

Annual Report

Deacon

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_____

Annual Conference in which you are serving North Carolina Annual Conference_____

Annual Conference Membership North Carolina Annual Conference_____

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

According to ¶ 322.4, 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.

N/A

Area of your certification, specialization, or field of service:

Music

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
(¶352-355)

Read ¶ 319 and ¶ 320 of *The 2000 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.

I am working with a long-term continuing support group system for survivors of incest and childhood sexual abuse. We are in the process of forming as a non-profit organization, and will offer support to both male and female survivors and "pro-survivors" (family members, spouses, and partners of trauma survivors). There is some short-term crisis help available (10-12 weeks) but the effects of this type of trauma cannot be dealt with in such a short time period. Long-term support is necessary and providing a safe place in which to do this healing work is a ministry that not only helps me in my own journey, but re-connects some survivors who have turned away from the organized church because of its seeming lack of assistance to the survivor, or because of situations involving clergy-abuse.

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

In beginning to tell my story (and no longer hide my history under a cloak of misguided shame) I am opening up doorways for regular people to reach out and effectively minister to survivors, for people to take a look at how we can do MORE to make the church a safe place for all people, and to let other survivors (who may not have made the decision to become public with their history) know there are people who understand and will stand by them through this long and difficult journey.

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. Duke University Convocation and Pastor's School; NOMSV National Conference (3-day residential in NY); Christian Educators Fellowship National Conference (5-day residential in VA)

According to ¶ 348 describe your plans for your continuing formation during the year ahead. Duke University Convocation and Pastor's School; Wesley Heritage Tour (for 300th birthday celebration) with Bishop Edwards (May 12-20, 2003)

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

Signed R. Julian Irvine Date 11-7-02

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