

March 8, 1965

Dear Albert,

I was delighted to hear of your coming to our campus next week for the ISM Conference. This is especially so because I had thought several times during the last few weeks of calling you about a couple of matters.

Since I am certain your time will be much in demand while you are here, I was wondering if we could plan to get together for a brief chat (or a longer one if you've got time). Edrita and I would love to have you join us for a meal if you are free, or if time is short maybe we could get together for a quick sup sometime when there's a lull.

As you perhaps have heard, I will be on sabbatical next year in Heidelberg, on SHRE Cross-Disciplinary, studying in psychotherapy. I'll send along a copy of my proposed project, and I will welcome your comment on it.

Among some of the things I would like to tell you about are some tentative judgments about contemporary Methodism, projected plans for possibly visiting Rome next year during the Council Session, the shaping of my book on Kerygma and Counseling (now moving into a second draft), ^{and} some vocational issues I have been struggling with, not necessarily in that order, and depending upon how much time we have. I have greatly appreciated your counsel and would like to benefit by it once again at this stage along life's way.

Cordially,

TO: Ministers and Board Chairmen
FROM: Hjalmar F. Hillman, Director
SUBJECT: Oklahomas' Line of Credit

Activity continues among the members of our churches for savings certificates to bolster our Line of Credit. Since the last report, fourteen more certificates have been issued for \$13,000. This is very encouraging and shows that interest in it is still high.

These certificates came from six churches. Oklahoma City, Northwest and Guymon continue to be our leaders in number of certificates issued. Lawton, First has the largest amount. Tulsa, Wheeling and Alva are making real progress.

These results have happened because of the interest of either a committee or one individual. This concern has to be evident and continuous for the time it takes for a congregation to hear and know about it. Then, each member can purchase or refuse and that right of choice actually belongs to him. We know people buy because over ten thousand certificates have been issued.

One such interested chairman displayed a savings certificate at a church wide fellowship meeting. He watched for interest as well as asking for those who were wanting such a savings program to see him. This was done, of course, with the approval of the owner of the savings certificate. Results have been good from this church spreading out into other areas.

The church at Hominy has just organized their committee to go into this activity. Oklahoma City, First has their committee appointed and commitments from their first meeting totaled \$11,000. Others of you at the Ministers' Institute mentioned that your church was now ready to gear yourself for this activity.

Remember, this is not pledge or gift money from your members. It is touching a new area of value as we are asking for a portion of their savings program to bolster the growth of the Church in Oklahoma. Their money still belongs to them. We are asking some people to create a savings for themselves. This is commendable--this is Christian to help a family to provide better for themselves.

Plans are being made for a work shop at our State Assembly on the Line of Credit. This should help you to keep interest alive in your church until your membership has had an opportunity to hear of this new area of stewardship.

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ADDENDUM:

On the hunch that you might be interested in the direction my thinking has recently taken on psychotherapy, I am sending under separate cover a discussion of "Bonhoeffer's Theology and Psychotherapy" which probably will become a chapter in this larger project. I don't really expect you to have time on such short notice to read it, but if you should it would give you some notion of the current edge of my thinking on this subject.

Also, Clem Graham, our local arrangements chairman for the MSM Conference, just asked me to introduce you for your Friday night speech, and I look forward to that privilege.

As ever,

On the hunch that you might be interested in how my thinking on psychotherapy is taking shape, and that perhaps you might have time to scan it

ADDENDUM:

April 24 No reading assignment

NOTE: RD Teams should have a meeting on or before April 24. This is a final report session in which it is expected that all field responsibilities will be completed, tabulated, and the process of drawing final conclusions for the research will be underway. If the research paper has not yet been written in its final form, the Team should finalize any matters of responsibility for completing it. No papers will be accepted late. The research paper will be written in accordance with the suggestions in point 10 of the Prospectus on page 10 of the syllabus.

NOTE ON TIMING: It is your responsibility to call your colleagues to fulfill their obligations in due time, if they should be behind. If one person is dilatory in his assignment it will be costly to the whole team, not just him. If such a person persists in delaying the fulfillment of his responsibility, the other two members of the team should call this to the attention of the instructor.

COMPLETING THE RESEARCH PROJECT: As previously stated, the writing of the research paper itself may be done either jointly or by one member of the research team. If written jointly, the proper procedure should be to assign the task to one member of making sure the whole paper is correlated into a single, self-consistent argument, instead of three disparate sections. If written by one member of the team, the proper procedure should be to complete the final draft in time that the other two members can review it both for stylistic and content correction before it is due at 5:00 P.M., May 30.

NOTE: Final draft of research paper must be in duplicate.

April 28 No reading assignment

If your research project is complete and in final draft, circulate it around to your team members to make final corrections on spelling, syntax, bibliography, etc. It is expected that this paper shall conform stylistically with the rules of the Seminary for term papers. The project as a whole will be graded on several items: (1) originality in framing the issue; (2) depth of content, (3) clarity, (4) sequence of thought, (5) self-consistency; (6) evidence of genuine team participation in readings and research; (7) depth and range of available bibliography and readings; (8) style, syntax, use of the English language in proper form; (9) integration of theological insight and social perception, and (10) relevance of conclusions.

April 30 RESEARCH PROJECTS DUE. Submit in duplicate by 5:00 P.M. No research project will be accepted after this date, and none without a duplicate copy.

SEVENTH PRECEPTORIAL: Special Reports---Summary of Research Conclusions
The preceptorial report due this week from each RD Team is intended to be a very brief summary (2 or 3 pages) of the central conclusions of your field research. This report differs from the Research Project itself in that this special report should boil down the body of the research paper into its most concise and relevant form. Report to the preceptorial whatever you discovered in your research which you believe to be of greatest significance. It is permissible to