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(United Church of Christ)

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# HELLO!

*Let's*

*Get*

*Acquainted!!*

This is a message to each home and each member of United Evangelical Church from your new pastor. In these days just prior to my moving to Baltimore a number of concerns are upon my heart, and of these I want to share one with you.

The chief concern is the building or rebuilding of your loyalty to United Evangelical Church, which loyalty is giving expression chiefly by your attendance in a regular manner at the services on Sunday. It is a concern of mine that a larger percentage of the membership of United Evangelical Church be in the services on the Lord's Day. I want to invite each of you to begin making this concern come true from the very first Sunday of my pastorate among you.

Perchance many of you have not been to United for a long, long time. Perhaps you may feel your membership has lapsed into the inactive state, where the church no longer concerns itself about you. I want to say at this time that this is not true. You are still a part of United Evangelical Church, and for each of you there is and will be a deep concern, not only on the part of your new pastor, but of the Church Council as well. As so, I personally invite you to make a new beginning with me, on Sunday, November 26, 1961, my inaugural Sunday at United Evangelical Church.

Because I am so confident of your interest in the church I have requested that this letter be sent to everyone whose name is on the church roll — the active and inactive. And I further say that I am expecting an attendance of 800 or more on that first Sunday at the two morning services, 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. I know you will be interested in this matter and so I am sending you this special invitation. Help make this goal come true by being there yourself and bringing the other members of the family with you.

Be with us at United Evangelical Church on November 26th to welcome your new pastor and family and to give us the opportunity to see you. United Evangelical has a high potential and you will want to be present in the coming months to see this develop. United Evangelical is going places, but we need each of you on the team to make it possible.

If you are concerned to know a little more about me, a brief sketch appears on the last page. But now, will you be in prayer with me in these coming days, praying that God's Spirit may rest upon our association as pastor and people, and that His Will may be continued to be done in our midst. Further, will you be in earnest prayer about your United Evangelical Church, that God may continue to use it as a mighty testimony to the power of people working together in His Name.

Sincerely yours,

*Paul A. Ravele*

P. S. Sunday, November 26th will be a really big day, for the Church Council is arranging for my official Installation as your Pastor in a special service at 7 o'clock in the evening, when officials of Potomac Synod and neighboring pastors will be present for this official act. I understand also that a reception will follow in Friendship Hall. So, do not forget this, and plan to be present for this big occasion.

## **FACTS ABOUT OUR NEW PASTOR**

Pastor Rasche has been in the ministry of our Evangelical and Reformed Church, now a part of the United Church of Christ, for 26 years, having received his collegiate training at our Elmhurst College, when Dr. Timothy Lehmann was president. His theological training was secured at our Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri.

The parsonage family will number three, Mrs. Rasche, the daughter, Kyra, and the pastor. Another daughter, Gerda (Mrs. Charles Proctor, Jr.) lives in North Carolina.

Pastor Rasche has a deep interest in urban church work, having served churches in such metropolitan areas as Buffalo, N. Y., and South Bend, Indiana, before moving to Chicago, Illinois, where his pastorate was in the heart of the inner city. Also he has been active in the affairs of the church at large in whatsoever locality he served, being active in the work of the Councils of Churches, community co-operative ventures among churches, and work in the local Synods of our denomination. He has further, recently, given time to the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Hospital Association of Chicago, which operates the Evangelical Hospital of that city and has recently dedicated a new seven-million dollar hospital, Christ Community Hospital, in a suburb of that city.

Pastor Rasche's chief concern, however, is always with the local church which he serves and to that he has always given the bulk of his time, working that each church with which he has been associated has become and remained an active and vital church in every phase of the life of the church.