

56 Linwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York, Jan. 5, 1934.

Mr. Geo. Phillip Mueller,
President, United Evangelical Church,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Mueller,-

I have hesitated writing you this note for a long time, for I can realize that since the resignation of your pastor, Rev. Frank Schaefer, you have no doubt been deluged with letters and requests from one source or another.

To introduce myself, may I say that I am the son-in-law of the late Rev. Batz, and that I have been in the active ministry for the past twelve years, after graduating from Eden Seminary, the Divinity School of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

The "East Avenue Church" as Mrs. Kesting (Bertha) and I affectionately refer to it, has always been the church of my dreams. It was the church Rev. Batz loved so well and served faithfully for many years.

It was with a great deal of regret that I learned of the influence of the Baltimore climate upon the health of Mrs. Schaefer. Rev. Schaefer was a senior in the seminary at the time of my entrance as a junior, and I always thought a great deal of him. It is certainly a splendid sacrifice he is making for the sake of his wife's health, and I pray that the change of climate may restore her normal strength again.

At the present time Mrs. Kesting and I are spending a belated vacation with friends in Buffalo, among many of Rev. Batz's old friends and relatives, for this is the city of his birth. Mrs. Kesting has grown to love Buffalo very much, but she cannot forget her many happy years in Baltimore and the church of her love. Due to ~~economic~~ economic conditions we did not take much of a vacation during the past three years, but we have felt the need of a rest and the congregation at Lockport, which is about 25 miles from here granted us a very fine vacation period, and we are

planning to close our vacation with a short visit with friends in Baltimore. I have been wondering during the past few days if you would be kind enough to grant me a short interview at that time or at any other time that you may deem more advisable. I appreciate that you have quite a task on your hands, taking over the position of president of such a lovely congregation, and that there are many things that must be attended, especially in view of the pastor's resignation.

I shall appreciate your writing me for any information you may feel you need. May I say for your information, that I have written the Rev. F. C. Ruedgeberg, president of the Atlantic District, as is customary in the Evangelical Synod, ~~and~~ expressing my ~~great~~ desire to have my name presented to the congregation.

Our home address is 66 Locust St., Lockport, N.Y., and for the next week or two will be: ~~as above:~~ "56 Linwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York"

Wishing you belated greetings of the season, and with kindest regards,

sincerely,

Chas. F. ^{Resting}