

July 20, 1960

Republican Party Chairman
Enid, Okla.

Dear sir,

I have been trying to teach ministers political responsibility here in Texas for the last two years. Now I am moving to Oklahoma and would like to enlist your aid in continuing this task.

I have been teaching Christian Ethics at Perkins School of Theology and have been peripherally involved in some of the complex political issues in this area. This fall I am assuming a new teaching position at the Graduate Seminary of Phillips University. It will again be my responsibility to teach young ministers how to make the Christian message relevant to the political realities of the Twentieth Century. I hope you share with me an urgent concern to do this. If so I would look forward to having conversations with you about the predicament our nation is in, and what responsible party leaders might be able to do about it. Also if you would like to, I would hope to be able to get you out to Phillips Seminary in the classroom occasionally for some frank and realistic conversations with our students. This is a day for serious reflection about our national purpose. Our students would benefit from your insight.

I will be arriving in Enid next Monday. Our residence will be at 468 N. 19th. I will look forward to getting to know you better. I would like for you to help me familiarize myself with the local power structure and political decision-making process in Enid and environs.

Perhaps you know my father and brother, Waldo and Tal Oden, who have been in practice in Altus.

Respectfully and sincerely,

Thomas C. Oden

PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Morning Worship

July 12, 1960

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 5, "The God of Abraham Praise"
(The Congregation rising on the first note of the organ)

CALL TO PRAYER (Let us join together as we now confess our sins.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (The Congregation seated)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Luke 18:9-14

GLORIA PATRI (The Congregation standing)

SERMON

Mr. Spellman

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN No. 148. "When I survey the Wondrous Cross"

BENEDICTION (The Congregation seated)

SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE (The first note of the organ ends meditation)

The Ministers for the day are Mr. Norman W. Spellman, Visiting Professor, and Mr. Otto Lund, Supply Pastor.