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Dear Dillard:

I'm sorry I couldn't get to the June 25th meeting of your Board of Trustees, but I really did not have time to re-organize my schedule after I received notice of the meeting. I had a conflict that was a long-standing commitment.

I did also receive the admirable report written by Bill Self. This points up, in my mind, to a need for much additional thought and discussion about the various funds and the use of them and the duties of the Trustees. I'm not sure that the distinction between operational and non-operational funds and activities is altogether clear. In the field of maintenance, we seem to be confronted with a routine maintenance and a long-term maintenance program. I understand the Trustees are responsible for a program of "painting, repair, and replacement that will keep the buildings in good condition, and for repair and replacement of broken, worn-out, and obsolete equipment."

The pamphlet concerning Trustees that Bill Self sent me, which apparently is printed by the United Methodist Church, presents an awe-inspiring picture of the complex duties and responsibilities of the Trustees, as well as of their awesome responsibilities and liabilities. For example, it says that the Trustees are responsible for obtaining adequate insurance coverage for the property of the Church and for the liability responsibilities. I suppose if we neglect to do this, we are personally liable for the consequences.

I really think that at least the new members of the Board of Trustees need to meet with some people who have had past experience in the organization of the Church, including delegated responsibilities for maintenance of property, and go over the guidelines for the Trustees which the Church has published. This review would apparently take two or three hours to really get into the questions presented.

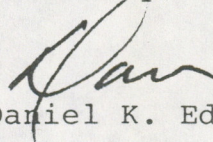
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For example, in his letter Bill Self refers to a home which may or may not have been owned by the Church and temporarily used as a parsonage, which has been converted to cash. Also, he refers to real property located in Person County, North Carolina. The question is whether this property is all held in the name of the Trustees of the Church and if, when it is sold, the Deed is signed by the Trustees and under what conditions.

If we have a chance to discuss and educate ourselves about the responsibilities of Trustees, a good outline might be the five listed responsibilities shown on Page 5 of the pamphlet that the Church has issued.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



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