

ANNUAL REPORT of the DIACONAL MINISTER

to the Charge Conference and Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry
The United Methodist Church

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Present Position: Diaconal Minister of Music

Current Church Membership: Duke Memorial United Methodist Church, Durham, NC

Annual Conference to Which Related: North Carolina Annual Conference

I ~~have~~/have not changed positions during the past year. (If change, give name and address of former position and date of change.)

If not presently employed, list date and place of last employment approved by the Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry.

Area of certification, commission, specialization, or field of service:

Specialization: Music

Request for annual review and renewal of certification, commission, specialization has been mailed to appropriate agency. Yes XX No _____

Date of consecration of Office of Diaconal Minister: June 12, 1991

On Leave: First Year _____ Second Year _____ Third Year _____

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Describe ways in which you fulfill your diaconal ministry responsibility in your present position.

I believe that one of my strongest responsibilities as a Diaconal Minister is to help equip others to answer their own call. I need to help them recognize and fulfill their call as part of the ministry of all baptized believers. I try to instill that we are leaders in worship, not performers, and that what we offer is always to the glory of God, never to our own glorification. I try to stand behind the cross, rather than in front of it where I might block it from someone's view. I pray that Christ will shine in all I do. While my professional credentials have validated my music ministry, I believe my diaconal status validates my dedication to the general ministry of the church. I visit in the hospitals and funeral homes as needed, and work with outside agencies in the community. These are not part of my job description per se, but are definitely part of God's plan for ministry within the church.

In what ways have you fulfilled your plans for continuing education during the past year?

My personal reading/reflection has included the following materials: Choristers Guild, Overtones, News Notes, Circuit Rider, and The American Organist, all on a regular basis; I have also read the following larger works: The Joy of Worship, Marianne H. Micks; Instrument of Thy Peace, Alan Paton; To See a World in a Grain of Sand, Caesar Johnson; O For a Thousand Tongues, James, I. Warren, Jr.; Reliving the Passion, Walter Wangerin, Jr.; Man's Search for Meaning, Viktor E. Frankl; and I Heard the Owl Call My Name, Margaret Craven. I attended the Region III American Guild of English Handbell Ringers' Festival in Williamsburg, VA; 1995 Duke Convocation and Pastor's School; and Durham District Pastor's/Diaconal's Retreat in Atlantic Beach.

Describe your plans for continuing education during the year ahead.

I will attend the 1996 AGEHR Festival in May. I plan to attend the 1996 Convocation/Pastor's School. There will also be several musical workshops that I will attend during the year.

Attach the evaluation of your immediate supervisor regarding ways in which you have been faithful to your call. The supervisor as deemed appropriate by the Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry, may be the senior pastor, pastor/staff parish relations committee, agency supervisor, district superintendent, staff of the conference council on ministries.

Signed

Robert J. Irvine

Date

10-31-95

Annual reports for certification and diaconal ministry may be combined and used for charge conference.