

Report of the Commission On Membership and Evangelism

The monthly report to the Official Board as required by the *Discipline* (§ 221 § 4) shall be made on this form. The report to the Quarterly Conference, if and when required, also shall 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. Numbers in parentheses refer to paragraphs in the 1956 *Discipline*.

Duke Memorial Methodist Church Duke Memorial Charge
Durham District North Carolina Conference
For the Period Beginning December 8, 1958, and Ending May 5, 1959

I. Organization and Goals

- Is the Commission organized according to the *Discipline* (§ 221 §§ 1-2)? Yes
- Officers: Chairman? Mrs. N. D. Bitting
Vice-Chairman? W. E. Whitford Secretary? Charlotte Corbin
(Report only after the organization meeting.)
- Does the Commission meet monthly? Yes
- What has the Commission set as the minimum number of persons to be received on profession of faith during the conference year? _____
- (a) What is the Commission's annual appropriation from the church? \$ _____
(b) What amount has been spent to date? \$ _____
- Are the materials of the General Board of Evangelism being used? Yes

II. Major Areas of Responsibility

- (a) What is being done to find and cultivate prospective members? Visitors; Cards used
Check through Church School
- (b) How many persons are on the list of prospective members? 25
- (a) What is being done to win persons to Christ and his Church? Visitation carried on
each month
- (b) How many have united with this church since the last report: On profession of faith? 33; By transfer from other Methodist churches? 29; By transfer from other denominations? 8
- (a) What is being done to stimulate church attendance? Part of the purpose of
Visitation Program
- (b) How does church attendance compare with this time last year? Much better

4. (a) What is being done to deepen the spiritual life of the church? _____

Use of devotional literature

(b) To reclaim disinterested members? _____

(c) To supplement the minister's pastoral work? Help in finding prospective

members and winning them to Christ and the Church

5. What is being done to strengthen the prayer life of the church: (a) Have prayer groups been organized?

_____ ; (b) Is the reading of *The Upper Room* stressed? yes; (c) Are the members encouraged to

have family devotions? Yes

6. (a) Are the membership and constituency rolls complete? Yes; (b) What is being done about non-resi-

dent members? _____

(c) Having fulfilled the requirements of the *Discipline* (§ 125), whom does this Commission recommend for termination of membership? (Record as a supplement.); (d) How many are members as of this date? 1832

III. Other Matters of Interest

(Signed) Mr. W. D. Billing, Chairman

Date May 5, 1959