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The Church Council,  
United Evangelical Church,  
c/o Mr. Frederick Long, President.

Dear Friends:

With this letter I am submitting my resignation as Pastor of Visitation at United Evangelical Church. The effective date of the resignation is discussed later.

Mrs. Weisser and I have decided that the time has come for me to enter into a fuller retirement from active ministry. We also decided that we would like to take an apartment at the Springvale Terrace in Silver Spring as a place to live in retirement. Originally, we contemplated that we would do this at about the time that I reach the age of seventy, which would be in spring of 1972.

However, certain developments at Springvale Terrace have caused us to decide that we should move sooner. A desirable apartment is expected to open up in the near future, which has been offered to us. Along with this is the expressed desire by Mr. Dorman, the administrator, that we be there, by virtue of the fact that I am a minister, and that there would be a role that I could fulfill that would be meaningful to the residents because of that. This appeals to us.

Hence I would like to ask that, if the apartment becomes available by that time, that I be released from duties at United Evangelical on October 1. If the opening should occur at a somewhat later time, say one month or two, I would be pleased to be able to continue my work here until then.

This step is taken with certain regrets, in view of the good relationships we have had here, and the kindnesses we have experienced from the Church Council, from Pastor and Mrs. Rasche, as well as from many others. We shall treasure the remembrance of these years of ministry, and trust that they have borne some lasting fruit.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ralph E. Weisser*