammond Spinet Organ which was presented to the church as a memorial by the late Dr. W. Donald Brown, Sr. former Senior Warden of St. Thomas. Our choir has always been well received by members and church visitors.

The public is cordially invited to attend services which are held at 10:00 A.M. each Sunday. A coffee hour is held immediately after church and usually hosted by a church organization.

All baptized christians are welcome to take communion.

A Witness for the Kingdom Since 1900.

Beneta McHie



In 1896 a group of <sup>small</sup> ~~poor~~ episcopalians <sup>had been</sup> ~~was~~ attending Epiphany Church in  
<sup>down town</sup> Mpls. decided they wanted their own  
~~separate~~ church. So St. Thomas began  
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*we have several members who can recall attending Sunday school at the first church.*

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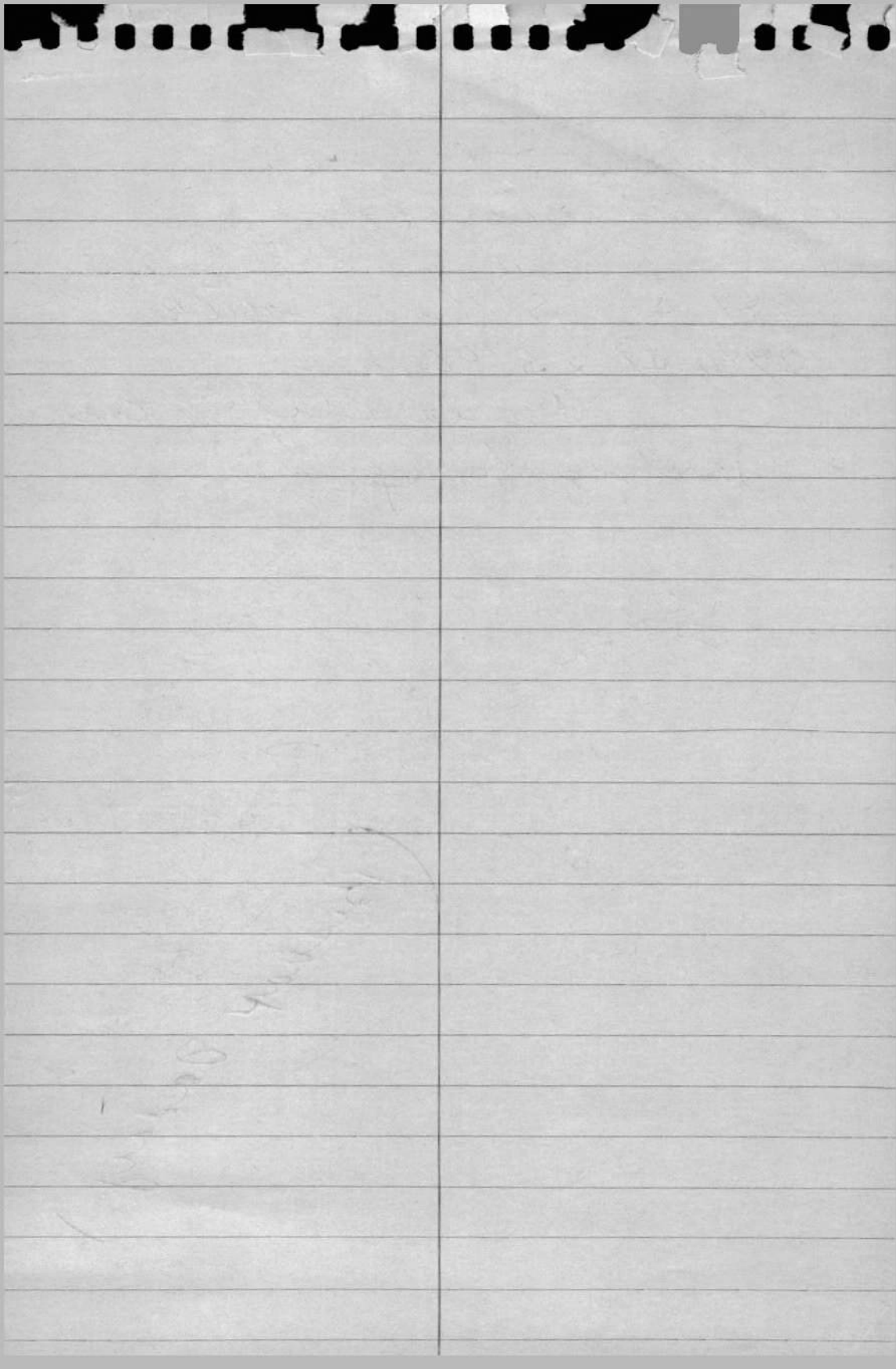
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*Reverend Mr. Alfred Henry Leach*

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Methodist Church in Jackson, Miss., decided to establish a church

in the city of Natchez, Miss., and the name of the church was

the First Methodist Episcopal Church was established. Some of

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