

PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

April 20, 1987

Present: Ed Hammond, Laney Funderburk, Omar Fink (chairman Council on Ministries), Edith Toms, Elizabeth Bookhout, Randy Bollinger, Jay Langford, Ran Few, Pat Coman, Wallace Kirby, Eric and Melissa Carson.

Chairman Ed Hammond asked District Superintendent Wallace Kirby to begin the meeting with prayer. He then introduced the Reverend W. Eric Carson giving a background sketch of his ministry and appointments. Ed Hammond talked about the history and tradition of Duke Memorial and the work of committees in all aspects of the religious life of the church. Eric Carson said that he was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, did graduate studies at Duke Divinity School, and has served churches in Fayetteville and Raleigh. He stated that the three most important areas of his ministry are (1) preaching and teaching in the mainstream of Methodism, (2) pastoral counseling and pastoral care, and (3) the administration of the total church life to shape and form the character of future leadership.

In response to a request by Eric Carson to wait until he is at the church to select a DRE, the committee agreed to keep in touch with prospective people with the understanding that a decision will not be made until at least June.

A Charge Conference will be called May 5 at 7:30 to determine the minister's salary at \$35,000 plus travel and utilities.

May 3 was announced as Homecoming Sunday with Wallace Kirby as guest preacher.

Laney and Ed will be responsible for a letter to the congregation about a reception and covered dish luncheon to honor the ministers following the Sunday service June 7.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, at 7:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Coman, Sec.

