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The Rev. Albert E. Shuler, District Superintendent, and
Members of the Charge Conference, Duke Memorial UMC
Durham District, North Carolina Conference

Dear Rev. Shuler and Members of the Charge Conference:

In January 1993, I affiliated with this charge conference, and then transferred my conference membership into the North Carolina annual conference in June 1993, being appointed to my present position by the cabinet and bishop. Looking back, these were good decisions, giving me opportunity to serve and to fulfill my ordination vows.

As the *Book of Discipline* requires, I am submitting an account of my ministry during the past year to the congregation that knows me best. I trust this will be mutually useful, and that it will provide occasion to celebrate the various kinds of ministry to which God calls people today.

Since my last report (November 1995), I have presided at the eucharist and preached on two occasions, and assisted in serving the eucharist one other time (all at Duke Memorial). I have officiated at three weddings, including one at Duke Memorial. I have not baptized anyone, nor officiated at any funerals.

My work as librarian continues to be challenging and interesting. Among the highlights of the year of interest: Chairing a search committee for the American Theological Library Association's executive director; serving on a search committee for a new University Librarian at Duke; and designing and supervising ongoing installation of a computer classroom in the Divinity Library.

Another highlight of my ministry during the past year was leading a group of Duke people (including Divinity School and Catholic Student Center participants) on a ten-day Spring Break trip to Mexico, in which we not only learned about and observed the challenges of faith and economics faced by Christians in Mexico, but also helped to build a home for two poor families.

At Duke Memorial, I have continued active involvement in the choir, have helped form and teach a new adult Sunday school class (now called the "Genesis class"), have assisted the Interfaith Hospitality Network effort, and have continued regular participation in the Thursday morning study/prayer group at the church.

On a personal note, this has been a very difficult year for our family in some ways. In our extended family, Leta and I have seen four members of our generation die during the past year--a sister-in-law, and three first cousins. But it was also the year in which our daughter, Melanie, graduated with honors from Southwestern University (a good Methodist school in Texas).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve among you. Please call on me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger L. Loyd".

Roger L. Loyd
Director

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