

The Reverend Charles Michael Smith, D.D.

Rev. Smith retired in 2008 as Executive Director of Connectional Ministries for the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church after having served as pastor of six of its churches since 1966. During his ministry he served as president or chair of the Conference's Budget, Continuing Education, Church Extension, and Church and Society Committees, and has chaired the Personnel Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches since 1994. He also served on the Conference's Boards of Ordained Ministry and Missions. He was a member of the Hymnal Revision Committee of The United Methodist Church during 1984-1989 and chaired its Psalter Committee.

Rev. Smith was named Pastor/Church Leader in Residence at Duke Divinity School in 2008 and taught Worship for M. Div. students and Preaching and Worship and United Methodist Doctrine in its Summer Course of Study until retiring in 2012. Earlier he was the first development officer for the Duke University Medical Center, and as a pastor served in several North Carolina cities as well as in Aberdeen, Scotland. He was a district superintendent twice and one of the first Pastor/Theologians selected in 1998 by the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, New Jersey for a program funded by the Lilly Endowment. Methodist University awarded him an honorary degree in 1989. The North Carolina Council of Churches gave him its Distinguished Service Award in 2011.

Rev. Smith earned a B.A. in history from Duke in 1962 and a master of divinity from Duke Divinity School in 1965. He has served on the Divinity School Board of Visitors and as a member and former president of the National Council of the school's Alumni Association. He received the Charles A. Dukes Award in 1995 for his outstanding volunteer service to Duke University and chaired his 25th Reunion for his undergraduate class and co-chaired its 50th and 55th. He has been the invited guest preacher at Duke Chapel four times, and was a soloist there for fifteen years for *Messiah* and other choral performances.

Additionally, Rev. Smith has been a leader with Habitat for Humanity projects in Raleigh and Wilson and with mission work teams to Jamaica, Costa Rica, and Belize. He has taught in Africa and the Philippines for the church. He served as a trustee of The United Methodist Church's General Board of Church & Society in Washington, DC, Greensboro College, and United Methodist Retirement Homes, and as a director of the Research Triangle Foundation in NC's Research Triangle Park. Formerly a finalist in the Metropolitan Opera's Young Singers Competition, and the National Anthem singer for Duke football and basketball home games, he continues as a frequent soloist.

Rev. Smith and his wife Barbara, a retired public school teacher and UNC-CH graduate, live near Washington, NC on Broad Creek. Elected to the Duke University Board of Trustees in 1998, he chaired the Trustee-Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees, earlier chaired the Search Committee that selected Sam Wells as Dean of Duke Chapel, and was vice-chair of the Committee on Institutional Advancement and a member of the Athletic Council before becoming a Trustee Emeritus on July 1, 2010. They have a son, Michael, who lives with his family in Statesville, and a daughter, Laura, who lives in Raleigh.