



General Board of  
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# Annual Report Deacon in Full Connection The United Methodist Church

Please print or type. Prepare original for the Charge Conference,  
give one to the District Superintendent and keep a copy for your personal record.

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Present Position MINISTER OF MUSIC & WORSHIP, DUKE MEM. UMC, DURHAM, NC

Annual Conference in which you are serving NC

Annual Conference Membership NC

Write the name and address of your primary service appointment DUKE MEMORIAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 504 W. CHAPEL HILL ST, DURHAM, NC 27701

I ~~have~~ have not changed positions during the past year. (If change, give name and address of former position and date of change.)

According to ¶ 322.2, deacons in full connection serving in an agency or setting beyond the local church shall relate to a local congregation. Give the name and address of the local church to which you relate and serve as your corollary appointment.

Area of your certification, specialization, or field of service: MUSIC & WORSHIP

Have you mailed your request for annual review and renewal of certification, specialization to the appropriate agency? ☐ Yes ☒ No

On Leave: ☐ First Year ☐ Second Year ☐ Third Year ☐ Fourth Year ☐ Fifth Year (¶350-354)



Read ¶ 319 and ¶ 320 of *The 1996 Book of Discipline*. Reflect, and write about the ways in which you have lived out your call to the ministry of the deacon connecting the congregation with the needs of the world. IN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY, WE NOT ONLY PROVIDE MUSIC AND LEADERSHIP FOR WORSHIP, BUT WE MINISTER TO ONE ANOTHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH, WE ALSO MINISTER WITH OTHERS - TO OTHERS AS WE SHARE OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF OUR OWN SANCTUARY, OUR BELLS AND CHOIRS HAVE GIVEN PROGRAMS AT MRC, RONALD McDONALD HOUSE, HENDERSON TOWERS, COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER, AND RALEIGH CIVIL CENTER. WE ALSO OFFER SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENTS THAT HAVE COMMUNITY-WIDE INTEREST (LESSONS + CARONS - JAZZ MASS). HELPING THESE DYNAMIC MEMBERS FIND THEIR OWN WAYS TO MINISTER TO THE WORLD ALLOWS MY OWN MINISTRY TO BRANCH OUT FARTHER THAN IT COULD WITH ME ALONE. I TRY TO HELP OTHERS IDENTIFY THEIR CALL, THEN HELP EQUIP THEM TO THEIR MINISTRY AS BAPTIZED BELIEVERS.

Describe in what new ways you envision connecting the congregation with the needs in the world.

SINCE MY ORDINATION (1997 CONF.) I HAVE BECOME MORE VISIBLE IN MY WORK WITH SURVIVORS OF CHILDHOOD SEXUAL TRAUMA. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE TURNED AWAY FROM THE "CHURCH" WHICH TO THEM SEEMED TO "LOOK THE OTHER WAY" AND HELPED GUARANTEE THE SILENCE WHICH STOLE THEIR PERSONAL CONTROL AND INNOCENCE. I WORK FIRST FOR THE GOOD OF THE INDIVIDUAL - BE A KINDRED SOUL, HELP GIVE SUPPORT, HELP FIND THE RIGHT THERAPIST - AND THEN ASSURE THEM THERE IS A SMALL GROUP OF US INSIDE THE CHURCH WHO WILL LOVE AND AFFIRM THEM, NOT SHAME THEM EVEN FURTHER - CONVINCE THEM THE "CHURCH" IS GREATER THAN THE POLITICAL BODY THAT STOOD IDLE IN THE NEED,

According to ¶ 421.5 the district superintendent shall receive a report of each clergy person on his or her program of continuing education and spiritual growth. According to ¶ 348 list the ways you have fulfilled your plans for your continuing personal formation during the past year, including spiritual enrichment, service, missional, and continuing education opportunities.

3-DAY RELATIONAL MOVEMENT WORKSHOP (DALE ENGLISH); FORMATION EVENT (ATLANTA-GEN. BD.)  
BISHOP'S SEMINAR (RALEIGH); DISCIPLE TEACHER TRAINING EVENT; MARIE FORTUNE EVENT ON VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ETHICS; AGEHR HANDBELL FESTIVAL; UMPH WRITER'S SEMINAR (4-DAYS NASHVILLE); 24 HOUR/12 WEEK CLASS - DISCOVERING THE SPIRITUAL YOU THROUGH MOVEMENT (KEVIN RUAN)

According to ¶ 348 describe your plans for your continuing formation during the year ahead.

BISHOP'S SEMINAR - AGEHR NATIONAL FESTIVAL - DESIGN TEAM FOR NASHVILLE JUBILEE (UM FELLOWSHIP EVENT) - UMPH WRITER'S SEMINAR - DUKE CONVO - BISHOP'S TRIP TO HOLY LAND (FEB.) - RELATIONAL MOVEMENT WORKSHOP

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

Signed

Robert J. Irvine

Date

11-5-97

Annual reports for certification and deacon in full connection may be combined and used for the Charge Conference.