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October 7, 2009

The Rev. Dr. H. Gray Southern, Durham District Superintendent
and the Charge Conference, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

Dear Gray and Charge Conference:

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Please accept this as my ministerial report to date in 2009. I continue to enjoy my association with Duke Memorial UMC in Durham, where I remain active in serving as IHN coordinator, as stewardship coordinator, as a member of the adult choir (and occasional director), and as an occasional Sunday school teacher. I have also enjoyed my opportunities to read the biblical passages during worship and to participate in the serving of the Eucharist (which I did twice in 2009).

I have not had the opportunity during the year to officiate in any weddings or funerals, or to preach a sermon. I have taught Sunday school three times.

Ministerial activities beyond Duke Memorial UMC include my presidency of the board of the Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network, a challenging task both in terms of raising the necessary finances and also in terms of identifying a new executive director when the previous one resigned. Both efforts succeeded, by God's grace and good work from my board colleagues.

Also, I have continued my active leadership within my professional association, the American Theological Library Association, continuing to serve as chair of its Endowment Committee. I was on a plenary panel at the annual conference which considered issues of libraries in the difficult economy, and found it a useful discussion and was glad to participate.

I have also taken active part in the discussions at the Divinity School regarding the economic challenges we face, and have seen interesting possibilities emerge as a result for the library and for the school as a whole.

Most importantly in my own ministry, I continue my service as Director of the Divinity School Library, continuing to recruit and motivate good staff members, to select worthwhile titles to add to the collection (both in print and electronically), to collaborate with other libraries on campus and in the area, and to consider all the big questions about where information and libraries are heading. It's a wonderful career and a great opportunity to serve.

So far as continuing education, I participate actively in the professional library conference mentioned above, as well as attending numerous educational sessions offered locally by university libraries and other groups. My immediate supervisor is Associate Dean for Academic Services David Toole, who regards my work as excellent.

Sincerely,

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