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Professor Harvey Seifert  
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Dear Professor Seifert,

I recall with pleasure the conversation we had in Nashville. That convocation was a splendid opportunity to get acquainted with persons who were previously only names. Thank you for taking time during the convocation to have an unhurried conversation with me about my interests and concerns.

As you perhaps know, my appointment at Perkins is as Visiting Lecturer. I have had a rich experience teaching here during the last two years. My teaching duties have ranged widely, and I have loved it---Christian ethics, theology, pastoral counseling, philosophy, homiletics and a practicum in Christian worshpp! 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. It occurred to me that you might wish me to contact you to see if anything is shaping up in your area.

My dissertation is completed, and I hope to receive my degree in June. The two years teaching experience at Perkins while finishing my dissertation have been immensely valuable to me, regardless of what direction in which I proceed in the future. With all good wishes I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Thomas C. Oden

