

Annual Report
Deacon
The United Methodist Church

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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 Membership: **North Carolina**

Name & address of primary service appointment:

Duke Memorial UMC, 504 W. Chapel Hill St., Durham, NC 27701

I **have not** changed position during the past year.

Field of service: **Music/Worship**

I **have not** mailed a request for annual review and renewal of certification,
specialization to the appropriate agency.

I **am not** on leave.

How have I lived out my call to the ministry of deacon connecting the
congregation with the needs of the world:

I have been serving as part of a team of men who answer calls received by the Men's Center of Raleigh and Wake County from those men dealing with the horror of incest and childhood sexual abuse. Though this is not a religious organization, my training and background have helped me in many situations to assist people in dealing with their pain and suffering. I have also served as a mentor and facilitator for several workshops dealing with childhood trauma and how we work through that history as grown men. I not only

work with the Raleigh group, but also with the associated group in Orange and Durham counties, and have worked with several referrals from clergy in the Conference who have members dealing with this issue. I am currently facilitating a bi-monthly support group for male survivors of childhood sexual abuse in Raleigh.

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

I am working with a friend to establish several new self-supporting groups in Wake and Durham counties. Several of us are also sponsoring a weekend workshop to be held in November at Camp Chestnut Ridge, facilitated by a therapist from the national organization Male Survivor (of which I am a member) using improvisational and authentic movement as part of a kinesthetic therapy approach to this trauma in which our bodies hold memories in latent form for many years.

List the ways you have fulfilled your plans for your continuing personal formation during the past year.

Duke Divinity School Convocation & Pastor's School; Wesley Heritage Tour of England with Bishop and Mrs. Edwards; Christian Educators Fellowship Workshop led by Dr. Gayle Felton; Safe Sanctuary workshop led by Dr. Melton (author of Safe Sanctuary textbook); Conference workshop led by Hope Morgan Ward on "Worship in the Workplace."

Describe your plans for your continuing education formation during the year ahead.

Kinesthetic movement workshop at Camp Chestnut Ridge; Duke Convocation & Pastor's School; Durham District Retreat led by Dr. Belton Joyner; Level 2 Retreat for Male Survivors in Utah.

R. John Irvine 10/21/03