

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN      CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORT      NOV.17,1991

We are 218 members, our pledge to Missions is \$3,600. and this is only a portion of our giving to missions locally and through the conference treasurer.

We have nine circles. Our strength lies in our small closely knit units where members support each other and support the program and purpose of UMW.

The Methodist Retirement Home circle which was initiated and cultivated by Juanita Stott has 49 members (including affiliates) and continues under the guidance of Ruth Kale with support from others who do not live at the Retirement Home. Wesley Women, our youngest circle, made soup at the church yesterday. Profits from the sale will go to help furnish the Habitat House Duke Memorial people are constructing. They also cook for Sunday night suppers at the Homeless Shelter. Women in other groups come together to sew for the MRH and others, making wheel chair and walker pockets, bibs and blankets. Circle six will again provide Christmas table decorations at the MRH. Circle nine contributes generously to Ronald Mac Donald House. Circle 3'n 1 chooses to support the Durham Rescue Mission. Some of us are involved in The Methodist Mission Society, Meals on Wheels and all circles help with birthday parties for the Community Life Center.

We provided money for the Duke Wesley Fellowship work team to Honduras. We hosted the Durham District Day Apart in April. We served a meal to approximately 300 people at the Volunteer Services annual recognition luncheon. We supported the young people by providing a hot dog and dessert supper for their Holy-Ween event. We have purchased twelve amplification devices for \$300. to be used at the Methodist Retirement Home.

At the end of last year, after this report was due, we contributed \$1,000. to the MRH, the Methodist Children's Home, Contact, Methodist Mission Society, Durham Rescue Mission, Austrian Methodist Relief Fund, and Home for Battered Women. We also gave twelve Mission Recognition pins in December.

We have elected officers who will be installed next month. Nancy Stark and Linda Wilson will be co-presidents, we look forward to their creative leadership. Linda planned a series of exiting programs for our general meetings this year bringing in speakers from the community and utilizing the strengths of our clergy staff people. We expect to continue to fulfill our purpose as United Methodist Women in 1992.

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