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Dr. Paul Minear
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Dear Dr. Minear,
Dear Professor Minear,

Thank you for taking time out of your busy Minister's Week schedule to have an unhurried conversation with me about my dissertation. It was very helpful and it gave me a much clearer picture of my situation. Be assured that I will re-submit the dissertation "with all deliberate speed".

There is another matter which I failed to mention in our conversation (I know not why) but which seems appropriate that I now raise with you. It concerns my plans for next year and following. As you perhaps know, my appointment at Perkins is as Visiting Lecturer. I have had a rich experience teaching here during the last year and a half. My teaching duties have ranged widely, and I have loved it---theology, ethics, introduction to philosophy, pastoral counseling, homiletic and a practicum in Christian worship! But it seems that there is just no permanent place for me here and I do not think it wise, professionally, for me to stay here on a year-to-year basis, so I am ready to put my ear to the ground and see if any possibilities might be in the offing.

My credentials are on file at the Placement Office in the Hall of Graduate Studies, and with the National Council on Religion and Higher Education, 400 Prospect. It occurred to me that you, as Director of Graduate Studies, would wish to know that I would like to be considered for candidacy for any post in Christian ethics and related fields for which I am qualified.

With best wishes I remain,

Gratefully yours,

Thomas C. Oden

