

REPORT ON THE NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1982

The three-day meeting of the North Carolina Annual Conference 1982, hosted by the Rockingham District and held on the campus of Methodist College in Fayetteville, was attended by 1350 official delegates. For the purposes of reporting in a somewhat concise and succinct manner, we have divided the contents of this meeting into six comprehensive categories.

ORDINATION - On Sunday, June 6th, the Conference convened its meeting with two ordination services, one for Deacons and the other for Elders. Thirty-nine persons were ordained including four women. Bishop James M. Ault, Resident Bishop of the Pittsburgh Area, preached at both services.

INSPIRATION AND CHALLENGES - We had the opportunity to hear two outstanding ministers who were special guests of the Conference. Dr. Fred Craddock, Professor of Theology, Preaching and New Testament, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, spoke twice to the gathering. Dr. Craddock questioned the Conference with "What do you think? Do people who believe, not need final proof of God's existence?" In his second presentation he spoke on "Easter Without Pentecost is Just Farewell." His message referred to the quality of our present life eternal each day with Christ. "Hope," he said, "Be open to God and move into the future. Do not let the pain of change make you resist hope." His method and style of preaching were spell binding and he had everyone in the palm of his hand. The second guest speaker was Bishop William Smith, Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, who confronted the session with "Are You Alive?" "Become alive intellectually, emotionally, aesthetically, spiritually. Don't die spiritually, let your heart be moved. Hear me tonight." We heard him all right and you could also hear a pin drop. He got to each of us.

AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH - In his State of the Church Address, Bishop William R. Cannon highlighted the strengths and weaknesses of the church. "Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, ministers are just professionals. I want District Superintendents, Board of Ordained Ministry and Pastor-Parish Committees to use the new system of evaluating clergy cautiously."

- Ran Few, President of CFA, presented the 1983 budget in the amount of \$5,446,881. This figure was approved reflecting an increase over 1982 of \$253,753.
- 76.83% of money raised in the local church stays in the local church.
- Church school attendance is declining.
- Conference staff structure is to be changed in June 1983: there will be one Executive Director, six Associate Directors, one Administrative Assistant to the Bishop.
- A new camping commission has been established by moving camping from the Board of Education.
- The pension rate in 1983 will be increased from \$142 to \$152 per service year.
- Cokesbury Bookstore presented the Conference with a check in the amount of \$10,367.
- The Duke Endowment invested \$1.8 million in churches in the Western and North Carolina Conferences. The money was spent in 72 building projects, rural churches, continuing education, and parish development.

POSITION PAPERS AND RESOLUTIONS -

- Voted to urge North Carolina's congressional delegation to oppose the abortion amendment as a violation not only of civil liberty but also of religious conscience.
- Approved a resolution supporting Nuclear Arms Freeze.
- Tabled the resolution opposing the Constitutional Amendment to permit organized prayer in public schools because the amendment is yet to be written.
- Passed a resolution on non-intervention and arms sales to El Salvador.
- Approved urging governmental leaders to continue efforts and funding for environmental protection.

AWARDS - Duke Memorial received a certificate of recognition for paying 10% of the accepted figure for the Pension Fund Crusade.

- Lay Person of the Year Award went to 94-year-old Samuel T. Brooks of Mt. Olive UMC, Lumberton
- Church of the Year Award was presented to Camp UMC, Shallotte. This award is based on missions' criteria.

FELLOWSHIP - Annual Conference is a reunion for many and an opportunity to renew old friendships, make new ones and to put names and faces together. It brings into one body men and women of all ages and all backgrounds who are committed to their church and to their God. The diversity and strength of the Methodist Church were well represented and we came away with the re-affirmation that the church is alive and well, but will continue to be so only if we continue to give of ourselves, our talents and our support.

.....Shirley Few and Tom Coble

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN.....It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Reverend Richard B. Haverly, Jr. has been appointed Associate Pastor of Duke Memorial Church and will join our staff Sunday, June 27.

Rick is a native of Delmar, New York, is a graduate of Duke University with an A. B. in Religion and last month finished at the Duke Divinity School.

Rick is a lifelong Methodist and was active in his home church, district and conference. He was President of his UMYF and as such was the youth representative on the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries; he was a member of the Troy Conference Youth Council as President of the Albany District and he was on the Albany District Council on Ministries. In addition to all this he was a member of his school and church choirs, and was President of his high school Key Club.

At Duke he was a member of the Volleyball Club and the Duke Chorale, serving part of the time as Tour Manager. He taught Sunday School and was the Youth Leader at Westminster Presbyterian Church and was a member of the child-care staff for Parents Anonymous at Asbury Methodist Church. During the summer of 1980, he served Pleasant Grove Methodist Church in Thomasville as Student Associate and during the summer of 1981, he was Student Associate at Hudson-Mt. Hermon Methodist Church in Hudson. During his senior year in the Divinity School he served the Franklinton Charge as Student Associate. Please join me in welcoming this young man into our church family.

LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW PASTORS....Immediately following the morning worship service on June 27, a reception will be held in Whitford Hall to honor the Faggarts and Rick Haverly. Please take a few minutes and come by and have a cup of coffee or glass of punch and show these fine people how glad we are to have them at Duke Memorial.

HOST HOMES: There is always a shortage of homes for HOST HOMES in the summer time. Has your home lost a resident for July and August? Have you an unused guest room? If you can help relatives of out-of-town patients for these months, call 489-6742 or 684-5351 and alleviate a stranger's loneliness.

SYMPATHY: The Pastors and congregation express their love and concern to the family of Rev. John William Hoyle, Jr. who died Sunday, June 13, in Charlotte.

CHURCH CALENDAR June 27 - July 2, 1982

Sun.	9:45 a. m.	Church School
	10:55 a. m.	Morning Worship
	12:15 p. m.	Reception for New Pastors in Whitford Hall
	5:00 p. m.	UMYF
Tues.	5:00 p. m.	UMYF
	7:30 p. m.	Finance Committee, Library
	7:30 p. m.	Dance Aerobics
Wed.	10:00 a. m.	Fall Festival Workshop
	7:30 p. m.	Council on Ministries in Library
	7:30 p. m.	Young Disciples
Thurs.	7:30 p. m.	Dance Aerobics

WANT TO BE ON TV? Go to WTVD Monday, June 28 between 9:00 a. m. and 8:30 p.m. and give the gift of life - a pint of blood to the American Red Cross for Duke Memorial.

MEALS ON WHEELS desperately needs drivers or deliverers for the summer months. Do you know of someone who could help once a month or once a week for the summer or who can be on call as a substitute? Deliveries take less than an hour. Call 286-3148 or 489-0514.

DCIA (Durham Congregations in Action), of which our church is an active member, needs to be thanked for sponsoring the Chaplains to Henderson and Oldham Towers. Together the chaplains minister to about 320 residents aged 60-90. Besides conducting a weekly worship service, each chaplain makes individual visits and is available in crises such as illness or loss of friends or relatives by death. One of the great lacks in our society is loneliness and the daily contact with someone who cares is very important to these elderly residents. They bless you for supporting their chaplains through DCIA.

SUNDAY'S SERMON: "When the Extra-ordinary becomes Ordinary"...John 14:18-27... The story of the Church's birth never ceases to amaze ...no planning committee, no minister to tell how it should be done. Yet, something happened that breathed new courage, meaning, and determination into the lives of the disciples. So unique was the experience that the response brought thousands together for the beginning of the Christian Church. What happened to that "breath of fresh air"? Sunday's Sermon will deal with the subject. See you in worship.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL was a Big Success! Thanks to all who supported us with their smiles and talents.