

**Duke Memorial United Methodist Church**  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

January 8, 1974

Dear Church Member:

The Commission on Finance would like to thank each church family who participated in any way during the recent every member canvass. Appreciation is also extended to the families who saw fit to support our church through pledges for 1974. The congregation is to be commended for its efforts. This year more money was pledged for the regular budget than ever before in church history.

At this time we have pledges of approximately \$145,000 for 1974. This represents an increase of \$18,000 over pledges for 1973.

In the coming months the Commission on Finance will continue to examine the 1974 budget looking for areas to bring spending more in line with collections. Obviously some programs and operations will have to be reviewed. We will need the support and understanding of the members regarding this.

Again the Commission asks all church families who have not pledged to reconsider. We need your support. We cannot continue to increase programs and operations without the participation of every family. Please give this request your serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. Fred Clark, Chairman  
Commission on Finance

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