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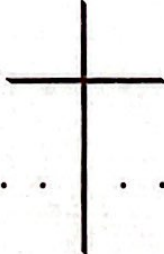
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Dear Lois and Walter:

I am sorry I am so late in responding to your letter of Dec. 21st. I wanted to get the reaction of the Church Council before I wrote. Your letter seemed to be two different ones, the first half where you seem to desire to stay with your studdies, and the second half where you seem compelled to take a year out.

We feel that the decision must be yours, or else you would not be happy. It seems like quite a decision to make. Our offer still holds and we would like to see you return. I would think that something could be worked out with the Augustana Seminary so this would be considered your intern year, with permission to receive a higher salary than would be approved for someone who has one year of Seminary left. I would feel that our congregation would offer about the same as the Board of American Missions give to Pastors out of Seminary. This would have to be worked out with the Seminary, and also the matter of a Call, or whether this would be a matter of mutual arrangement without Call. May the Lord continue to guide you in these matters.

Phyllis and I are so happy that you are experiencing such a wonderful year. We certainly enjoyed the six weeks we spent at Yale in the summer of 1950.... or whatever year it was. We hope the balance of the year will be as fruitful.

Life seems to be full of new experiences here at St. Mark's. This week Pastor Clinton Chu arrived from Hawaii to spend some time at St. Mark's. He is a graduate of Wittenburg College and Hamma, though a native of British Guiana. His Great-Grandparents went there from China. He is employed by our Board of American Missions and assigned to me for training until they can find some more permanent position for him. The Board is paying his salary and we are paying housing and car allowance. So this will not alter our invitation to you, even though he may be here for a time. There would be plenty of work for all of us.

The last time we had Communion I went over ^{to} the home where Edna King is living to give her Communion.... and we ended up with eight women in wheel chairs ready to receive The Lords Supper. I imagine that you heard that Mr. Tueth died last Fall.

We had a wonderful Congregational Meeting last Sunday and are looking forward to a year full of challenges.

Sincerely yours,