

GOALS DEVELOPED BY THE CONSULTATION ON CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES -- Ruth Lucy, Leader
Duke Memorial United Methodist Church, Durham, N.C. Febr. 28-March 1, 1987

Group 1

1. Worship/Children. By June 1987 make the entire 11:00 worship service meaningful to all children without Jr. Church; by providing children's bulletin and making the children's message relative to scripture/sermon. (Worship/Education).
2. Sacraments. To educate families on the sacraments and to encourage & support discussion in a family setting; to begin incorporating information about the sacraments during summer sunday school & further expand in the fall with bulletin inserts. (Worship, Altar Guild, Education).
3. Adult commitments: Beginning spring 1987 to recruit 25 adults to assist with children's ministries in various areas; to be implemented in fall 1987. (Teaching S.S., Stewardship, Missions, etc.) (Missions, Education, etc.)
4. Intergenerational. Beginning with May Homecoming increase activities between older adults and children with monthly churchwide S.S. Luncheons or breakfasts. Adopt a friend activities. (C.O.M.).

Group 2

1. Parent/Family. S.S. Teachers & Children.
Visiting older classes every 3 mos. Action: Singing, reading, favors, Mini-dramas.
2. Parent/Family. Jr. Church leaders and/or S.S. Teachers & Parents. Send home brief unfinished broblem-story re: value judgment. Time: twice by June '87. Follow-discussion.
3. Parent/Family. Singles & Single parents. To form support group.
How: Discussion, eating together.
When: Terrific Tues. (1/month).
Find leader, announce in bulletin, simultaneous nursery/activity group.
4. Parent/Family. Church visitor(s).
Take a child along - well know to visitor.
To visit: New families, shut-ins.
Use: drawings
favors all to develop warm relationships.
singing
5. Parent/Family Lillie Duke Class
Adopt child with no grandparents. Bring to Spring Luncheon. Establish relationship o- 1)Prior, 2)Subsequent

Group 3

1. By January 1988 at least 20 inactive or new family units (with children) will be involved on a regular basis in the Sunday School Program.
Who: Task Force including Education, Evangelism, all S.S. Teachers, S.S. Supt., Ministers.
What: Family-oriented programs, visitation, phone calls.
Resources: Publicity, Energy, Time.
2. By May 1987 all Teachers for Nursery to 6th. Grade will be recruited with written job descriptions which include training expectations and support.
Who: Minister of Education, Com. on Ed., Children's Coordinator
What: Write job descriptions, plan training, recruit teachers.
Resources: Models.
3. By Sept. 1987 conference-led training sessions will have been provided for Nursery-6th. Gr. Teachers covering curriculum(Bible) resources (media), contact (initial & follow-up), room set-up, Teaching methods, including drama & music.
Who: (T.L.C. Team?) Com. on Ed., Children's Coordinator, Teachers. C.O.M., Minister of Ed.
Resources: Money, publicity.

Group 4

1. By Spring of 1988 EACH Work Area of the church will form and have in place one ongoing program which will be for and done by the children of DMUMC.
Example - Children's pledges.
2. In the summer of 1987, the Music Com. and Ed. Com. will pilot a 2 day music drama day camp for children in our congregation. We hope to use this as a basis for 1-2 week music/drama day camp in 1988.
3. The Youth Division -? would plan and provide Saturday morning activities & lunch for children from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. beginning Sept. 19, 1987.
Nursery for 1-3 yrs; activities for 3-11 yrs.
May some time in future include children outside DMUMC.
4. The C.O.M. will discuss forming a Children's Council at DMUMC and specifically include 5/6 graders. This Council should be formed by Sept. 1987. To include: 1 pre-school teacher, 1 elem. teacher, Weekday Sch. Dir., Repr. parents, Children's agencies, school teachers.
5. By May 1987 ask Church & Society Work Area to discover whether Durham has Phone Friend program; need P.F., If P.F. exists they will find out if P.F. needs assistance. If P.F. needs help, DMUMC will help by Sept. 1987.
6. By May 1987, Church & Society W.A. will ask B.S.A. & G.S.A. if they want to activate troops at DMUMC.
7. By summer 1988, music & Education W.A. will be able to open music/drama Day Camp to greater community.
8. By Sept. 1988 we will plan Sat. A.M. activities for greater community.
(Include children outside DMUMC).

