

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION

March 8, 1978

The Commission on Education met on March 8, 1978, with Robert Weynand presiding.

Margaret Anne Biddle reported on the progress of the self-study of our educational program. She requested that the following schedule be followed in reporting on the various areas of the study:

Statistical Study - Report in April  
Recruiting, Training, and Supporting of Teachers - May  
Effectiveness of Nurturing Climate - June  
Study of Resources - July

The subject of honoring Mrs. Vickers was again presented before the Commission. After much discussion and many suggestions, it was decided that Bob Wallace would present the ideas of the Commission to Ed Smith and the Recognition Committee for their consideration. The Commission suggested that an informal family night with testimonials honoring Mrs. Vickers would be appropriate. It was also suggested that a collection of letters and pictures from parents of children with whom Mrs. Vickers had worked would be very meaningful to Mrs. Vickers.

The YWCA has requested the use of the church facilities for a day camp from June 12 through August 11, Monday through Friday. The use of the facilities for the YWCA Day Camp was approved by the Commission. It was requested that the YWCA work with the Days of Discovery leaders as to the use of the playground.

Jim Hewitt reported on the program of the Junior High UMY. The group has grown not only in number, but has also developed a feeling of community. They enjoy the feeling of serving one another and serving out of their group.

Jim spoke of the importance of the interest and participation of the parents of the UMY. Jim recommended that one couple from the Duke Divinity School and one couple from the church be asked to work with the Junior High UMY when he and Lynda are no longer available to serve.

Jim is also working with the Senior High Sunday School class. Their program, as outlined by Jim, includes many practical subjects, such as decision making and a four-week program on marriage. Dr. Whanger, Bob Wallace, Ed Smith and Margaret Anne Biddle are resource persons for the Senior High UMY.

Margaret Anne spoke of the many programs that the church helps to support through its contributions to the conference. She proposed that members become more informed about these programs through a series of study tours. These tours could include the Methodist Children's Home, Robeson County Community Center, Methodist College, and the camping program. She suggested that these tours be conducted for an adult group on a week-day. She mentioned the possibility of the Commission on Education underwriting expenses for items such as lunch, gas, etc. \$400 is available in the budget for special programs.

Margaret Anne announced that Carrie Lou Goddard would be conducting a teacher's workshop on April 2nd at the University Church in Chapel Hill. The subject will be the moral and religious development of children at various ages.

Linda Adkinson asked about additional programs for children in the 6-12 age range.

Bob Wallace presented members of the Commission with copies of the floor plans of the church. These will be presented to new members and to visiting groups.

Jim Hewitt suggested the offering of parent effectiveness training to help parents prepare for religious education in the home.

The meeting was adjourned.

