

# Durham Congregations In Action (DCIA)

— heeding God's call to serve

## An Ecumenical Organization

We are an interfaith, inter-racial organization whose members are Durham churches and synagogues — 48 of them in 1990. We have expanded from a four-church organization which incorporated in 1972 as the Center City Church Council.

## Service to the Poor and the Oppressed

Our purpose is to support, with funds and with volunteers, a number of ongoing programs for Durham's needy (see listings on other side of this page). We also try to be aware of needs not being met in Durham, and if appropriate, nurture new programs to address them.

## Money and Workers

Each congregation is asked to give an amount equal to at least one-half of one percent of its previous year's budget. Member congregations also try to recruit at least five percent of their active adult members to be volunteers in DCIA programs, to work together with volunteers from the larger community.

## Structure for Effective Action

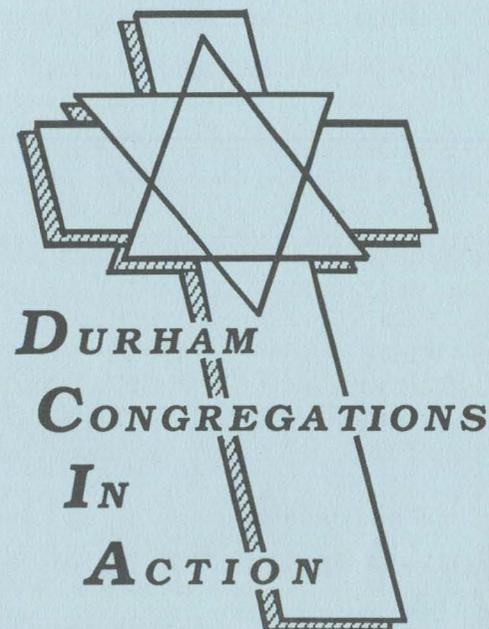
Every congregation names three representatives, including its pastor or rabbi, to serve on the Board of DCIA. This Board meets monthly, each time in a different church or synagogue. Officers also meet monthly and committees of the Board meet as they feel necessary.

### MEMBERS OF DCIA

Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
Asbury Temple United Methodist Church  
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Bethany United Methodist Church  
Beth El Synagogue  
Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Braggtown Baptist Church  
Christ Lutheran Church  
\* Church of the Reconciliation (Presbyterian)  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
Duke Memorial United Methodist Church  
Duke University Chapel Congregation  
Duke's Chapel United Methodist Church  
Durham Mennonite Church  
Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
Epworth United Methodist Church  
First Baptist Church  
First Church of the Nazarene  
First Presbyterian Church  
Fisher Memorial United Holy Church  
Glendale Heights United Methodist Church  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Holy Cross Catholic Church  
Holy Infant Catholic Church  
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
Judea Reform Congregation  
McMannen United Methodist Church  
Mt. Calvary United Church of Christ  
Mt. Gilead Baptist Church  
Northgate Presbyterian Church  
Oakgrove Freewill Baptist Church  
Orange Grove Baptist Church  
Pilgrim United Church of Christ  
\* Pleasant Green United Methodist Church  
Saint Joseph's AME Church  
Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church  
Saint Luke's Episcopal Church  
Saint Paul United Methodist Church  
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church  
Saint Philip's Episcopal Church  
Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church  
Saint Titus Episcopal Church  
Temple Baptist Church  
Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
Watts Street Baptist Church  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Yates Baptist Church  
\* Affiliate Member (Orange County)

All contributions to DCIA or its programs are tax deductible and should be addressed to the treasurer. Contributions, general mailings, and inquiries should be sent to:

Durham Congregations In Action  
Urban Ministries Center, Box C  
112 North Queen Street  
Durham, North Carolina 27701  
Phone (with Meals on Wheels): 682-7255



...if you give your bread to  
the hungry, and relief to the  
oppressed, your light will rise  
in the darkness, and your  
shadows become like noon.

— Isaiah 58:10

...when I was hungry, you  
gave me food; when thirsty,  
you gave me drink; when I  
was a stranger you took me  
into your home; when naked  
you clothed me; when I was  
ill you came to my help...

— Matthew 25:35-37

# THE PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY DURHAM CONGREGATIONS IN ACTION

— relying on funds and volunteers from member congregations and from the larger Durham community —

If you can help in one of the following programs, please phone the person named in the listing.

## CHAPLAINS

Co-sponsor: Duke Divinity School

With the Duke Divinity School, DCIA funds two chaplain interns for Henderson and Oldham Towers, under the direction of a permanent chaplain supervisor. The interns, students at Duke Divinity School, serve part-time during the school year and full time in the summer. They lead worship services and visit the residents.

•David Tucker, 477-5994

## GENESIS HOME

DCIA Affiliate

Genesis Home provides transitional housing for temporarily homeless families trying to establish permanent households. Volunteers are needed for a variety of work from 8 am to 10 pm daily.

Genesis Home has beds for 20, and averages 12-15 people (four or five families) per night.

•Nan Derner, 683-5878

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Each weekday, Meals on Wheels provides a hot, nutritious, home-delivered meal to Durham County residents, who are unable to provide food for themselves. Recipients may be elderly, disabled, convalescing and/or malnourished. This program is available temporarily or permanently to people of all incomes. Currently Meals on Wheels is delivering an average of 265 meals each day (Monday-Friday) and is serving 285 persons

Approximately 550 volunteers are involved in the program and are always welcome.

•Dorothy Scott, 682-7255

## EMERGENCY ENERGY

DCIA Affiliate

The Emergency Energy Committee is a multi-agency group that provides financial help to clients with utility cut-off notices or with too little money to buy fuel. DCIA funds an administrator for this Committee.

In the winter of 1988-1989 the program helped over 1000 households pay their heating bills.

•Peggy Sanford, 683-3695

## ELDER NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

DCIA Affiliate

Volunteers are trained to visit homebound, socially isolated people, most of whom are not associated with any congregation. Visits take place once a week for a minimum of six months. Volunteers are needed: there is usually a waiting list of clients (hosts) wanting a regular visitor.

In 1989 57 volunteers were matched with hosts.

•Glenda Clauson, 493-2074

## HOST HOMES

Co-sponsor: Duke Pastoral Services

DCIA families provide lodging for relatives of patients at Duke Medical Center: visits last from one night to several weeks. DCIA workers also help with the Host Homes desk in the hospital lobby. Duke Pastoral Services provides a part-time coordinator. More volunteers are needed for the Host Homes desk.

In 1989 835 guests were provided with 6,069 nights of lodging in 62 homes.

•Christine Stocks, 684-5351

## COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Co-sponsor: St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Each weekday this program offers three meals, fellowship, and counseling. A midday meal is also served on weekends. Volunteers are always needed, especially during Duke University vacations. The Kitchen serves as many as 500 meals in one day.

•Betsy Rollins, 688-7378

## MEDIPOINT

DCIA volunteers drive elderly people without other transportation to and from medical appointments. Users of this service must either be mobile or provide their own helper. People in need of rides should phone the Coordinating Council for Senior Citizens. Volunteer drivers are always needed.

In 1989 volunteers provided over 400 rides.

•Nancye Bryan, 489-0514

## COMMUNITY SHELTER

Co-sponsor: Durham Presbyterian Council

Community Shelter provides overnight lodging for up to 120 men. Showers, lockers, and an evening meal are provided. There are also support services such as medical assistance, a literacy program, and job counseling. Volunteer opportunities are abundant.

•Terry Allebaugh, 688-2593.

## OFFICERS OF DCIA

President: Margaret Keller, 688-8826

Vice President: David Martin, 489-3214

Treasurer: Albertha Fitts, 688-1254

Secretary: Beth Burkey, 471-0419