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Dr. Peter L. Berger
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Dear Dr. Berger,

I have been thinking about your plans for the development of an educational program for the laity similar to the German evangelical academies et al. It sounds like a challenging proposal, and I would be pleased to talk further with you about it. I do not know what preparations have gone into your program at Hartford thus far, but I should think the full-scale inauguration of such a lay institute would require some wise-long-range planning. I am not sure that I would be adequate to fulfill such a job, but would be interested in regarding it as a "live hypothesis", as William James says.

Pursuant to this, I have enclosed a brief curriculum vitae, and asked the Yale Hall of Graduate Studies to send you my dossier.

Yours truly,

Thomas C. Oden

