

April 28, 1995

To: UMW Executive Committee

From: Mary Whanger

Re: Two requests for funds

I have received two requests for funds, both of which need to be responded to as quickly as possible. I believe it would work to handle the one from Heavin Bortz by telephone, but the one from Para Drake requires group discussion. It should take us only a few minutes. The only time in the next several weeks I can find to "piggyback" us into the church calendar is before Sunday School one Sunday morning. Therefore, I am asking you to meet me Sunday morning, May 7, at 9:30, in the Aldersgate Room (first room to the left as you enter the Sanctuary building from the breezeway - that class is meeting elsewhere that day).

Jennifer tells me that we have about \$2,000 available. We have money over and above this amount for our next Pledge to Mission Payment, which is due shortly. The \$2,000 does, however, include \$1,000 carryover from last year, and also the money from the VSB luncheon. Part of this amount - perhaps up to \$500 - may be needed later for budgeted items due in the fall of the year. Also, contributions from circles of pledges have been slow, and will continue to be slow over the summer, and there will be another Pledge to Mission payment due in the fall. So the amount available to us right now is closer to \$1500 than \$2000, and Jennifer and I feel we should not spend it down really close at this time. Jennifer feels comfortable with our giving the requested \$300 to Heavin and something to Para.

There is a copy of Heavin Bortz's letter on the other side of this letter. It is self-explanatory. I talked with Heavin earlier this week, and she now needs only \$300 instead of the \$500 requested in the letter. Heavin is one of the Duke students who gave us a report on the Appalachia Service Project team at our March meeting. If you approve this request, you do not need to call me. If you do not approve this request or wish to change the amount, please call me -- 489-3279. If I do not hear from you by Thursday, May 4, I will assume you approve, and will authorize Jennifer to write a check for Heavin.

Here is Para's letter:

27 April 1995

This is to ask UMW to help me with my Seminary education at Duke.

I will be a volunteer chaplain at Durham Regional for 10 weeks while taking a Clinical Pastoral Education course with Perry Miller with the Pastoral Care Institute.

The fee for the course is \$1300. Additionally, I must subscribe to a computer on-line service. I think the fees will be about \$125. Finally, because I will be in full time work-study, program fees for my children will be approximately \$800 (4 weeks x 2 children). Total \$2225.

Thank you for any consideration and support you can give.

In Christ,
Para

In talking with Para, I learned that she will be supervised at Durham Regional by Rev. Nancy Best, a member of the North Carolina Conference, and that there are no other sources of financial help available to her.

I believe this request from Para should be discussed by us as a group. Please consider it carefully and come on the 7th prepared to propose what you feel we should do, so that we can handle this matter quickly.

Thank you very much.

Date: _____

To: _____

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. in relation to the matter mentioned therein. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I will endeavor to do so as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

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