

MYERS PARK METHODIST CHURCH
QUEENS AND PROVIDENCE ROADS
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

RICHARD L. OWNBEY
MINISTER

February 12, 1934

Mr. A. L. Pitassi,
5345 Penn Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Pitassi:

I have your letter of the Sixth instant, and have read same with a great deal of interest. I have just come here to be pastor of the Myers Park Methodist Church, and am therefore quite new to its history and problems. Until your letter came I did not know of the indebtedness of \$500.00 you mention, though I did know that considerable work on the completion of the stained glass windows had been done, and that the congregation hopes to have that work completed sometime. This I learned when I inquired why there were only four of the larger windows in stained glass.

I do not know what may be done to secure payment of our indebtedness to you at an early date. You know, I presume, that the building debt is very large--\$130,000.00--and that carrying the interest charges on this sum is a big burden on a small congregation of less than five hundred people, many of whom, though formerly wealthy, are now having distressing financial struggles. However, business has been improving rapidly in this section, and our people are much heartened, and I am of the opinion that a new day is before the Church here. In view of the fact that you hope to complete the work for us which you began, and naturally do not want to jeopardize it by stirring up any harsh feelings, let me take a little time to study the situation further, confer with the leaders of the Church about it, and see what may be done. The officials should, of course, have replied promptly to your letters, and I am sorry they have not done so. I will be glad to help in any way I can.

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Ownbey