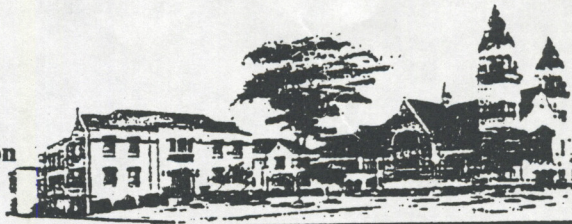


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## Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

November 11, 1997

Dear Ms. McGee,

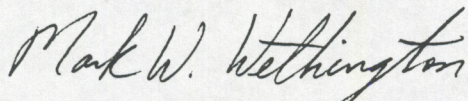
Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Durham Central Group of AA expressing your regret for the graffiti vandalism of the church. We also regret that this happened and are saddened by the signs of hate and disrespect. We would appreciate any updates regarding who might be responsible for this action.

It is a joy to have your group utilize our facilities and I am not discouraged by your being here. These things will happen and cannot easily be prevented. The ministry which AA provides is very important to this community and I commit myself to the continued support of your program.

In terms of your question regarding how your group might assist this situation, at present, the cost to us of removing the graffiti is our deductible, which is \$1,000. I am certain that the trustees of the church would welcome any contribution toward these costs.

Thank you for being in touch with me. It is my hope that this event will not have any further detrimental effect upon your program. Let me know if I can help in any way.

With warm regards,

  
Mark W. Wethington