

Report of Pastor

The report of the pastor in charge shall include the names of all persons involved in the changes in membership and other items as outlined in the 1988 Book of Discipline (¶ 233, 439). This report should cover as fully as possible the work of the pastor. Care should be taken not to duplicate the reports of the Council on Ministries, committees, organizations, and officers of the charge.

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church Duke Memorial United Methodist Charge
Durham District N. C. Annual Conference

For the period beginning November 1, 1996 and ending October 31, 1997

I. BAPTISMS

- 1. Number of infants baptized since last report? 10
- 2. All others: children, youth and adults? _____

II. MEMBERSHIP

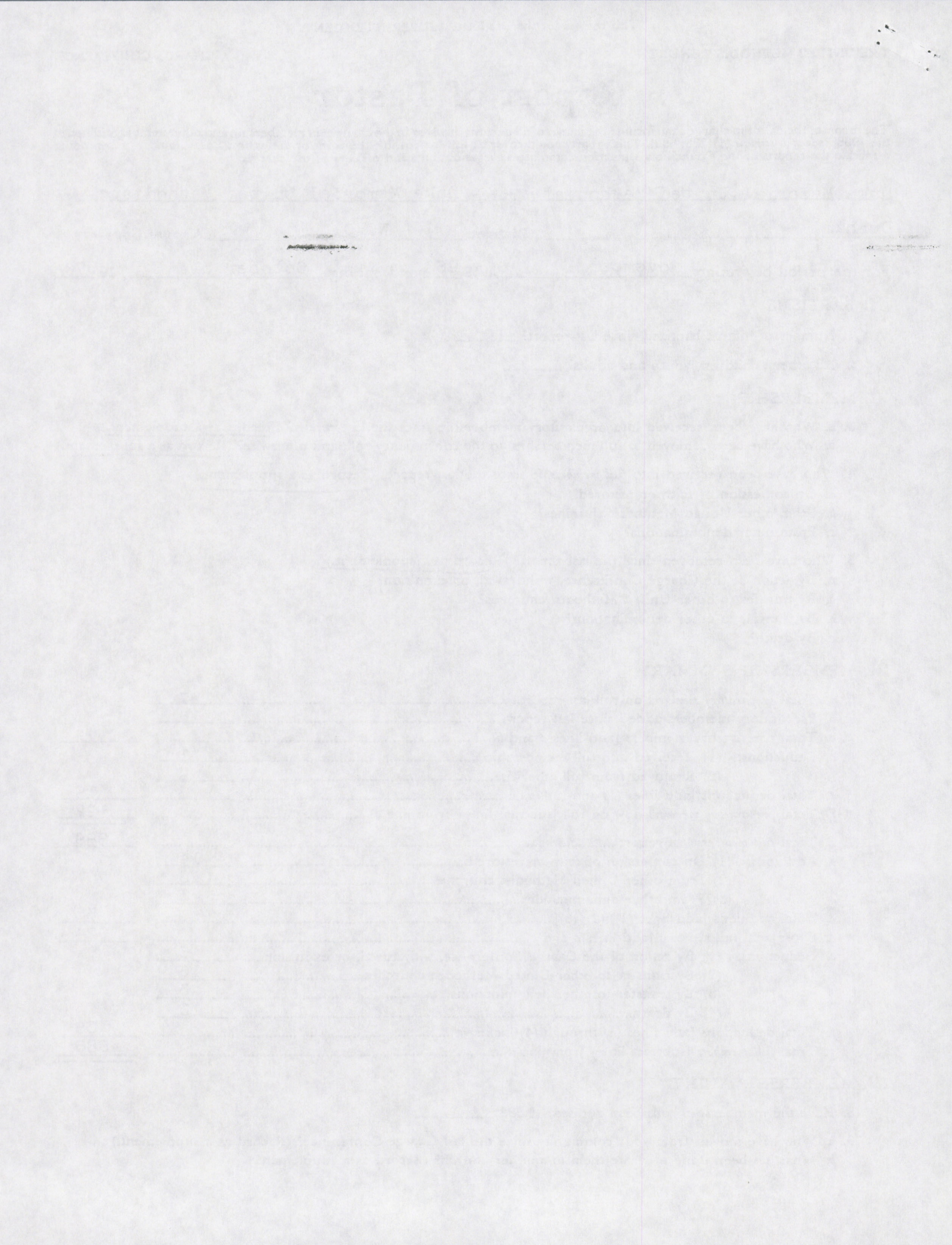
- 3. a. Who have been received into preparatory membership since the last report? (Record as a supplement.)
- b. Who have been removed to full membership, to the constituency roll, and otherwise? (Record as a supplement.)
- 4. Who have been received into full membership since the last report? (Record as a supplement.)
 - a. On confession of faith or restored?
 - b. From other United Methodist churches?
 - c. From other denominations?
- 5. Who have been removed since the last report? (Record as a supplement.)
 - a. By action of the Charge Conference, withdrawal, or expulsion?
 - b. By transfer to other United Methodist churches?
 - c. By transfer to other denominations?
 - d. By death?

III. MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

6. a. Total preparatory members on roll last report.....	<u>157</u>	
b. Preparatory members added since last report.....	<u>16</u>	
c. Total preparatory members [add lines a and b].....		<u>173</u>
d. Deductions: (1) Received into full membership.....	<u>11</u>	
(2) Removed from roll otherwise.....	<u>8</u>	
e. Total deductions [add lines (1) and (2)].....		<u>19</u>
f. Total preparatory members now on roll [subtract line e from line c].....		<u>192</u> ¹⁵⁴
7. a. Total full members last report.....		<u>889</u>
b. Additions: (1) On confession of faith or restored.....	<u>14</u>	
(2) From other United Methodist churches.....	<u>18</u>	
(3) From other denominations.....	<u>3</u>	
c. Total additions [add lines (1), (2), (3)].....		<u>35</u>
d. Gross total full members [add lines a and c].....		<u>924</u>
e. Deductions: (1) By action of the Charge Conference, withdrawal, or expulsion.....	<u>6</u>	
(2) By transfer to other United Methodist churches.....	<u>16</u>	
(3) By transfer to other denominations.....	<u>3</u>	
(4) By death.....	<u>13</u>	
f. Total deductions [add lines (1) through (4) inclusive].....		<u>38</u>
g. Total full members [subtract line f from line d].....		<u>886</u>

IV. MEMBERSHIP AUDIT

- 8. Have the membership rolls been audited? (¶ 233) _____
- 9. a. Who have moved from your community since the last Charge Conference? (Record as a supplement.)
- b. What has been done to relate them to another church? (Record as a supplement.)



SCHEDULE OF BAPTISMS DURING THE PERIOD: 11/01/96 TO 10/31/97

NUMBER	NAME	BAPTISM DATE
1662-52	SEARS, ROBERT G. SEARS, RANDY & AMY /MR & MRS	12/22/1996
1759-51	YARBOROUGH, JR, JAMES E. YARBOROUGH, JAMES & JANE /MR & MRS	12/22/1996
1010-52	ELLINGTON, JOHN S. (JACK) ELLINGTON, KENNETH & LINDA /DR & MRS	01/12/1997
1866-51	DODSON, GALEN D. DODSON, KELLY /MRS	01/19/1997
1250-52	HOWLETT, CHRISTEN M. HOWLETT, CHRIS & CHERYL /MR & MRS	02/16/1997
2103-52	TILLOTSON, MARK T. TILLOTSON, DAVID & WENDY /MR & MRS	04/27/1997
1952-53	MAUNDER, CALLIE G. MAUNDER, STEPHEN & KAY /MR & MRS	05/11/1997
1274-51	KELLUM, THOMAS D. KELLUM, ZIBA & AMY /MR & MRS	05/18/1997
2241-51	WILKINS, OLIVIA S. WILKINS, ERNEST & SORGI, CATHY	08/17/1997
2109-51	WHITEHOUSE, GRAHAM W. WHITEHOUSE, JAMIE & TRACEY	09/21/1997

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TOTAL RECORDS THIS LISTING: 10

Schedule 3a, Members Received into Preparatory Membership

NUMBER	NAME	PREPARATORY Y/N
1983-52	STANION-SMITH, EMMA S.	Y
	STANION-SMITH, TIM & COURTNEY /MR & MS	
1662-52	SEARS, ROBERT G.	Y
	SEARS, RANDY & AMY /MR & MRS	
1010-52	ELLINGTON, JOHN S. (JACK)	Y
	ELLINGTON, KENNETH & LINDA /DR & MRS	
1759-51	YARBOROUGH, JR, JAMES E.	Y
	YARBOROUGH, JAMES & JANE /MR & MRS	
2233-51	COLON-EMERIC, NATANAEL	Y
	COLON-EMERIC, EDGARDO & CATHLEEN /MR & MRS	
1952-53	MAUNDER, CALLIE G.	Y
	MAUNDER, STEPHEN & KAY /MR & MRS	
2103-52	TILLOTSON, MARK T.	Y
	TILLOTSON, DAVID & WENDY /MR & MRS	
2241-51	WILKINS, OLIVIA S.	Y
	WILKINS, ERNEST & SORGI, CATHY	
2109-51	WHITEHOUSE, GRAHAM W.	Y
	WHITEHOUSE, JAMIE & TRACEY	
2253-51	GRASS, DEREK W.	Y
	GRASS, LA DONNA /MRS	
2253-52	GRASS, LAURA C.	Y
	GRASS, LA DONNA /MRS	
2239-51	BOY, HOLLIN T.	Y
	BOY, JR, JOHN /MR	
1128-52	COLE, DANIEL N.	Y
	COLE, BILLY & LISA	
2197-51	CARPENTER, WILLIAM S. /(SI)	Y
	CARPENTER, CHARLES & HEIDI /MR & MRS	
2197-52	CARPENTER, SAMUEL H. /(SAM)	Y
	CARPENTER, CHARLES & HEIDI /MR & MRS	
2215-51	ROWLAND, VIVIAN /(VIVI)	Y
	ROWLAND, JACQUELINE	

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Schedule 3b, Members Removed from Preparatory Membership

NUMBER	NAME	DATE REMOVED	REASON
REMOVED TO FULL MEMBERSHIP:			
1040-54	BLAIR, ANNA /MISS	05/18/97	PROFESSION OF FAITH
1087-51	CARR, ERIN E. /MISS	05/18/97	PROFESSION OF FAITH
1158-53	DRAKE, WILLIAM C. /MR	05/18/97	PROFESSION OF FAITH
1274-51	KELLUM, THOMAS D. /MR	05/18/97	PROFESSION OF FAITH
1348-51	MCCRACKEN, EMILY KATHRYN /MISS	05/18/97	PROFESSION OF FAITH
1365-51	NIFONG, REBECCA /MISS	05/18/97	PROFESSION OF FAITH
1370-51	OCHOLA, MOSES /MR	05/18/97	PROFESSION OF FAITH
1452-51	STARK, MICHAEL T. /MR	05/18/97	PROFESSION OF FAITH
1873-52	BALLARD, LEE W. /MR	05/18/97	PROFESSION OF FAITH
1899-51	AVERETT, JANSEN E. /MISS	05/18/97	PROFESSION OF FAITH
2005-52	O'SULLIVAN, EMILY B. /MISS	05/18/97	PROFESSION OF FAITH
REMOVED OTHERWISE:			
1647-51	PETERS, KATHRYN L. /MISS	11/19/96	PARENTS MOVED AWAY
2130-51	LINDSAY, KYLE /MR	02/14/97	MOVED TO CARY, NC
2114-51	JOYCE, KEYYL T. /MISS	08/19/97	MOVED TO ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC
2114-52	JOYCE, ABBY /MISS	08/19/97	MOVED TO ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC
2056-51	MOORE, KELSEY /MISS	10/08/97	PARENTS MOVED AWAY
2056-52	BROWN, REBECCA B. /MISS	10/08/97	PARENTS MOVED AWAY
1990-51	CLIFTON, SHAWN /MR	10/23/97	PARENTS MOVED AWAY
1990-52	CLIFTON, DREW /MR	10/23/97	PARENTS MOVED AWAY

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Schedule 4a, Members by Profession of Faith - Youth

NUMBER	NAME	DATE JOINED
1040-54	BLAIR, ANNA /MISS BLAIR, HOUSTON & CONRAD, CHERYL /	05/18/1997
1087-51	CARR, ERIN E. /MISS CARR, THOMAS & KAREN /MR & MRS	05/18/1997
1158-53	DRAKE, WILLIAM C. /MR DRAKE, WILFRED & PARA /MR & MRS	05/18/1997
1274-51	KELLUM, THOMAS D. KELLUM, ZIBA & AMY /MR & MRS	05/18/1997
1348-51	MCCRACKEN, EMILY KATHRYN E. /MISS MCCRACKEN, J. & VOKATY, KATHRYN /	05/18/1997
1365-51	NIFONG, REBECCA /MISS NIFONG, TIMOTHY & JENNIFER /MR & MRS	05/18/1997
1370-51	OCHOLA, MOSES /MR OCHOLA, MAURICE & KAREN /MR & MRS	05/18/1997
1452-51	STARK, MICHAEL T. /MR STARK, THOMAS & NANCY /MR & MRS	05/18/1997
1873-52	BALLARD, LEE W. /MR BALLARD, BRUCE & MARTHA /MR & MRS	05/18/1997
1899-51	AVERETT, JANSEN E. /MISS AVERETT, WALTER /MR	05/18/1997
2005-52	O'SULLIVAN, EMILY B. /MISS O'SULLIVAN, DAN & MARTHA /MR & MRS	05/18/1997

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Schedule 4a, Members Received by Profession of Faith - Adults

NUMBER	NAME	DATE JOINED
2215-02	ROWLAND, JACQUELINE A. (JACKIE)	09/28/1997
2248-01	WITTE, KEVIN R. /MR	09/28/1997
2248-02	WITTE, JULIE H. /DR	09/28/1997

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Schedule 4b, Members Received by Transfer from Other Methodist Churches

NUMBER	NAME	DATE JOINED	TRANSFERRED FROM
2197-01	CARPENTER, CHARLES F. /MR (CHARLIE)	11/24/1996	RESURRECTION UMC, DURHAM, NC
2197-02	CARPENTER, HEIDI A. /MRS	11/24/1996	RESURRECTION UMC, DURHAM, NC
2183-01	ASHTON, SCOTT W. /MR	01/26/1997	TRUCKSVILLE UMC, TRUCKSVILLE, PA
2211-01	NEAL, MICHAEL E. /CAPT	02/23/1997	FIRST UNITED UMC, LITTLE FALLS, MN
2211-02	NEAL, MEG C. /MRS	02/23/1997	CHRIST CHURCH UMC, FINDLAY, OH
1835-01	JONES, THOMAS A. /MR (TOMMY)	06/29/1997	FLETCHERS CHAPEL UMC, DURHAM, NC
1835-02	JONES, SARAH MAKAY P. /MRS (KAY)	06/29/1997	FLETCHERS CHAPEL UMC, DURHAM, NC
1843-02	SMITH, JANET /MRS	06/29/1997	CHESNUT ST UMC, LUMBERTON, NC
1852-02	STENLAND, SALLY S. /MS	06/29/1997	CHESNUT ST UMC, LUMBERTON, NC
1855-01	SMITH, III, EDWARD F. /MR (EDDIE)	06/29/1997	CHESNUT ST UMC, LUMBERTON, NC
2118-02	HAITHCOCK, VANESSA /SN	06/29/1997	BUNCOMBE ST UMC, GREENVILLE, NC
2208-02	HAITHCOCK, ETHEL J. /MS	06/29/1997	BUNCOMBE ST UMC, GREENVILLE, NC
2233-01	COLON-EMERIC, EDGARDO A. /MR	06/29/1997	CATONSVILLE UNITED METHODIST
2233-02	COLON-EMERIC, CATHLEEN S. /MRS	06/29/1997	CATONSVILLE UNITED METHODIST
2243-02	JONES, MARY K. /MRS (KITTY)	08/24/1997	TRINITY UMC, TALAHASSEE, FL
2247-01	DE JESUS, EDGAR R. /MR	09/29/1997	WESLEY UMC, MANILA, PHILIPPINES
2249-02	DEAN, OLGA G. /MRS	10/26/1997	LAKEWOOD UMC, DURHAM, NC
2253-02	GRASS, LA DONNA R. /MRS	10/26/1997	VANDALIA FIRST UMC, VANDALIA, IL

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Schedule 4c, Members Received by Transfer from Other Denominations

NUMBER	NAME	DATE JOINED	TRANSFERRED FROM
1759-01	YARBOROUGH, JAMES A. /MR (JIM)	12/22/1996	CRESSETT BAPTIST CHURCH, DURHAM, NC
2241-01	WILKINS, ERNEST R. (RICK)	07/27/1997	GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, DURHAM, NC
2241-02	SORGI, CATHY D.	07/27/1997	IMMAC CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, DURHAM, NC

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Schedule 5a, Members Removed by the Charge Conference, Withdrawal, or Otherwise

NUMBER	NAME	RECORD CLOSED
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MEMBERS REMOVED BY ACTION OF THE CHARGE CONFERENCE

1643-01	HOPKINS, JOHN W. /MR	11/19/1996
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MEMBERS REMOVED BY WITHDRAWAL

1536-02	WILSON, ANN M. /MS	08/20/1997
1090-02	CARSWELL, PHYLLIS S. /MRS	10/21/1997
2205-02	CONE, NORMA JEAN /MISS	10-23/1997
1490-02	TURNER, THELMA S. /MRS	10/28/1997

MEMBERS ORDAINED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

1994-01	IRVINE, ROBERT (BOB)	07/01/1997
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Schedule 5b, Members Removed by Transfer to Other Methodist Churches

NUMBER	NAME	RECORD CLOSED	TRANSFERRED TO
1647-01	PETERS, JAY L. /MR	11/19/1996	RESURRECTION UMC, DURHAM, NC
1647-02	PETERS, KATHRYN B. /MRS (KAY)	11/19/1996	RESURRECTION UMC, DURHAM, NC
2012-02	HUDGINS, ELIZABETH	12/30/1996	SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UMC, PHOENIX, AZ
2006-01	BYERS, JEFFREY D. /DR (JEFF)	01/28/1997	GOOD SHEPHERD UMC, HENDERSONVILLE, TN
2006-02	BYERS, JANET /MRS	01/28/1997	GOOD SHEPHERD UMC, HENDERSONVILLE, TN
2106-01	BLACKWELDER, SHAWN /MR	01/28/1997	5TH AVENUE UMC, WILMINGTON, NC
2130-01	LINDSAY, MARK A. /MR	02/14/1997	GENESIS UMC, CARY, NC
2130-02	LINDSAY, CONNIE G. /MRS	02/14/1997	GENESIS UMC, CARY, NC
1436-02	SLEDGE, EVELYN A. /MS (MRS T BRYCE)	04/13/1997	UNION GROVE UMC, ROUGEMONT, NC
1592-02	CRUTCHFIELD, CAROL LYNN C. /MRS (MRS BRUCE)	04/30/1997	BLUFFTON UMC, BLUFFTON, SC
2114-02	JOYCE, LAURIE J. /MRS	08/19/1997	NEW HOPE UMC, ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC
2155-01	BOLLINGER, MARK R. /MR	09/16/1997	UNION UMC, LEWISVILLE, NC
1079-01	BYRD, RONALD W. /MR	09/26/1997	PARKWOOD UMC, DURHAM, NC
2056-01	BROWN, CHRIS	10/08/1997	BETHESDA UMC, DURHAM, NC
2056-02	BROWN, JULIE PARMALEE	10/08/1997	BETHESDA UMC, DURHAM, NC
1158-01	DRAKE, WILFRED F. /MR (WIL)	10/08/1997	MT TIRZAH UMC, TIMBERLAKE, NC

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Schedule 5c, Members Transferred to Other Denominations

NUMBER	NAME	RECORD CLOSED	TRANSFERRED TO
1018-02	FREDERICK, ALYSA K. /MRS	12/15/1996	FAIRFIEW BAPTIST, HILLSBOROUGH, NC
1892-01	CHANDLER, RICHARD W. /MR	02/17/1997	ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN, NORTH HILLS, PA
1892-02	CHANDLER, JULIE M. /MR	02/17/1997	ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN, NORTH HILLS, PA

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Schedule 5d, Members Lost by Death - 11/01/1996 to 10/31/1997

NUMBER	NAME	RECORD CLOSED
1395-02	READE, MAUDE L. /MRS	11/21/1996
1339-02	MOORE, DOROTHEA /MRS	12/02/1996
1231-02	HENDERSON, OLIVIA /MRS (LIV)	01/08/1997
1976-01	BOGGS, MICHAEL K. /MR	01/20/1997
1493-02	TURRENTINE, ALDA C. /MRS	01/22/1997
1120-02	CONKLIN, SUSAN T. /MRS (SUSIE)	02/12/1997
1338-01	MONTGOMERY, WINSTON E. /MR	04/03/1997
1329-02	MERRITT, BYRD /MRS	04/20/1997
1975-01	CHEEK, HERBERT N. /MR	04/24/1997
1258-02	JEFFREYS, SARA M. /MRS	05/01/1997
1706-02	SPELLER, MAXINE W. /MS	05/05/1997
1539-02	WILSON, JOSEPHINE /MRS	08/11/1997
1377-01	PATE, JESSE /MR	09/26/1997

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DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
540 WEST CHAPEL HILL STREET
Durham, NC 27701

CHARGE CONFERENCE - November 9, 1997
READING FOR REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

FIRST READING:

Ms Mollie Allen
Van Douglas Coleman
Mrs Jacqueline Lancaster
Blanche Miller
John Newark
Jerry Pearce
Thurman C. Robertson (Kyle)
David Tong

SECOND READING:

Lisa Coble
Kenneth DePlanche, Jr
Janet Lucas (Mrs Robert Lucas)
Terry Pearce

Pastor's Report
Rev. Mark W. Wethington
Charge Conference
November 9, 1997

I begin by expressing thanksgiving to God for the privilege of ordained ministry, its functions, challenges and joys. Ministry here at Duke Memorial continues to be both intriguing and encouraging. In recent days I spoke with a church member who was struggling with a question of how to be a disciple of Jesus in the midst of a troubling work situation. The very fact that she was asking the question was a joy to behold, knowing that there are indeed church people "out there" who are struggling with being faithful followers of Christ in their places of association outside of "Sunday presence." The ministry to which I continue to be called to give leadership is one which I steadily lift up as being guided by the ministry and teachings of Jesus through acts of worship, devotion, compassion and justice, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

While my ministry in this place continues to bring much joy and affirmation, this year's report by me is written with more of a dampened spirit than in the five years past. I say this with honesty mingled with seasoned hope. The dampened spirit arises from the presence of some in the congregation who have raised issues surrounding my leadership, while the seasoned hope arises from my own experience of how conflict, when handled in the Spirit of Christ, is an opportunity for Christian growth.

Duke Memorial has a history of conflict. Many who have weathered such experiences have shared them with me over the years I have served here. Some of those issues of conflict over many years have not been resolved, and, among some there is still lack of forgiveness. Those who have known such conflict have unfortunately also been witness and party to unhealthy "keeping of the peace." I have discovered more and more that healthy and open dialogue is difficult for many to engage in, as all of us are caught in a North American disposition that being Christian is about being nice rather than honest.

1997 has brought to my attention some deep concerns among church members, including one who resigned as Administrative Board chair and withdrew her membership from the church, that "due process" is not always seen to be followed, that proper communication has been lacking, and that true intentions have been questioned. These issues lead to questions of trust and honesty, causing some concerns to be seemingly unresolvable. The question of my study leave from January to May 1997 and how that was approved and handled is among these issues.

In conversation with the Staff-Parish Committee of this congregation it has been mutually acknowledged that this committee has not functioned well in recent years. While it has been "nice" to the staff, the committee has not provided the important critique of staff/parish relationships, etc. which is critical for shared ministry. As pastor, I have often been the last to know about things, even in recent months I have come to know about things which had not been shared with me before. In the five years that Bob Irvine has been here as our minister of music, in the years in which Jan Irvine was employed, as well as our financial secretary, our assistant in ministry, our receptionist, etc. these persons have rarely met with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Often I have felt the burden of being the committee on their behalf, and I now acknowledge that such was unwise on my part. I have grown in my own understanding of these things, remain discouraged about them, and hope and pray that this committee, by the grace of

God and with the help of all the congregation, can be conformed to give the strength of leadership to which it has been appointed. The fault lies with no one person, nor with the committee alone. As pastor, I acknowledge my own responsibility and am open to finding a better way in relationship with this committee and in support of the very difficult, challenging and privileged task which they have.

Our recently made video entitled "Christ's Ministry Through Us" has turned out to be a wonderful depiction of the many and varied aspects of ministry in this congregation. It will be used as an evangelism instrument to introduce the church to visitors. The key to this presentation is the understanding that this is not our ministry, but Christ's through us. Ministry becomes antithetical to the gospel when we assume it is something which we primarily create or carry out. The mission is God's and not ours; and yet we are at the mercy of human opinions, human prejudices, human committees, etc. which can both foster and hinder the *missio Dei*. This video depicts Christ's strong presence among us and working through us despite ourselves.

I am extremely grateful for the study leave which I had in the early part of this year. While at Wesley Seminary in Washington DC, I studied, meditated, and wrote, taught one course and was active at Casa del Pueblo, an innercity congregation in a community which was transitioning from being predominantly African-American to Hispanic. It was a very productive time for me intellectually and spiritually, and, in addition, I have been able to contribute something to the wider church. I regret that my study leave was met with some resistance by members of this congregation. Nevertheless, I am grateful for having been given the opportunity.

Since my return in mid-May, ministry in this place has been constant and demanding, as it has been ever since I was appointed here. The demands are unceasing, the time given costly, and the vision for this congregation's future remains very promising. It is my prayer that we will continue to learn from one another, grow in unity, and maintain a spirit of reconciling hope and love. In all of this may we steadily affirm that this is Christ's ministry and not ours. As the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer reminds us: "May we be used by thee, or laid aside by thee."

In addition to my pastoral responsibilities, I remain active ecumenically in the Durham community through Durham Congregations in Action, through the Durham Minister's Association, etc. I am active in various other ecumenical ministries including those related to the Durham Hispanic mission. I continue to be invited by Duke Divinity School to teach, as well as the continuing education office. I am chair of the Durham District Committee on Ordained Ministry, serve on the Conference Taskforce on Hispanic Ministry, and, chair the Conference Peru Taskforce. I have had a major essay published this year as part of a series entitled *United Methodism and American Culture*, and, it is my hope to complete a book entitled *Rise and Walk* by early 1998. In November of this year I will be representing the NC Conference at the National Holy Boldness Urban Convocation in San Francisco. I have performed five weddings this year and numerous funerals and baptisms (report included). Pastoral care and counseling is constant and demanding. Worship preparation, committee and board meetings, administrative responsibilities, staff oversight, etc. are steady and without end. But in all these things I rejoice in the constant presence of Christ and the strength and courage of his Spirit.

Grace and peace to you all.