

## *The Methodist Churches*

Beaconsfield, Grand River, and



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REV. T. D. HERSEY, Minister

October 21, 1965

Dear Brother Harris:

Herewith is my application for membership in the WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, and check for \$2.00 membership fee in associate relationship. I would surely like to be able to attend the first annual meeting for the organization of the Society, but it looks as tho it will be impossible for me to be released from locally scheduled church responsibilities to go. I would like to recommend that the Thanksgiving week-end be considered as a more appropriate time to schedule such meetings.

On my application blank I could have included more information, but I was not sure that it was relevant and that it might be misunderstood. I have done research in various fields, but not from a formal academic standpoint. But should it be regarded as pertinent, my fields of research have been 1) on the subject of love, 2) on the history of the holiness movement, 3) on the extension of holiness doctrine, 4) on an interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount, 5) on the formulation of the New Testament, 6) on the science of humanity, 7) on evaluations of evangelical writings, 8) on the interpretation of family life, 9) on the significance of Christianity.

The recommendation requested, has not been made by Dr Kindschi, but I am sure that he would endorse my application, and Dr Wilber Dayton is another who is personally acquainted with me, and I think would endorse my application. Dr Leo Cox and I are acquainted, but <sup>not</sup> in any close extent. There may be others who will join the society with whom I may also be acquainted, and will find the Society to be a mutual interest.

Thanks for the information sent, and perhaps at some more convenient time, I'll be able to participate in the meetings. I'll certainly want to be on the mailing list to be informed of the organization and its next scheduled meeting place and date, and other activities and publications that it may sponsor. And if requested to prepare material for publication I would be most glad to do so, especially within my fields of interest. I also have interest and resources on hymns and gospel songs, as well as a limited skill in language comparison and interpretation from the Greek.

Sincerely yours,

*Thomas D Hersey*  
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