

THE METHODIST CHURCH

OFFICIAL BOARD

# Report of the Commission On Membership and Evangelism

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Duke Memorial Church Duke Memorial Charge  
Furham District N. C. Conference  
For the Period Beginning Dec. 8, 1954 and Ending May, 31, 1955

## I. Organization and Goals

1. Is the commission fully organized according to the Discipline (§ 221), and who are the officers?

Chairman: Mrs. D.A. Cole Vice-Chairman: Miss Annie John Williams

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. J.P. Beedlow Membership Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Has the commission met monthly, and has it planned and carried out its full responsibilities and suggested program of work as outlined in the Discipline (§§ 221-22, 2030)? yes

3. (a) What goal did the Quarterly Conference set as the minimum number of persons to be received on profession of faith this conference year? \_\_\_\_\_ (b) How many have been received thus far? 29 (c) Are the commission and church working diligently to attain this goal? \_\_\_\_\_ (d) How many are recommended to be received on profession of faith next conference year? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are the materials of the General Board of Evangelism being used? yes

## II. Evangelistic Efforts

1. Has the commission co-operated with district, conference, or area evangelistic enterprises: (a) United Evangelistic Missions? \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Spiritual Life Missions? \_\_\_\_\_ (c) Prayer Retreats? \_\_\_\_\_ (d) Simultaneous Lay Visitation Evangelism Campaigns? \_\_\_\_\_

2. (a) Is there any nearby neighborhood where a Methodist church needs to be organized? yes (b) Is this commission co-operating with the Commission on Education and the Commission on Missions in organizing a new congregation? It has been discussed.

3. What methods have been used to locate prospects for church membership: (a) Religious census?  (b) Church-school records?  (c) Other community records? \_\_\_\_\_ (d) Other church organizations? \_\_\_\_\_ (e) Pastor's records?  (f) Members assigned to various "blocks" or "units" to locate prospects?



4. (a) Has the commission diligently promoted the following types of visitation entrusted to it: (1) A systematic visitation of all members to activate and to deepen the spiritual life? \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Lay visitation evangelism of all prospective members to win them to Christ and the Church? \_\_\_\_\_ (3) The visitation of strangers, the ill, and those in distress? Yes.

(b) How can these visitations be made more effective? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Is the six-point program of the General Board of Evangelism, "Assimilating New Members," including training classes for adults, being carried out? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What has been done to promote church attendance? During the Easter period for several weeks this was stressed.

7. (a) What has been done to encourage private and family worship through the reading of the Bible and the use of *The Upper Room*? In visitation Upper Rooms have been given to shut ins.

(b) How many copies of *The Upper Room* are distributed regularly? 250 for this church.

### III. Membership Rolls

1. Has the commission gone over the membership rolls (regular, preparatory, and constituency) this year, as kept by the pastor and membership secretary? yes Are they accurate and up-to-date? yes

2. (a) Has a thoroughgoing effort been made to locate every nonresident member of the church? yes (b) Have letters of notification been sent concerning them? \_\_\_\_\_

3. (a) Number on constituency roll, last report? 1882 (Church roll)

(b) Added since last report? 47 (c) United with church from this roll? \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Removed from roll otherwise? 42 (e) Number on roll now? 1887

(Signed) Mrs. W. A. Cole, Chairman

Date May, 31, 1953