

THE METHODIST CHURCH

OFFICIAL BOARD

# Report of the Commission On Membership and Evangelism

The monthly report to the Official Board as required by the *Discipline* (§ 221 § 4) shall be made on this form. The report to the Quarterly Conference, if and when required, also shall be made on this form. If additional space is needed for a full report, use extra sheets of plain white paper the same size as this form. Numbers in parentheses refer to paragraphs in the 1956 *Discipline*.

Duke Memorial Church Duke Memorial Charge  
Durham District North Carolina Conference  
For the Period Beginning October 6, 1959, and Ending June 7, 1960

## I. Organization and Goals

1. Is the Commission organized according to the *Discipline* (§ 221 §§ 1-2)? yes
2. Officers: Chairman? Horace Fowler  
Vice-Chairman? \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary? Jack Cliff  
(Report only after the organization meeting.)
3. Does the Commission meet monthly? yes
4. What has the Commission set as the minimum number of persons to be received on profession of faith during the conference year? \_\_\_\_\_
5. (a) What is the Commission's annual appropriation from the church? \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) What amount has been spent to date? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
6. Are the materials of the General Board of Evangelism being used? yes

## II. Major Areas of Responsibility

1. (a) What is being done to find and cultivate prospective members? Visitation group has met monthly and visited prospective members; joined in church census  
(b) How many persons are on the list of prospective members? 20
2. (a) What is being done to win persons to Christ and his Church? Visitation carried on each month  
(b) How many have united with this church since the last report: On profession of faith? 35; By transfer from other Methodist churches? 52; By transfer from other denominations? 18
3. (a) What is being done to stimulate church attendance? Part of purpose of visitation program  
(b) How does church attendance compare with this time last year? Better



4. (a) What is being done to deepen the spiritual life of the church? \_\_\_\_\_

Use of devotional literature

(b) To reclaim disinterested members? \_\_\_\_\_

(c) To supplement the minister's pastoral work? Help in finding prospective members  
and winning them to Christ and the church

5. What is being done to strengthen the prayer life of the church: (a) Have prayer groups been organized?

\_\_\_\_\_ ; (b) Is the reading of *The Upper Room* stressed? yes ; (c) Are the members encouraged to have family devotions? yes

6. (a) Are the membership and constituency rolls complete? yes ; (b) What is being done about non-resident members? \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Having fulfilled the requirements of the *Discipline* (§ 125), whom does this Commission recommend for termination of membership? (Record as a supplement.) ; (d) How many are members as of this date? \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Other Matters of Interest**

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(Signed) H. A. Towler, Chairman

Date June 7, 1960



THE COMMISSION ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

1959 - 1960

MEMBERSHIP

Ex Officio

1. The Pastor(s): Robert W. Bradshaw  
E. Clifford Shoaf
2. The Church Lay Leader: Charles Chewing
3. Secretary Spiritual Life of WSCS: Miss Mary Shore
4. Chairman of Commissions on Missions: Mrs. A. H. Borland
5. The Church School Superintendent: W. E. Whitford
6. President, Methodist Men: Thomas McGauley *Jack Cliff*
7. Chairmen, Christian Witness MYF: 1) ~~Carolyn Allen~~  
2) Sally Hobbs *Bill Howard*

Elective:

1. Two laymen: (1) Horace Fowler, Chairman  
(2) Dr. C. G. Bookhout
2. Two lay women: (1) Charlotte Corbin  
(2) Mrs. N. D. Bitting
3. Two young persons: (1) ~~Alice Phillips~~  
(2) ~~Peggy Postlethwait~~ *Margaret Walter*  
*Tom White, III.*
4. Others: Mrs. C. L. Read



