DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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Dear Charles:

As perhaps you know, we had an Awards Chapel shortly before Commencement in which we honored those who had served five, ten, fifteen, and twenty-five years, and you were honored as one who has served for twenty-five years. At that time we had a plaque, a check, and the usual award to give you, but you were out of town and unable to attend.

Since Commencement, I have been out of town most of the time. When I was in town, for some reason I could not reach you as you possibly were out when I was in. By the time this letter reaches you, I will be gone again for a trip to Israel, but when I get back I want to see if we can get together so that I can give you the award in a suitable way.

Dr. Campbell and I have been talking about your many years of service to the Seminary, and we both agree that there should be some recognition of this even if you are somewhat reluctant to receive it. Accordingly, it is my plan to present to the Board of Regents, at their annual meeting the last Thursday of October, a proposal that you be made emeritus professor of theology in recognition of your many years of faithful and effective service at the Seminary. Also, I want to get the Regents' permission to use you as a teacher from time to time if this eventuates and you are free to do so. We still would like very much to have a small luncheon honoring you with a few appropriate officials from the Seminary if you are willing to permit us to do this. It does not seem right to us for one who has served the Seminary so well to go out of its employment unheralded and not properly recognized.

As perhaps you know, both Dr. Campbell and I independently arrived at the conclusion that Dr. J. Lanier Burns should be made chairman of the department, each of us thinking we would have to pursuade the other. When we compared notes, we found that we had both come to the same conclusion that he had the right qualities to lead the department, even though he is one of our most recent additions. I am glad to say that the entire theology department seems to have welcomed him wholeheartedly and agreed with this decision, and we have had some student commendation as well. As you know, he is completely solid in his theological position and a capable scholar and teacher. In addition, both he and his wife are lovely people to have affiliated with the Seminary.



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While in California recently at the prophecy conference that was held in various churches, we were at Downey. James Welch is acting pastor of the church as the former pastor just left. We understand you are going to be in the church shortly to ordain him. I was there on Sunday morning and enjoyed Sunday noon dinner with his parents as well as Jim himself. They are looking forward eagerly to your coming. While in California we also attended the wedding of one of the Rutenbar's daughters and on the same day attended a wedding of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dirks whose name is also Paul. The Rutenbar girl married a man by the name of Sam Glass. At the Rutenbar wedding we met several people who knew your children well and had various friendship connections with them.

We look forward to seeing you as soon as this is possible, and we trust you will have a pleasant summer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John F. Walvoord

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