

December 15, 1981

Mr. John G. Freudenberger
Vice President
Chesapeake Association, U.C.C.
4034 MacAlpine Road
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of December 8, 1981 requesting me to bring before the governing board of United Evangelical Church the matter of their/our non-payment of Basic Dues to Chesapeake Association for the current year. Your concern in this matter is to be highly commended.

However, you should be carefully informed that during the past several years I have constantly fulfilled my pastoral responsibility both to this local congregation and to the Association and Conference by bringing this matter (and the matter of their non-payment of our OCWM goal) to their attention on a regular basis. Also, the matter already has been brought to the attention of our Finance Committee, our Membership and Stewardship Committee, and the entire congregation at the most recent Annual Congregational Meeting when the 1982 Budget was considered. I feel very strongly that I have done almost all within my power and influence, up to the present moment, to help change the attitude and behavior of the Church Council toward the Association and Conference, particularly with regard to the non-payment of our Basic Dues. The matter has even been discussed with the Conference Minister, the Area Conference Minister, and the Church and Ministry Commission.

Therefore, I would suggest an alternative approach for you and the Association Council, as well as the Stewardship Commission, to take with regard to

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this situation. In addition to spelling my name correctly, it would probably be more productive for the laity persons of the Association Council and Stewardship Commission to form an Ad Hoc Laity Task Group and request a special meeting with our entire Church Council as newly constituted for 1982. The agenda for that special meeting could include both the non-payment of 1981 and 1982 Basic Dues as well as specific stewardship help for this congregation. Such a joint meeting should prove helpful for the sharing of information as well as the sharing of available resources to help attack the problem of inflation. Hopefully, the situation of our mutual relationship and responsibility within the United Church of Christ can begin to be discussed in that setting also.

In order for you to request such a meeting and/or to request to be included on the agenda of one of our regular Council Meetings, please contact one or more of the following persons:

Newly-elected Council President: Mrs. Grace Fader
3602 Foster Avenue
Balto., Md. 21224
675-5906

Newly-elected Council Vice-President: Mr. William Single III
5501 Daybreak Terrace
Balto., Md. 21206
866-2159

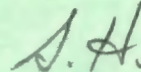
Newly-elected Council Recording Secretary: Mrs. Clara Wise
6820 German Hill Road
Balto., Md. 21222
633-5806

Newly-elected Council Treasurer: Mr. Samuel Jones Jr.
1618 Elligson Road
Balto., Md. 21237
687-1946

Newly-elected Council Financial Secretary: Miss Ruth Beckwith
3030 McElderry St.
Balto., Md. 21205
327-8508

These new officers of the Church Council are the persons most important to be contacted regarding our corporate decisions as a congregation. Beyond this group, the new committee structure of the Council for 1982 would represent the next largest laity resource group other than the Council itself. I encourage you and wish you well in your personal contacts with these persons. If I can be of any further personal assistance to you and/or the Association Council, please feel free to contact me and you can anticipate my full support.

Most sincerely,



The Rev. W. Scott Hengen III
Pastor

WSH/mss

Enc: Copy of approved 1982 Budget of United Evangelical Church

CC: Mrs. Grace Fader
Mr. William Single III
Mrs. Clara Wise ✓
Mr. Samuel Jones Jr.
Miss Ruth Beckwith
The Rev. Curtis Clare
The Rev. Richard Dodds