

Blind Copy : Bill Kottlevy

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**Subject: Your Feb. 7 Letter Concerning Methodist College**

Dear Ken,

I acknowledge receiving your letter dated February 7 which addresses the WTS's invitation to Methodist College to host the annual WTS meeting in the year 2000. Your inability to attend the last WTS Executive Committee meeting, when this subject was readdressed, was unfortunate, especially given the new information you now put forward in your letter. This information, at least as I recall, was unknown to members of the Exec. Com. at that last meeting.

My recall is that the Exec. Com. decided to alter its previous invitation to Methodist College out of concern for the perceived best interests of the Society. This was judged in light of your having subsequently left this school (WTS's only contact and probably its only member on that campus), the committee's unawareness that the college ever had accepted the extended invitation or made any preparations for hosting such a meeting, and even the assumption that the school might well be relieved at news that it had no further obligation in this regard. The availability of the Azusa alternative (which at the time was not being pressed on the Executive Committee by anyone) was attractive because it is a campus where there are numerous members of WTS and known willingness and ability to host a meeting. Thus, with that information on the table in the context of those perceptions, it appeared attractive for the Society and not unfair to Methodist College for the change of invitation to be made. The information now put forward by you in regard to Methodist College appears to render some of the Exec. Com.'s assumptions premature. Please understand that this review of Exec. Com. thinking is my personal memory of the reasoning behind the action, not an official statement of the Committee about its action.

At this point I do not know what communication has taken place with Azusa about an invitation for the year 2000. I presume that the Exec. Com. will choose to discuss this matter further at its coming meeting in April, as you state would be appropriate. Thank you for the concern and new information. We all want to do what is right and best for the cause we are serving, honoring and not being unfair to any campus that chooses to be part of the cause.

Ken, you have my best personal wishes as you continue your new assignment at Asbury. The next issue of *WTJ*, containing your recent Presidential Address, should be in the mail in early April. Your good work is always appreciated!

Your grateful friend,