



A Chapel for Duke University Medical Center

As Duke Medical Center expands to meet the ever-increasing physical needs of patients, it becomes increasingly important for us to stop and consider some of the patients' more intangible needs.

Quietness, privacy and compassion are three everyday needs of the patient, his family and his friends. And yet, here at Duke we have little space to allot to "privacy" and much activity that disturbs quietness. Compassion is provided at various levels, but there is no one place where all three needs may be met at one time.

Most of us are acutely aware of these needs and welcome the news that something is being done to meet them.

A plan is now underway in the Medical Center for a Religious Center. This Religious Center will be located in the area (which is now a courtyard) directly behind the present main lobby of the hospital, on the first floor level.

Included in the plan are: a Prayer Chapel, Family Meditation Rooms,

Pastoral Counseling Rooms, a Lounge for the relatives of critically ill patients, and the offices of the Chaplains. \$250,000 is the estimated cost.

Support for the Religious Center has been enthusiastic and encouraging. Even before the formal approval of the plan, the Women's Auxiliary contributed \$15,000; and subsequent contributions have increased this to more than \$35,000. Then, in 1961, a North Carolina Family initiated a memorial fund which now exceeds \$25,000.

Last year, a discretionary fund was established for the use of the Chaplain to the Medical Center. This fund is intended to be an expression of the compassion of many people as a memorial to many others. Any person may contribute to the Chaplain's Fund for Compassion in memory of anyone he so desires.

The Medical Center needs aid in building the Religious Center, and is asking for assistance. The following information may help you to advise

patients, relatives, and friends on how they may give.

Contributions in any amount will be gratefully accepted. The contributions may be either designated or *un*-designated.

When making contributions, please have the check made payable to Duke University and mailed or taken in person to:

The Reverend P. Wesley Aitken
Chaplains Service
Duke University Medical Center
Durham, North Carolina 27706

It is possible for several friends to combine their contributions into one memorial gift. Those wishing to contribute a collective memorial gift should follow the same procedure as that given for those making individual gifts. The Chaplains office will accumulate contributions toward a memorial gift if the contributions are so designated.

For further information please feel free to call Chaplain Aitken at extension 3586 or visit his office in Baker House, room 225.