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Dear Roy,

This afternoon I was turning over the garden and turning over in my mind our conversation at Calvary today. I decided to write this note to you and review what we discussed. I do hope my doing this, does not trouble you. I do expect, if there is anything in the following that you remember differently or disagree with, that you will correct me in writing. If you do not do so, then you will give me the impression the following is essentially correct and has your full agreement.

We have talked many times, over many years, about my feelings and the history of the events at Faith and with President Hinz. You have always been very supportive and I deeply value your interest and our warm relationship. I do not want to do anything that would damage that.

You reported to me your conversations with the brothers you lived with at the Fall Pastoral Conference: Bendewald, Hricko and his assistant, Jim Lange, Bob Cox and (I believe) Scherer. The group discussed various called positions that could be made available for me by Hinz. You said, you talked briefly with Hinz at the conference about these and had been in further contact with him since, by voice mail.

When I asked, if you would write a letter to the group reviewing your conversations about my situation, you demurred. I also said, another idea might be to write to Hinz reviewing his conversations with you. I agreed, that might not be such a good thing to do. We discussed, how and when, such letters are useful to obtain a clear record making it harder to deny what had been said and done.

I had asked you to talk with Hinz about my situation at that Conference. I made special emphasis of my request, that I receive some kind of tangible evidence (a call, or evidence that I had been suggested for a call list, or a letter from Hinz) that his private words and promises were being acted on.

I also told you that I had decided to initiate bringing this to Calvary's Bd. of Lay Ministry, Dec. 3rd. I said, because of schedule constraints Nov. 29th was the latest I can bring this to the Chairman Ed Haupt and the 24th the latest I can wait

for reception of some written acknowledgment from Hinz. Indeed as I write this and review our conversation today, you made no comment that Hinz was intending to write me. Therefore, I will be contacting Ed by the end of this week, unless I hear from you to wait.

I brought up my fear, that Hinz might have me dropped from the roster. You assured me that he would not, but agreed that you had no evidence or cause for that statement and that Hinz could drop me without hindrance or suffering injury.

I also brought up, Hinz had refused to, either in person, or in writing, or by phone, correct the impressions he had given at Faith many years ago that precipitated the break in our relationship. His written recommendation to the congregation had given many the impression he felt I was psychologically unfit for the ministry, and his verbal comment had given the impression, he felt I was leading one of the members to hell. Those comments had devastated the congregation, over a third including all the leadership left, and my position as Pastor was devastated as well. Since then, he has said a few nice words and made some promises to me, but there has been no sign or evidence, he has put any into action. As far as you or I know, I have never had my name suggested for any position anywhere. Hinz, by his position as President, is the gatekeeper to any called position.

Again I hope my putting this in writing does not distress you. I would be happy to receive any advice or correction you would have for me and I certainly deeply desire your continuing support.

One who would be in His Service,

¹ Lynne's Uncle Paul Kreyling, told us this. He had been serving as the Part time Visitation Pastor.

² September 8, 1992, at Bethlehem with Don Bendewald, Don Biggs, Art Litke, Bob Kretzschmar and myself.

³ including Don Biggs, Bendewald & Kretzschmar.

⁴ 11/13/94 Betty Heilman reported to Lynne Funck the comment she heard from Rev. Burke.

After receiving this letter Rev. Maack never spoke to me again, other than to say "Hello friend".