PASTOR'S REPORT -- FOURTH QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

It is a privilege to submit the Second Annual Report of this Pastor to the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Duke Memorial Methodist Church.

Throughout the year the Pastor has conscientiously tried to visit the membership of Duke Memorial Church. A good portion of his time has been spent in counseling, recruiting new members, marriages, and funerals. During the year we have received a total of 105 new members. Our membership to date is 2,022. We have lost by death a total of 21 members to date.

The educational program of the Church continues to show progress with two new classes having been added to our Church School during the year. The M.Y.F. and related youth activities are meeting regularly.

The financial condition of the Church is good. Our offerings will enable us to pay all claims in full. Our Every Member Visitation is scheduled for the week of May 7th. Our Financial Secretary, Mrs. Lois Fowler, and our Treasurer, Mr. R. B. Reade keep good records. Their books are audited annually. The Church property is in good repair and plans are being made to renovate the sanctuary building as soon as possible.

The participation of lay workers in Christian education, adult leadership in youth programs, and adult activities, volunteer work in property maintenance, and stewardship responsibilities continues to warm the heart of this Pastor.

It is my belief that definite advances have been made in deepening the spiritual life of our Church. There was a good response to our Holy Week Services as we participated in a Venture In Faith. There is a constant program of evangelism in this Church. Prospective new members are contacted regularly. Holy Communion is served each month and at other stated intervals during the year. We are pleased with the response to our Sunday Evening Service. Attendance at our Morning Worship Service is consistently good. Duke Memorial is one of the few churches that has a Mid-Week Prayer Service.

We have an excellent music program with five graded choirs. Our Director of Music, Mrs. Clarence Bartholomew, and our Organist, Mrs. Leland Phelps, render excellent service.

Three Study Courses have been offered during the year. The Pastor is deeply indebted to the Woman's Society of Christian Service and to The Methodist Men for their loyal support. All of the Commissions of the Church are duly organized and functioning regularly. The participation of our people in the Durham District Lay Rally and all other District and Sub-District programs is commendable. We rejoice that members of this Church serve on various boards and agencies throughout our Conference.

Duke Memorial is an outstanding Church and is committed to a strong ministry at the heart of this city. It is a privilege to serve this wonderful congregation.

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