

Minutes of the Charge/Church Conference

This form contains the Disciplinary questions which must be answered as well as reports most frequently called for at Charge or Church Conferences.

The Charge Church _____ Conference for the Duke Memorial UMC Church _____

Charge _____ of the Durham District of the North Carolina

Annual Conference was held November 13, 1994, at DM UMC - Durham

chaired by Mark W. Wethington, District Superintendent, Elder

Pat Coman served as secretary.

Pastor: Mark W. Wethington

Associate Pastor(s): Robert H. Edwards

A devotional service was conducted by (followed worship - noon). The following members were present: (Attach an Attendance Record).

I. MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE CHURCH: How does this church or charge define its mission to its parish, the local community, and beyond the local community (¶¶ 201-204, 247.3, 252.1b, 256.3a)? (Attach as a supplement.)

II. REPORTS

1. What is the report of the Administrative Council or Administrative Board including a report on the goals for the previous year and recommendations for goals for the coming year. (¶¶ 244, 247.2, 247.3, 252.1, 256)? (Attach as a Supplement.)

a. In relation to the quadrennial theme: What are the plans of this church for the implementation of the 1989-1992 quadrennial theme, "Celebrate and Witness: Celebrate God's Grace; Witness for Jesus Christ," in responding to the call from the General Conference to each congregation as follows:

- (1) Witnessing and reaching the unchurched in the community and the world;
- (2) Providing new opportunities for growth in the knowledge, love, and grace of God and to love and care for one another through faithful discipleship in caring communities;
- (3) Studying the issues of peace and justice from the perspective of the teachings of Jesus Christ and to witness for God's shalom;
- (4) Serving those in critical human need;
- (5) Identifying the sins and evils that oppress and work to remedy those manifestations in individuals, systems, and structures.

b. In relation to the work areas?

Administrative Council
 Nurture
 Outreach
 Evangelism

Administrative Board
 Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, Church and Society; Education, Missions, Religion and Race, Status and Role of Women, Stewardship, Worship, Evangelism

(b) for continuation as candidates for ordained ministry (¶ 405)?

Name	Address	Telephone

2. Who are recommended:
 (a) as candidates for the office of Diaconal Minister (§§ 304.2, 304.5)?

Vocation	Name	Address	Telephone

- (b) for continuation as candidates for the office of diaconal minister (§ 305)?

Vocation	Name	Address	Telephone

3. Who are recommended as lay speakers (§§ 277, 278)?

Name	Address	Telephone

VI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Attach a copy of the minutes of any special session of the Charge/Church Conference since its last regular meeting (§ 246.7).
2. What date is set, on recommendation of the Administrative Council or Board, for elected personnel of the local church to take office (§ 256.2)?

3. What other actions are taken by this Charge/Church Conference?

VII. ADJOURNMENT

	_____, President
	_____, Secretary

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**DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHARGE CONFERENCE**

NOVEMBER 13, 1994

Presiding: Rev. Dr. Mark Wethington
for Rev. Albert Shuler

Present: 34 Board members
18 others (list attached)

Invocation: Mark Wethington

Reports:

Council on Ministries: Nancy Stark, Chair

- a number of new and continuing areas of ministry in the church program that both staff and COM members have given a great deal of effort and planning include:

Worship

- early Sunday service
- liturgical dance group
- new banners
- worship education

Children's Education

- Vacation Bible School
- Day Camp
- Confirmation
- Music and dance

Nurture and Study

- COM Workshop
- Older adult trips
- Discipleship groups
- Wednesday forums
- Stephen Ministry

Outreach

- Peru Mission
- Habitat fund raisers
- Immunization clinic

Trustees: Ben Mixon, Chair

- a number of improvement projects are underway including:
- work on restoring a stained glass window which may result in future releading and restoring all stained glass windows in the sanctuary.

- plaster work in the breezeway
- better lighting in the middle and education building.
- a Columbarium is being planned.
- TV monitors and mikes in the choir loft.
- Plans are being considered for storm windows in the Education Building. (report attached)

Pastor's Report: Mark Wethington

- John Wesley's rule of discipleship stresses a balance in the Christian life and in Christian ministry between piety and mercy in both the individual and corporate dimensions.
- in the area of piety we continue to develop growth in devotion, worship, spiritual development, Bible study, the Stephen Ministry and other "inreach" ministries.
- in the outreach ministries of compassion and justice we continue a covenant relationship with the Methodist Church of Peru, the West End Community and with St. Mark AME Zion Church. Work on a Habitat house, being host for the Interfaith Hospitality Network and participating in The Intern Institute of the Duke Divinity School are other outreach ministries.
- the willingness of the congregation of Duke Memorial to be supportive in areas of ministry which are new and often uncertain as to where they may lead takes much courage and a faith bold enough to stand as a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the midst of a community struggling with division, confusion and violence. (report attached)

Staff-Parish: Tom Adkinson for Sid Allen, Chair

- Robert Edwards was appointed as a full time associate pastor in June. Our budget had not allowed the continuance of two full time ministers and a half-time minister which we had until June.
- internship program in cooperation with Duke Divinity School has given us 4 interns: Cecelia Brooks, Alicia Beam, Dwayne Craig, and Karen Albers.
- changes have been made in office hours and responsibilities of support staff to make the office as efficient as possible. (report attached)

Associate in Ministry: Ann C. Stallings

- In the Stephen Ministry there are basic skills and insights that can be learned by lay members to help care for hurting people with a variety of problems. These skills will be discussed at meetings arranged by calling Ann Stallings. Sue Clifton will be helping starting in January.

Music: Bob Irvine

- the medium of music, especially in the Church, can increase the power and effectiveness of our ministry in the world. We try to envision ourselves

to be worship leaders, not musical performers, and therefore keep our vision focused on ministry among ourselves and to others.

- Carol Choir (K-1)
- Wesley Singers (grades 2-5)
- Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
- JOYbells (grades 6-12)
- Bethany Bells (adults)
- Celebration Singers
- Sanctuary Choir (report attached)

Youth: read by Mark Wethington

- JOY Class (9-12 graders)
- usher at Sunday services once a month
- help with Habitat House
- planned and presented a Sunday Worship service
- made a Mission Trip to Mobile, Alabama
- had several fund raising events for service projects
- fellowship trips to the beach, ski trips, Christmas party and others.
- annual conference representative was Allen Browning. (report attached)

Youth: Daria Drake

- Jr. Joy Class
- 22 confirmed Palm Sunday
- music and liturgical arts workshop at Lake Junaluska
- served food at homeless shelter
- Youth Rally at Kerr Lake
- DMYF meets every Sunday
- will present "We Three Kings" in December
- Christmas party will be held in December (report attached)

Treasurer: Laney Funderburk

- 66% of budgeted income has been received through October 1994.
- 72% of budget has been spent with a deficit of \$28,000, but November and December are traditionally good pledge income months.
- \$300,000 has been pledged for 1995, but \$398,000 is still needed to meet the adopted budget.
- Woodard F. Russell left a bequest of \$10,000 in his will to be added to the Endowment Funds of Duke Memorial.

Items of Business

1. MOTION by Polly Mixon, chair of The Administrative Board, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE SALARIES OF THE PASTOR AND ASSOCIATE PASTOR AS LISTED IN THE REPORT. PASSED.

2. Mark Wethington received nominations from the floor for the Nominating Committee.

MOTION: TO ELECT CAROLINE SASSER, WARREN JOHNSON AND SHARON ALLEN BY ACCLAMATION. PASSED.

3. Oliver Upchurch, Membership chair, presented the following reading list:

Third reading

William F. Strayhorn, III

Second reading

Jane Perry-Camp

Robert K. Kramer

Mrs. Paige M. Kramer

David Parker McCotter

First reading

Philip Cutting

Kathleen Cutting

John W. Hopkins

MOTION: TO REMOVE FROM THE ROLL THE NAME UNDER THE THIRD READING. PASSED.
(report attached)

Mark Wethington announced the following:

Chairman of Administrative Board - William T. Coman

Council on Ministries - Dan O'Sullivan

Staff-Parish - Dick McFall

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Robert Edwards

- has had the opportunity to be involved in many areas of the church's ministry including working with the youth and accompanying a group on a mission trip to Mobile, Alabama.
- has preached 3 Sunday sermons and assisted in the pulpit each Sunday.
- involved in Disciple Bible Study
- teaches adult Sunday School
- pastoral care
- SHARE Program to start in January.
- liason with standing committees
- work with Confirmation Class

Mark Wethington closed the meeting by reading the names of 27 members who died during the year and offered a prayer in remembrance. (report attached)

Patricia H. Coman

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for Grace C. Boddie, Secretary

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Attendance list of Board Members: 34

Mark Wethington
Robert Edwards
Polly Mixon
Pat Coman
Laney Funderburk
Oliver Upchurch
R. R. Few
Ann M. Wilson
Frances Thomas
Jim Long
Bill Coman
Bill Self
Tim Nifong
Arthur Whitehurst
Tom Adkinson
Ed Hammond
Ben Mixon
Sue Clifton
Donna Elium
Maureen Oakes
Minnie Mae Franklin
Marcus Hobbs
Jim Crawford
Lois Funderburk
Al Buehler
Lynn Guerrant
Tim Turkington
Bob Irvine
Betty Craig
Chick Craig
Jean Weynand
Mary Whanger
Ann Stallings
Cheryl Howlett

Others: 18

Doris Bridges
Helen Upchurch
Hilda Coble
Tom Coble
Barbara Self
Mike Boggs

Dick McFall
Elbert Wethington
Lois Wethington
Johannes Kunze
Jan Irvine
Dwayne Craig

Regina Craig
Alicia Beam
Steve Long
Cecelia Brooks
Ann Knight
Sean Clifton

