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Dr. Paul Mincar
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Dear Dr. Mincar,

I remember with pleasure our last conversation in which you gave me some helpful reassurance on the completion of my Ph.D. program while visiting in Dallas. Since then I have assumed new teaching responsibilities at Phillips Graduate Seminary in Enid, Oklahoma, where I have watched from afar and with great interest the developing work of the Faith and Order commission.

The emerging issues to be discussed at Montreal in July, 1963, as complex as they are important, are of profound interest to me. Aware that the Faith and Order commission is now beginning to make preparations for the Montreal conversations, I thought it might be appropriate at this time to inquire (1) whether a seminary faculty such as ours at Phillips might meaningfully participate in pre-conference discussions of the theme or issues through colloquia or study papers, and (2) whether the Faith and Order Commission might need any assistance, routine or otherwise, in its auxiliary staff for this conference in the preparation and execution of the conference.

Regarding the first item above, as chairman of our faculty Colloquium Committee, I think I can say that our faculty would be most interested in discussing, reading and sharing papers on the concerns of the Conference. Concerning the second item, I would like very much to indicate interest and willingness to serve in any meaningful capacity in the plans and work of the Conference. Should any help be needed on the auxiliary staff of the conference, even of the most routine nature, I would regard such service as a most interesting opportunity to share in the work of the Faith and Order Commission.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Thomas C. Oden

