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Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

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Staff-Parish Relations Committee
Duke Memorial United Methodist Church
Durham, N. C.

Dear Committee Members,

Part of the tradition of Duke Memorial Church has been its healthy relationship with Duke Divinity School. One evidence of this has been our long participation in the Field Education program, which has provided competent and valuable leadership in our own church program and which has given valuable learning settings for Divinity School students. Unfortunately, you will recall, financial difficulties necessitated the omission of a Field Education student during the past two years.

It seems timely to the Commission on Education for us to consider the re-institution of this valuable part of our church program. The Commission, after considering the proposal favorably, has recommended it to the Council on Ministries, where it also received very favorable support. It now comes to you from these two groups for your consideration and, hopefully, your recommendation to the Administrative Board.

The proposal is as follows: that we contract with Duke Divinity School for the services of a Field Education Student in Christian Education for the Winter session 1977-1978, a 30-week period from October 1 - April 30. The maximum cost for this contract is \$1300, plus travel. Our past arrangements with the Field Education office have been on a shared basis, where each of us paid approximately half of the stipend. This has varied slightly, with maximum cost to us being \$800. We have received an indication that this shared arrangement can be negotiated again for the Winter 1977-78 session. Our share would be due in April 1978; thus, no funds would be required from our 1977 Budget.

We recognize the value of having additional program leadership in our own church, and along with that, we also recognize the tremendous contributions our church can make in the development of competent Christian Educators. There is a great demand for churches that can provide supervision and consultative services for students. Duke Memorial is in a strategic position, for it can offer a well-designed education program, the supervision of a staff person in Christian Education and many other valuable resources to assist students in their work.

We hope our proposal to re-institute the Duke Field Education program will receive your favorable consideration and that you will continue the process by which it can be implemented in the Winter session 1978 by recommending it to the Administrative Board.

Most sincerely,

Ella Glasson, Education Chairman

Mary Whanger, Council on Ministries
Chairman.

