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Loey Powell
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Dear Loey:

Forgive the long delay in my response to your letter of March 7. It has taken some time for the full committee to arrange our joint schedule to have some time with you together. We have now allotted a forty-five minute period, 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. on Friday, May 6. Will that be possible for the five of you?

We understand that our concern at that time will be to consider together the basis, and specifically the theological basis, for the request which you have brought and to look at a doctrine of church and ministry in relation to that base.

We can prepare Section B of the committee for that meeting either by mailing them copies of the corporate statement which you provided for Section A or by distributing a revised paper to both sections if you have reworked the document on the basis of further refinement of your own thinking. It is our hope that you have or will have such a revision inasmuch as Section A felt need for a sharper statement. It is my own belief that when the issues are brought into clear focus it should be feasible to state the argument in one page or less. You might want to elaborate with additional pages, but it is my experience that matters are rarely clear until they can be stated in essence in great simplicity.

If you are able to accept the May 6 date, please let me know how you would like to have us proceed.

In regard to arranging for individual conferences, we made some initial suggestions and then wondered whether you might not prefer to make your own choices on basis of ease of meeting. Our suggestions appear on the attached sheet but if you are willing I suggest you each take responsibility for initiating an interview with the person named or anyone else of your choosing. The full list is enclosed to give you address and phone. Please let me know if that isn't satisfactory.

Faithfully,

Mary

Mary Eakin

Cosulos - R. Anderson

Cutshall - Geddes

Morton - McCracken

Parsons - Smith (she comes to S.F. frequently)

Powell - Chatterton

(All these except Francis Geddes will be continuing members of the Committee. Geddes is included because of his proximity in Marin County.)