

German United Evangelical Church

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To the Church Council,  
Resp. the Congregation of  
The German United Evangelical Church,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sirs;

Having accepted a call to enter the work of Home Missions in San Antonio, Texas, I hereby tender my resignation as pastor of the German United Evangelical Church of Baltimore, Maryland, to become effective on February 25th, 1934.

We take this step after long and prayerful consideration, and it has by no means been easy to come to this momentous decision. We love United Church and every one of her members, and we trust that our service among you has been sufficient proof of this fact. On the other hand, we countenance with deepest appreciation the countless expressions of love by the Congregation toward us. We shall always be thankful to God for the pleasant memories of this cordial relationship. This mutuality above all else, has kept us from considering other opportunities that presented themselves to us in recent years.

You will not be surprised that we are now to enter the Home Mission work in a frontier region of our beloved Synod. Our preaching has not left you unmindful of our interest in Missions. This call has come to us as a complete surprise and without any overtures or solicitation on our part.

Further, it is within the knowledge of you all that my wife has been suffering with Arthritis for almost four years, and on different occasions doctors have advised us to choose an higher and drier climate in our quest for her restoration. However, we were patient and sought to find a cure for <sup>her</sup> here, but the recent recurrence of the malady has proven our efforts to have been quite in vain. San Antonio, with its semi-tropical climate and high altitude, has long been recognized as a refuge for persons suffering from Arthritis, and we are trusting, that since God is guiding us there to work in the capacity of home missionaries, it may also be His will that she shall be restored to her old-time health again.

We are fully aware of the sacrifices involved in taking this step, but they are made obscure by the missionary challenge and the possibilities of regained health.

While our going will mean the severance of our relations officially, yet we shall always hold dear the friendship of the members of United Church and the many other friends we have made in Baltimore. Always we shall cherish the memory of the years in which, by the Grace of God, we were permitted to labor together with you in the furtherance of Christ's Kingdom.

Faithfully yours,

*F. W. Schaefer*