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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Mr. Ran Few, Chairman, Policies Committee  
Duke Memorial United Methodist Church  
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Dear Ran,

As I mentioned to you when you told me the other night of the forthcoming first meeting of the Policies and Procedures Committee, June 12, it was short notice for a meeting after so many weeks following appointment of the group.

There was not time or place the other night to discuss further with you my feelings about this matter. For weeks now, I have been very upset over the delay in moving forth with this committee. Also, I never was asked to serve as secretary, or if I would, but was told by various people that I had been named. You never discussed this committee with me whatsoever until you mentioned the forthcoming meeting. The only official word I ever had was from the Pastor some weeks ago that I was on the committee.

I hereby serve notice that I will not serve on the committee.

This follows many months and maybe years of being very concerned with many matters in our church. I don't think, in view of my present feelings, that I can be very effective on this committee. I feel that, while this committee is very vital, so much ground already covered dozens of time will be gone over again, and rehashed, that the end result will be the same as in past-nothing. I wish I could look at it differently. Past history certainly bears out my feelings.

Also, I never have been accepted for any sort of leadership, and never have been listened to by the old heads of the church. Therefore, I simply could not be very affective now. I am willing, and always have been willing - and have proven this, I feel - to do anything that I see needed. And, I will continue this, but everything I have tried to express has been batted down so many times.

For instance, itemized budget. They did so with the 6-months budget, but our last one for a full year, backed up, and did not provide an itemization as we had specified. In other words, many actions have been taken, many policies have been made over the years, but that was the last one ever heard of them, just the vote. No follow through and enforcement.

There are many things to be proud of at Duke Memorial, and I always have felt blessed to be a member, but there are many shortcomings that we never do anything about. I wish you well in the committee, and I hope that you can somehow break the history and get some movement forward.

Sincerely,

  
Horace Mansfield

cc: Laney Funderburk

Rev. C. S. Hubbard



