DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL

November 3, 2011

The Rev. Ginger Thomas, Co-Pastor
Duke Memorial United Methodist Church
Durham, NC 27701

Dear Ginger and Members of the Charge Conference:

I doubt that anyone who knows me would think of me as not in ministry, with all my involvements in this congregation, as coordinator of the IHN ministry, as member of the choir, as participant in many of its activities and service projects, as occasional teacher in Sunday school and elsewhere, as communion server, as lector, as visitor in the hospitals.

Could I do all of those activities and not be ordained? Yes, absolutely. This church has such a wealth of leadership that I am almost never called on to exercise my ordination, through preaching, presiding at Holy Communion, marrying, burying, or helping order the church. That is the life I chose when I became an appointee beyond the local church, and when we chose to attend Duke Memorial. As my years of active service draw to a close with my June 2012 retirement at Duke and from the North Carolina Annual Conference, I simply note that fact.

It is my hope that my ordination has contributed significantly to my ability to lead the Divinity School Library at Duke; I regularly assert that it has.

Best wishes for the charge conference and for the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Loyd

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