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THE METHODIST CHURCH OFFICIAL BOARD

Report of the Commission on Education

This is also the Report of the Church-School Superintendent

The report to the Official Board shall be made on this form. The REPORT TO THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE, if and when requested, shall also be made on this form. If additional space is needed for a full report, use extra sheets of plain white paper the same size as this form.

Duke Memorial Church Duke Memorial Charge

Durham District North Carolina Conference

For the Period Beginning October 1, 19 53 and Ending September 30, 19 54.

CHURCH-SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE INCREASE

1. (a) Who is the assistant superintendent in charge of securing new members and improving attendance in the church school (¶ 229 §1)? Miss Kathleene Cox

   (b) Does he have a committee working with him representing the divisions, or departments, or classes? Yes

   (c) What are their names? Departmental secretaries and Commission of Education members.

2. Is a list of prospective new members maintained and worked? Yes.

3. How do church-school membership and average attendance compare with a year ago? Slightly improved.

QUALITY OF WORK

4. What is being done about teacher training? Two local training courses during year and attendance at Durham Methodist Leadership School.

5. Do the Commission on Education and the Workers' Conference meet regularly? Yes.

6. What other features of progress can be reported? Largest church membership class in years. Noticeable loyalty of church school workers. Slight increase in average attendance at Sunday School.

EVANGELISM IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

7. (a) Has the responsibility of teachers to lead pupils to Christ and church membership been emphasized? Yes

   (b) Is the co-operation of parents and the home actively sought? Yes (c) Do you have a practical plan for training teachers to be evangelists? Yes

NEW CHURCH SCHOOLS

8. Has a new church school been organized by this commission during the period of this report (¶ 227)? No

NOTE: For definition of *church school, see* ¶ 228, 1952 *Discipline.*

See Other Side for Statistical Report

STATISTICAL REPORT

The statistical report corresponds to the Pastor's Report to Annual Conference. If this is an annual summary and is accurately done, it can be copied by the pastor into his report to Annual Conference, since the numbered lines below appear also in the Pastor's Report to Annual Conference. The church-school superintendent can secure the data for this report from page four of the General Secretary-Treasurer's Record, Methodist Church-School Record System, where these items occur.

	Item		No.	Period This Report	One Year Ago*
MEMBERSHIP	Officers and Teachers (do not include in lines 14-18 inclusive)		13	92	
	Children's Division 0-11 Yrs.	Nursery Home Members (formerly Cradle Roll)	14	34	
		Children (not including Nursery Home Members) Report members in Sunday school, additional sessions, vacation school, weekday groups, etc.—not counting same person twice.	15	382	
	Youth Division—12-23 Years Report members in Sunday school, Sunday evening fellowships, weekday groups, youth home members, etc.—not counting same person twice.		16	140	
	Adult Division 24 & Over	Adult Home Members (formerly Home Department)	17	63	
		Adults (not including Adult Home Members) Report members in Sunday school, Sunday evening fellowships, weekday groups, etc.—not counting same person twice.	18	488	
	Total Church-School Membership (add lines 13-18 inclusive)		19	1199	
ATTENDANCE	Average Attendance at Sunday School (all ages)		20	555	
	Average Attendance at Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship (all ages)		21	60	
	Average Attendance Additional Meetings of Church School	Children — Report here the average total attendance at all children's meetings in the church school held on Sunday and during the week, added together. (Not including Sunday school or Methodist Sunday evening fellowship.)	22	None	
		Youth — Report here the average total attendance of all youth meetings in the church school held on Sunday and during the week, added together. (Not including Sunday school or Methodist Sunday evening fellowship.)	23	50	
		Adults — Report here the average total attendance at all adult meetings in the church school held on Sunday and during the week, added together. (Not including Sunday school or Methodist Sunday evening fellowship.)	24		
GENERAL INFORMATION	New Church-School Members Added This Year, or Period (all ages) (Report here the number of new members that have been secured—the "gross additions," not the "net gain.")				
	Methodist Pupils and Constituents in Vacation Church Schools		26	102	
	Methodist Pupils and Constituents in Weekday Church Schools		27	15	
	Church-School Members Joining the Church on Profession of Faith		28	32	
	Are All Lesson Materials Used Approved by The Methodist Church?—This means the regular lesson materials prepared by The Methodist General Board of Education and other items approved by the Methodist Curriculum Committee.		29	Yes	
	Church-School Offering for World Service and Conference Benevolences Missions: $583.45 - Orphanage: $277.11		30	$860.66	
	Amount Paid for Church-School Administration, Lesson Materials, Supplies, etc.		45	$3,098.29	
	Amount of Church-School Rally Day Offering		65	$210.27	
	Amount of Methodist Youth Fund	Report here the amount of this fund, which is raised by youth for missions and youth work, and is forwarded by the local youth treasurer to the Annual Conference treasurer.	66		
	Amount of Children's Service Fund	Special offering made by children in additional sessions. It is divided: 20% used by children for service enterprises selected by them; 40% to the local W. S. C. S. treasurer; 40% to the local church-school World Service treasurer.			
	Paid by Church School for All Other Causes			$273.90	
	Total Amount Raised by Church School for All Purposes			$4,918.84	

* For comparison, place in this column corresponding figures for one year ago, as shown in last year's General Secretary-Treasurer's Record of the Church School.

(Signed) _____ Church-School Superintendent

W E Wheeler

_____ Chairman, Commission on Education

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Report of the Director of Christian Education
to the Fourth Quarterly Conference
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The Director of Christian Education of Duke Memorial Methodist Church feels that a worthwhile and meaningful educational program, under the direction of the Commission on Education, was carried out during the past church year. The Commission on Education was very thorough in planning training opportunities for church school workers and in providing and supporting church school activities in the children's, youth, and adult divisions.

Last fall for three months the Commission sponsored a teacher's training class for prospective church school teachers. It was held during the church school hour with Dr. David Bradley as teacher. In the spring Dr. Bradley gave a series entitled, "The New Testament in the Life of Today". This was for the enrichment of all our church school workers. This fall the Commission and the Intermediate Department had four sessions for parents and teachers on "The Guidance of the Teen-age Boy and Girl." This series was led by Mrs. Frances R. Terry of Raleigh.

During the winter months several family night suppers were held, and during the summer there were monthly family night picnics.

Many of our church school workers availed themselves of training opportunities outside our church. We had representatives at the Audio-Visual Worshop in Raleigh, the Children's Labratory School at Pheiffer College, the Durham Area Chrisitan Worker's School, the Durham District Worker's Institute, and a youth representative at the Southeastern Jurisdiction Youth Conference. In addition to several of those just mentioned, the Director of Christian Education attended the Southeastern Jurisdiction Recreation Conference, Leesburg Florida, the meeting of the Directors of Christian Education of the North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference, and a Leadership Training School for Kindergarten Workers.

Our church school workers met together three times for the Worker's Conference. Among the goals set last year by the Workers's Conference were to begin departmental libraries and to establish a complete church school record system. There has been much done in both of these areas.

Departmental meetings were regularly held in the Children's Division for planning. The Children's Division, as is the Youth Division, is using the closely graded lessom materials. Much progress has been made in this division due to the loyalty and hard work of the teachers and superintendents. Especially commendable are the teaching methods being used. For the division, Vacation Church School, was held for two weeks in the summer. We had an enrollment of 84 children and 25 teachers.

In the Youth Division there has been very noted progress in the Intermediate Department. This is due to the exceptional teaching staff and counselors who are unusually interested in the work of the department. The Intermediate evening MYF has increased from an

attendance of 18 last fall to 35 this fall. There were 16 to attend Camp Don-Lee from our church.

The extensive activities of the Senior-Older youth have been given in the report of the Methodist Youth Fellowship President, Eleanor Cowan.. Outstanding in their progtam were two retreats, a recreation workship and a worship workshop. The Commission on Education helped sponsor Youth Activities Week this summer. This group had two representatives at the Louisburg Assemblies. The MYF Council, which meets monthly, plans and carries out its work under the direction of the Director of Christian Education.

Many beneficial projects were carried out this past year by the classes in the Adult Division. Most of the classes have monthly meetings.

The Commission on Education sponsors two-week-day schools, a nursery and a kindergarten. These are operated on a cooperative basis. Many of our Duke Memorial children attend these schools, although they are open to others in the community. Our enrollment for this fall is larger this year than last. We have a capacity enrollment in both groups.

Many week-day activities and planning sessions are necessary to carry out the program of our church school. The Director of Christian Education has attended over 150 evening meetings since last October.

In order to carry out sufficently the detailed program of Christian education in Duke Memorial Church, many workers are needed. The success of our church school depends upon our lay workers. One of our greatest needs is to enlist more of our Duke Memorial members in serving God by work in our church school. As we grow we need more workers, and at the present time we are lacking several church school teachers.

I appreciate deeply the cooperation given me during my first year at Duke Memorial, and I look forward to another year of service with you to the Master.

Mrs. Edwin E. Foreman