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Dr. Mildred B. Wynkoop
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Dear Dr. Wynkoop:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 18 requesting me to serve as a respondent to Dr. Greathouse's paper at CHA in Louisville. I am happy indeed to serve in this capacity.

To my embarrassment, my heavy responsibilities have kept me from attending any of the Wesleyan Theological Society sessions thus far. I keep dreaming that I will be able to attend the next one.

I share a very deep concern in the area of Dr. Greathouse's paper and will be anxious to be as helpful as possible in my participation.

Inasmuch as I am going to be out of the United States much of the time between January 5 and February 13, with other heavy engagements, I would like to have a copy of the first draft of Dr. Greathouse's paper as soon as this is convenient.

One deep concern on my heart has been that so often in Wesleyan circles we spend so much time proving our position is Wesleyan. I feel totally committed to the Wesleyan position but feel that the important fact is not what is Wesleyan but what is Biblical. If we wish our message to meet the needs of hungry-hearted Christians who are being enticed by Pentecostal and neo-Pentecostal movements, I feel our emphasis must be on what does Scripture say, rather than what does Wesleyans say or any other particular individual. Secondly, I feel that we are wholly scriptural only when in any particular doctrine we make use of all of the Scriptures and all of the scriptural terms, rather than making a special hobby of just one or two. The whole gospel requires the wholeness of Scripture. Once in a while one or two of our terms serve as red flags to frighten other people. This does not mean we should totally avoid these terms, but we should use the many other scriptural terms in a full-orbed Biblical presentation. Hungry hearts of many denominations are willing to accept this message and enter into the fullness of God's blessing if we can only somehow give a wholesome presentation of the Holy Spirit in all His fullness and power as the answer of the hunger of every Christian heart, not hesitating to use any scriptural term but seeking to be totally Biblical and totally relevant.

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May you have a great year in Trevecca. And let us believe in a great year for God, if Jesus tarries. This past year has been the most fruitful year we have ever known in the history of OMS, and we are praying to see an even greater harvest in 1974, if Jesus tarries.

Yours in Christ's fellowship,

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