

August 7, 1961

Mr. William Bark, Jr.  
3608 Foster Avenue  
Baltimore 24, Maryland

Dear Mr. Bark:

I received your letter this past Friday and was so very happy to read of the unanimous ratification by the congregation of the facts relayed to me by Mr. Fader the morning after our recent meeting and also included in your letter.

We have considered this invitation most seriously since our return to Chicago, remembering the earnest appeals that I become your pastor. The challenge at United Evangelical seems to be of the variety which is enticing and of the type appealing to me.

Therefore, I have now written to the Synod President to place an official application with his office, that all may be done according to the rules of our denomination.

Subsequently I now state myself as ready to return to Baltimore yet in August for a guest service and sermon. I would suggest the plan as follows:

1. That I have my service here on a Sunday a.m., then fly to Baltimore for an evening service, to be followed immediately by a congregational meeting.

2. Following though on my former remarks that a return to Baltimore and a guest service would be tantamount to election, I would then plan to spend Monday with a committee at the parsonage. Probably the Church Council and the House Committee might want to have a preliminary meeting yet on that Sunday evening, when the official action of congregation is relayed to me.

3. I would then plan to fly home sometime Monday afternoon, to be here for a meeting in the local church that evening.

4. My final reply to the "call" would then be communicated with due consideration via the mail shortly after my return to Chicago.

Here is the reasoning for all this: If all went satisfactory, we would want to be in Baltimore prior to Thanksgiving, before the winter set in <sup>and</sup> made travel precarious. This would mean that I would be required to tender my resignation here by Sept. 1, to give the

three months notice to the local congregation, this working out to the end of November. If I could come up for a Sunday evening, preferably Sunday, Aug. 20th, and not use a Sunday a.m. as vacation, this would mean we might request the last two Sundays of November as our vacation Sundays (having 2 Sundays left this year) and thus get away from here by Nov. 15th or thereabouts.

Will you please give this your consideration and if satisfactory, so inform me as quickly as possible, that I may make my reservations on the plane. If your committee would rather follow another plan, then please also inform me.

Thank you and all for your kindnesses to me and Mrs. Rasche thus far.

Sincerely,

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Paul A. Rasche

Copy: Mr. Albert Fader, % Church office.