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Dear Duke Memorial Family,

The past fifteen months have been renewing and refreshing ones for Duke Memorial. Sunday worship is both meaningful and uplifting. I wish all of you had been in church the Sunday following Annual Conference when Eric announced to the congregation that the Bishop had reappointed him to Duke Memorial. The sound of the spontaneous applause would surely excite you about Duke Memorial's current position and its future. That enthusiasm alone would enlist your joining with fellow members who are working toward our being God's church in our community.

Our staff provides us with strong leadership and spiritual guidance. The atmosphere at Duke Memorial is warm and vibrant. Eric Carson is a witness to us of his dedication to God and commitment to His service. As more members meet and work with Marge Clark, our Program Director, they catch her enthusiasm. Her expertise and guidance is inspiring to us all.

The summer was filled with many activities and planning sessions. June 5th was a wonderful Sunday afternoon of dreaming and planning. It was exciting to see so many members enjoying participating and being involved in the ongoing life of Duke Memorial. Another highlight of the summer was the fabulous Music-Drama camp. It was a delight to see so many children accomplish so much in one week and present such a fine performance. They were thrilled with their efforts too and enjoyed every day of preparation. The amount of Bible they learned was astounding. Those children will treasure that week all of their lives.

Duke Memorial is on the move. The staff positions are being filled, Sunday School classes (both children and adults) are growing, and the Council on Ministries is planning programs in many areas to meet individual needs and provide spiritual nurture.

As stewards, we are called to respond to the challenges being presented to us. Our response will be increased commitment and involvement in the life and work of our church. There are so many avenues and opportunities open to each of us. I encourage you to make your ongoing commitment now to God's service through our united efforts. Pray for guidance as you plan for your financial commitment to Duke Memorial for 1989.

Sincerely,

Edith Sprunt Toms  
Chairman, Administrative Board

