



## NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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Dear Friend of Dr. Ralph Earle,

Dr. Ralph Earle, NTS's Distinguished Professor of New Testament Emeritus and Biblical Scholar in Residence, was 75 on January 27, 1982 -- and he is retiring from NTS this May (after he delivers the commencement address).

NTS is planning a special dinner event Thursday evening, May 6, 1982, to celebrate Dr. Earle's 75th birthday and his long and distinguished career. President Sanders has appointed a committee to plan for this celebration: Drs. Bassett, Orjala, and I.

As chairman of this committee, I am writing about two matters:

I. To ask you to please send by April 15th a letter of appreciation to Dr. Earle, addressed to Miss Marilyn Ingerson, Faculty Secretary, NTS, 1700 E. Meyer, Kansas City, MO 64131. (This present letter is going to a number of his former students, to colleagues and former colleagues, to denomination leaders, to his publishers, to certain personal friends of his, and to others. Mr. Bud Lunn at NPH is to bind all the letters attractively into a volume. Since not everyone would have access to a large envelope, a letter folded three ways will be acceptable).

II. To invite you and your spouse to attend the "Dutch treat" Tribute Dinner Thursday evening, May 6, 6:30 p.m., at 503 E. 13th Ave., North Kansas City, MO -- a \$9.50 buffet (for each person).

If you plan to attend, send \$9.50 by check for each dinner in the letter containing your tribute, or separately. Make checks payable to NTS.

It is expected that almost all who will be attending will be persons living in proximity to Kansas City. If you cannot know until after April 15 whether or not you can come, check with the NTS switchboard operator, and there will likely be room for several additions -- until April 30th, at the latest. In that case, still mail in the check for the dinner, if time allows.

Christ's and yours,

J. Kenneth Grider

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P.S. Directions: Take I-35 North across Paseo Bridge (over MO river), and in less than a mile take North K.C. Armour Rd. West exit, and go west 1½ miles (or so) to Fayette and then one block left. You'll see the Gold Buffet there.