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Dear Bill

Some members of the Wesleyan Theological Society have suggested that we employ a "discipline group" approach in our next annual meeting. With the full day on Saturday now available, it will indeed be possible to have various subject areas meet in order to discuss the larger theme of the program. These areas, which would gather together on Saturday afternoon, should include the following disciplines: 1) Biblical Studies, 2) Historical Theology, 3) Systematic and Philosophical Theology, 4) Christian Education, and 5) Evangelism and Mission.

A complaint which surfaces from time to time in the society is that people travel hundreds--and sometimes thousands--of miles to the meeting and they have little opportunity to share their insights with others. In light of this, I suggest that we **not** have yet another round of papers in these area meetings--papers which run the risk of constituting a second program--but that we engender Socratic dialogue concerning the larger theme of the conference as reflected through particular disciplines. Indeed, with a competent leader in each area, this approach should work quite well. My hunch--drawing from my participation in the Oxford Institute--is that people will come away from the **entire** program with a sense of ownership, of belonging to a fellowship of scholars.

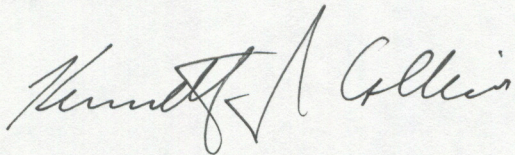
In light of this proposal, would you kindly recommend leaders who are competent, articulate, and engaging in the areas listed below:

- 1) Biblical Studies
- 2) Historical Theology
- 3) Systematic and Philosophical Theology
- 4) Christian Education
- 5) Evangelism and Mission.

You can write in the names on the sheet itself and mail it to me at the above address.

May God bless your work.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenneth J. Collins". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

Kenneth J. Collins, Ph.D.
Womack Professor of Philosophy and Religion

P.S.

Barry Callen reports that Rev. Massey would be honored to be the recipient of a "lifetime achievement award," at our next annual meeting. However, there appears to be a scheduling conflict. Barry is trying to resolve this conflict--by talking with the other party involved--and he will be in touch with the executive committee by the end of December to inform its members of the status of this initiative.

Bill:

Would you please send me the information on Wes Tracey. I don't know his mailing address or phone number.

Thanks