

REPORT TO TRUSTEES
DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 30, 2000

SUBJECT: TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

For the past year I have had concerns about the lack of coordination of the recycling efforts by Duke Memorial UMC. During that time it has been left almost entirely to the willingness of the office staff to personally take office paper and catalogues to one of the collection centers provided by the city of Durham. Aluminum cans, at various times, have been taken to the homes of staff members for curbside pickup, given to the Weekday School for their recycling campaigns to raise funds, and, finally, picked up by a company that has now gone out of business.

The Duke Memorial Weekday School has also struggled with recycling of the steel cans and plastic jugs left from serving juice to the children in each classroom. A committee from the Weekday School asked if the church could arrange for recycling pickup of all recyclables, for which the Weekday School would be willing to share the cost.

In my investigation into recycling possibilities, I discovered that BFI, with whom Duke Memorial has had a long-standing contract for rental of a trash bin and a cardboard recycling bin, could offer recycling of all recyclable material except steel cans. Tidewater, on the other hand, could meet all of our recycling needs.

BFI was gracious enough to let Duke Memorial out of its current contracts (there were two, one for each bin) without penalty. (See attached copy of letter.) Both companies went out of their way to be cooperative in every respect, including the concluding and beginning date of service (December 1, 200) and pick up and deliver scheduling of the bins involved from both.

Attached, you will find a copy of the contract signed with Tidewater Fibre Corp. They will provide two 8-yard containers (one for trash, and one for cardboard), and two 90-gallon carts for recycling. Recycling pick up will be weekly by Tidewater. Weekly trash and cardboard pick up will continue to be handled by the city of Durham, as has been the case in the past.

Under the previous contract with BFI, Duke Memorial paid approximately \$75.00 per month in rental fees to BFI, and \$85.00 per month to the city of Durham for collection. Under the new contract, the city of Durham charges will not change (other than increases, as they decide), and the charges by Tidewater will be \$90.00. Duke Memorial Weekday School will pay \$75.00 of the total monthly charges of \$185.00, for the ten months each year they are in session. Duke Memorial UMC will bear the full cost for the other two months of the year.

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