

From: Milford V. Thumm

To: The Charge Conference, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church
October 5, 1987

Having been named Minister of Visitation to this church only a month ago, following Retirement from the WNC Conference in June 1987, I regret my inability to be present at the 1987 Charge Conference tonight.

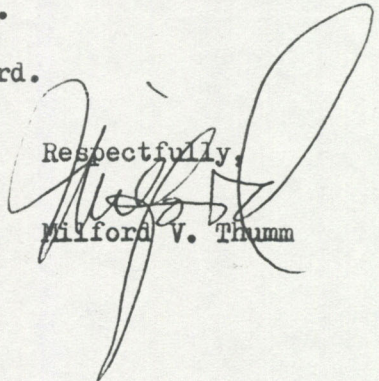
I remain active in the WNC Conference Program and life as President of the Western North Carolina United Methodist Annual Conference Board of Trustees, Incorporated, and, must be in Charlotte early tomorrow morning to meet with a Feasibility Committee at the Methodist Center.

Duties there also include my serving a final year of two quadreniums on the Board of the Ministry, and a member of the Conference Board of Evangelism through until December 31, 1987.

It is my pleasure and joy in this retirement year to have been made Minister of Visitation to and in this great church. I believe in this church and its future. We have no real reason to be hang-dog about our future. God has been present with us throughout the years and will continue in the now under the capable and dedicated leadership of Eric Carson and a strong corps of laypersons who are with Eric and I determined to regain the strength and ministry of this church to the total Durham community.

In my absence, please accept this written word.

Respectfully,


Milford V. Thumm

