



Report of the Pastor

The report of the pastor shall include the names of all persons involved in the changes in membership and other items as outlined in the 2008 Book of Discipline (§§ 234, 340). This report should cover as fully as possible the work of the pastor. Care should be taken not to duplicate the reports of the Church Council, committees, organizations, and officers of the charge.

Copies of this report should be filed with the recording secretary, pastor, district superintendent and chairperson of witness or evangelism ministries.

Duke Memorial Church Durham District	Duke Memorial Charge North Carolina Annual Conference
For the period beginning Nov. 7, 2008 <small>DATE OF PRIOR CHARGE CONFERENCE</small>	and ending Sept. 30, 2009. <small>DATE OF CURRENT CHARGE CONFERENCE</small>

1. List those who have been received into baptized membership since the last report.
(Attach as a supplement.)
2. List those who have been received into professing membership since the last report.
(Attach as a supplement.)
 - a. On profession of faith or restored.
 - b. From other United Methodist churches.
 - c. From other non-United Methodist churches.
3. List those who have been removed from the professing membership since the last report.
(Attach as a supplement.)
 - a. By action of the Charge Conference, or trial court, or by withdrawal.
 - b. By transfer to other United Methodist churches.
 - c. By transfer to other non-United Methodist churches.
 - d. By death.
4. Have the membership records and rolls been audited (§231)? Yes No
 If not, why not? Will begin this work with Membership Secretary in Fall 2009.
5. The Pastor shall give a report on the state of the church and an account of pastoral ministry as it relates to (§ 340): providing support, guidance, and training to the lay membership in the church; ministering within the congregation and to the world; and administering the temporal affairs of the congregation. Include as a part of the report a statement outlining the pastor's program of continuing education and spiritual growth for the past year and plans for the year to come (§ 350.1). *(Attach as a supplement.)*

Signed *Dwight A. Thomas L. Rozell*
 Date *Oct 7, 2009*

Duke Memorial UMC
Charge Conference
October 7, 2009
Report of the Pastors, Supplemental Information

Report for Duke Memorial United Methodist Church,
Durham District,
North Carolina Annual Conference,
For the period beginning Nov. 7, 2008, and ending Sept. 30, 2009.

1. Those who have been received into baptized membership since the last report:

Jacob Matthew Brennan
James Mitchell Brennan
Justin Avery Brennan
Vivian Claire Brennan
Jackson Scully Burch
Kaitlyn Marie Fuhrer
Elizabeth Henley Garman
Carter Joseph Kukla
Wesley Garrett Putman
William Henry Putman
Katherine May Smith
Thomas Robert Smith
Molly Barbara Sprague
Ellison White

2. Those who have been received into professing membership since the last report:

a. On profession of faith or restored:

David Arthur Bradley
Devin Curtis Fitts
Katherine Schuver Garman
Ann Louise Hull
James Wendell Hull
James Arthur Pacholke
Benjamin Alexander Simpson

b. From other United Methodist churches:

Blair Russell Anderson
James Matthew Brennan
Stephanie Ann Brennan

Kimberly Conner Doughty
Terrilee Ebel
Ruth Ann Gunter
Frederick Norman Heintz
Mary Suzanne Heintz
Jamie Hovda
Barbara Jean Knopp
Stephen Gene Knopp
Christopher George Kukla
Lisa Jacqueline Kukla
Michael James Marlowe
Rosemary Henson Marlowe
Nancy Smith Roberts
William A. Roberts
David Sherrill
Ina Lawson Sherrill
John Boyce Sherrill
Emily White
Michael White

c. From other non-United Methodist churches:

Catherine Bowler
Joseph R Crayton
Timothy David Crone
James Henley Garman
Dorothy E. Harrison
Sara Ideran
Annette Martin
Toban Penner
Charles Garrett Putman
Harriet Willimon Putman

3. Those who have been removed from the professing membership since the last report:

a. By action of the Charge Conference, or trial court, or by withdrawal:

none

b. By transfer to other United Methodist churches:

Mary Beth Cole
David Gerard Jones
Lisa Smith Jones

Margaret Bagley Kelly
Donna E. Talbot
Michael A. Talbot

c. By transfer to other non-United Methodist churches:

none

d. By death:

Grace Collins Boddie
Frances Brinkley
Chalmers Fred Clark, Jr.
Ialeen B. Clark
Helen M. Fink
Betty Kissell
Evelyn Lyon
Charles Edward Medlin
Robert H. Stuck
Ganelle Henderson Turner

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Goethe said, “Things that matter most, should never be at the mercy of things that matter least.” It is a blessing to be a part of a church committed to the “things that matter most.” And at Duke Memorial, we know what matters most to be a “vital and vibrant congregation, a sign and foretaste of God’s Kingdom in downtown Durham.” It matters most to be a church that invites and welcomes people unconditionally into a community of faith in Jesus Christ. It matters most to be a church that worships God in dynamic and hopeful ways. It matters most to be a church that practices intentional faith formation for people of all ages. And it matters most to be a church that sends disciples into God’s world to practice justice, compassion, and service. These things matter most.

We have said over the last year that our vision statement is like an ellipse around two foci—those two middle areas, worship and intentional faith formation are the focal points around which the rest revolves. The two towers of this sanctuary building remind us of these two foci: dynamic, hopeful worship, and intentional faith formation.

Thinking about this building as a metaphor for our life together, we can also ask: What is the foundation? And how strong is it? On January 1, 1907, work began on the foundation of this sanctuary building. The ground was broken, the cornerstone was laid, and the part of the building that would hold up the rest, and make it strong and secure, was begun. Since then we have built up the body of believers so that God’s church can remain strong, faithful, and effective. Paul writes in the letter to the Ephesians that in Christ, “the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord in whom you are also built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.” We are that structure, and for us to grow in every way means we need a solid foundation.

When we think about what that foundation is, we think of Annette Martin. Annette joined Duke Memorial about a year ago, and has been active in ministry ever since. She’s been a member of Ann’s Thursday group, a leader of the visitation ministry, and now she is beginning Disciple Bible Study One. Annette was so excited when she discovered Stephen Ministry. She had long thought God was leading her into some area of care giving, but she wasn’t sure what. When she discovered Stephen Ministry, she said, “Now I know, this is what God was calling me to. This is what God has gifted me for. This is it.”

That’s a perfect picture of what we have been calling *equipping*. Annette is growing as a disciple by being in a small group, she has a clear sense of what her own gifts for ministry are, and she’s putting them to use. Annette is being “equipped for the work of ministry,” as Paul puts it in Ephesians 4. And that’s how he says this structure—this body, the church, God’s holy temple—grows to maturity in Christ, by being equipped for the work of ministry. Equipping the saints—that is the foundation.

You might say that this year we have spent time with shovels in our hands, breaking ground in this area. Ginger and I have talked about equipping whenever we could as illustrated by Annette's story. On the one hand, through participation in a small group, Annette is growing in the basic disciplines of the Christian life—scripture reading, prayer, giving, devotion, compassion, and service. On the other hand, she has identified her unique gifts and passions and is putting them to use in ministry to others. These are the two sides of equipping—growing in the common practices of the Christian life, and discovering one's unique gifts and calling and living into that calling in ministry.

Maurice Ritchie, Robin Langford and their teams have been wielding shovels as well. Maurice's team has been investigating ways to improve the adult Sunday school. Listen to what they said is the purpose of adult Sunday school: "To assist persons at every stage of Christian discipleship to discover the call of Christ on their lives, to explore the implications of their call for life in and beyond Durham, and to equip, support, and nurture them in living out their distinctive call." In other words, the job of adult Sunday school is to equip the saints for the work of ministry. Robin's team has imagined what a new ministry of small groups might look like—short-term groups aimed especially at connecting more people to others in the church and helping them deepen their lives as followers and gifted servants of Jesus. The message coming from these two teams has been loud and clear: Equipping adults for ministry needs serious attention; there is not a one size fits all approach. A solid foundation for adult formation can have a vibrant adult Sunday school program *and* small groups meeting at other times in other places.

So, the soil has been turned up. We've gotten used to using the language of equipping and are figuring out what that means for Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. We have looked at how the current Sunday school could do a better job of equipping, and are exploring new ways to do it as well. What do you do after a year of groundbreaking? What do you do when the cornerstone—who is Jesus Christ himself—has already been laid? Here's what you do: You pour the foundation. You make sure it's strong. You press on.

As we did at the last church council meeting, we are inviting the church to make next year the year of "equipping the saints for the work of ministry." Let us figure out how to get more people into small groups—healthy and effective Sunday school classes, new short-term small groups, tried and true groups like Covenant Discipleship Groups and Disciple Bible Study—and let us also figure out how to help people, through these groups discover and live their unique call to ministry.

No one knows what God is calling Duke Memorial to be and to do in the next five or ten years—though we look forward to discerning that together with you—but imagine what is possible when eighty, or ninety, or one-hundred percent of the people who worship at Duke Memorial are in a small group where they are equipped to practice the Christian faith, where they are enabled to discover their own unique gifts and passion for ministry, and where they are empowered to put those gifts to use in their families and community. Anything is possible. Imagine how wide our welcoming arms will reach when all the saints are equipped and engaged. Imagine how dynamic and hopeful our worship will be.

Imagine how effective our faith formation of people of all ages will be. Imagine the impact we will have as we serve Durham through lives of service, justice, and compassion, when all the saints are being equipped and engaged. Imagine what God could build on such a sure foundation. But be careful what you ask for, because, as we said last year, God's imagination is wilder than ours, God's vision is clearer than ours, God's dreams for us are bigger than ours, and God's power is greater than ours. As Paul says in Ephesians, that very power "at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine." May it be so here. Amen.

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