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503-484-1707

3 September 1976

Dear Walt,

I have an unpleasant and very unfortunate task. For a variety of reasons--most of which are unclear to me--the Pastor's institute has been cancelled as an ecumenical venture and is now going to take a severely reduced form as a Presbyterian program. At the final count only 16 persons had signed up and most of those were Presbyterians. Because it is now being scaled down we cannot afford to have a convocation and we must cancel two of the classes. I am so very sorry that the program fell through. Our greatest loss is not being able to have you with us to do a convocation. I am very sorry for the inconveniences this will cause you! I wish there were some way that I could change everything.

The task now is to mend some ecumenical walls, modify the program and carry out a preliminary program with the hope that it will set the pace for a better ecumenical participation next year. I am sorry to be the bearer of such news! I would be as sorry if we had arranged for Professor Moltmann and this happened. Thank you for all your work, support and thoughtful encouragement. For now it is to the future! Have a good year. I am sorry I missed you when I called. I hope that your vacation has been good. I will call you when I return next week. I am enclosing some reviews of your book. I plan to be reading it next week at the coast.

Shalom!

Doug

P.S. Let me know if you have out of pocket expenses so that I can arrange reimbursements.

Doug

August 4, 1976

Dear Doug:

I've been pondering titles, themes, etc., and come up with a variety of possibilities:

Tensions between Action and Contemplation in
Contemporary Christian Consciousness

Mystical Strains in Contemporary Christian
Consciousness

Contemplation Reborn in Contemporary Christian
Awareness

The New Mysticism

I'm willing to leave the choice of titles to you. The content will be the same regardless of the title. Another possibility:

Contemplation in a World of Action

Mystical Strains in an Actional World

Mysticism in a World of Action

The New Mysticism in a World of Action

My goodness.

Plane fare is \$164 roundtrip, Santa Barbara to Portland. I can stay with family in Portland, and have meals with them. How would \$300 be as a total amount, stipend and travel expenses, for the one day? Then, if the Roseburg day happens, could we add another \$100, or \$400 total.

I doubt that the university will pay my way to the Calgary conference, but this boost will probably enable me to go.

I really look forward to it.

Sincerely,

Walter

Walter H. Capps

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Doug Huneke

Charles +

Sept. - 16-17

\$ 300 per talk

2 talks

plus expenses -

Cheryl

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July 9, 1976

Proposed repricing schedule for Moltmann conference:

Goal: to clear enough to pay for Moltmann, Wiggins, and expenses:

minimal profit: \$2,000

— change evening price to \$10 for package, \$5 each --

— reschedule evening event for Campbell Hall -- 200 extra people...

100 of them @ \$10 each = \$1,000

100 of them @ \$15 each = 1,500

2,500

60 participants: \$60 each \$3600

30 participants: \$25 each 750

43 50

- 500 expenses

Minimal: 50 at \$50 = \$2,500

30 at \$25 = 750

30 at \$10 = 300

30 at \$15 = 450

\$ 4,000

July 9, 1976

The Rev. Douglas Huneke
Koinonia House
1414 Kincaid Street
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Dear Doug:

I enclose the ill-fated letter of June 18, together with a copy of my vita.

I guess I am flattered to be considered as a stand-in for Jürgen Moltmann, for I really believe he is one of the top two or three spokespersons within Christendom at the present time. Possibly for that reason primarily I demurred a bit when you asked about my own interest. I want now to emphasize how much I would look forward to such an opportunity. I am a university professor, but I have conducted pastor's retreats on several occasions, frequently in ecumenical settings. Recent ones have been sponsored by Pacific Lutheran University (Lutheran Institute for Theological Education) in Tacoma, Washington, the American Lutheran Church (Pacific Southwest District), and the Renewal Institutes for priests and nuns (for five years) at the Franciscan Old Mission here in Santa Barbara. In May I gave a public lecture at the Divinity School in the University of Chicago. I mention these as instances of my experience in theological and pastoral settings.

I've also enclosed a copy of the latest book. It would be on one or another of the themes implicit there that I'd like to speak on September 23 and 24.

Again, my deepest regrets for not being able to pull a Moltmann visit together.

Warm regards,

Walter H. Capps

Tübingen, June 12, 1976

Dear Walter,

I am still wrestling with the Oregon-question. To cross your continent again in September 23-26 will be too much; as far as I see it from here and now. The best time for us would still be Saturday, September 4 and Sunday, September 5. and Monday, ^{Sept. 6.} If your folks believe that a visit at that time would be quite useless, then the other possibility would be August 20 - 21, from Santa Barbara, as you suggested in your letter of May 26.

Can you please contact also Dean Cabell Tennis, St. Mark's Cathedral, 1245, Tenth Avenue East, Seattle, Wash. 98102 (Tel. 206.323-0300). He invited me to come, and perhaps he can take us and make use of me on the weekend of September 4-6.

You really brought me on a new line of discoveries: I ~~am~~ am reading Thomas Merton and Ernesto Cardenal with new eyes. Thanky to you!

Cordially,

Jürgen
Jürgen

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May 21, 1976

Dr. Walter Capps
1724 Santa Barbara Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101

Dear Walter:

We are delighted that we will be visiting you in Santa Barbara in August. I look forward to the conference with Moltman, et al., but also to some time for Kay and me to be able to see your turf with you and Lois.

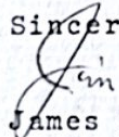
Do the following sound OK as titles?

1. The Binding and Loosing Power of Stories
2. Forgetting and Remembering: Creativity in Story-Telling
3. Telling Stories in Response to Experiencing God's Story

If these don't work in the overall rubrics of the conference plans, let me know and I will try again. Regarding Kay's participation, I think your giving her a call to describe your projection of the situation and context within which she would do something would be very much appreciated by her.

Greetings to your family.

Sincerely,


James B. Wiggins

JBW:rsk

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May 19, 1976

Dear Don and Margy:

It was very helpful to talk with you yesterday about the upcoming Moltmann event.

Moltmann's lectures, on the general theme of "Spirituality and Liberation" -- our title, not his -- are the following:

Worship -- the Liberating Feast

Liberation -- Hope in Action

Creation as Open System

Let's also give his wife a time period in the schedule. She may decide not to do it, but I'd like to give her place on the program. Her title is "Women's Liberation in Germany: Obstacles and Advantages."

My title is "Action and Contemplation: Alternating Currents".

I am writing a news story for the Lutheran church publications on the west coast. The draft is enclosed.

Walt

P.S. I'll give you Wigger's stuff when I have it -

Dear

I am writing to a few of you, to explore a prospect projected now for the summer of 1976.

I would like to establish a Santa Barbara Summer Theological Conference which would devote a full week to contemporary trends or developments on the cutting edge of theology. I conceive the Conference as an annual event, scheduled for mid or late August (following the completion of most summer sessions). It should be self-supporting (through the tuition of participants), staffed by local personnel supplemented by outstanding visiting lecturers. I believe that the week might coincide with vacation time for some persons, or families, so that its temper would be both intellectual and contemplative, though not rigidly academic. In this regard, I would think it useful to work out informal relationships with various institutions (colleges, seminaries, the Old Mission, La Casa, perhaps the University, etc.), and perhaps even informal sponsorship, particularly for the benefit of students who might want to receive credit for participating. But the Conference would be designed to meet a cross-section of interests and needs, and would be understood as something other than a course of studies.

To be more specific, in addition to local luminaries, I know that we could bring Jürgen Moltmann to Santa Barbara for this purpose in mid-August, 1976. My thought is that we should ask him to speak everyday for the entire week, then utilize others during other hours of the day to deal with issues of real currency in theology and religion. It would be worthwhile, for example, to talk about cross-cultural religious dialogue, new developments in biblical interpretation, developing understanding of the status of women, surveys of other recent trends in religion and theology, the increasing interest in spirituality, etc. I also believe that we could find the proper format to allow the hard intellectual work to be interrelated with worship.

I would think that a tuition charge of say \$75 to \$100 for the week, with appropriate reductions for students, would make the opportunity possible for most participants. The bulk of the fees would be devoted to making it possible to bring someone of Moltmann's stature to Santa Barbara, summer after summer. But

Announcement Regarding Summer Theological Conference

Jürgen Moltmann, of Tübingen, W. Germany, one of the world's leading theologians, will be featured speaker in the first annual Santa Barbara Summer Theological Conference, August 25-28, at La Casa de Maria Retreat Center, in Montecito. Joining Moltmann on the program are Mrs. Elizabeth Moltmann, James Wiggins of Syracuse University, author of Religion as Story, W. Richard Comstock and Walter H. Capps of the University of California, Santa Barbara, and others with whom arrangements are currently being made.

Under the general conference theme Spirituality and Liberation, Moltmann will present three lectures: "Evangelization and Liberation," "Worship, the Liberating Feast," and "The Messianic Life Style (Mysticism/Politics)". Mrs. Moltmann will speak about "Women's Liberation in Germany: Obstacles and Advantages."

The conference is designed primarily for persons in religious vocations who seek deeper exposure to developments on the cutting edges of contemporary theology. The conference is being planned to provide ample opportunity to meet and converse with Dr. Moltmann and the supporting faculty in a personal way.

The cost of the conference is \$125 per adult person, including registration fees, meals, and lodging. Special commuter (non-residence) rates are also available, as are tickets for Dr. Moltmann's lectures.

For further information contact La Casa de Maria Retreat Center, 800 El Bosque Road, Santa Barbara, California, 93108, telephone (805) 969-5031.

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Walter

Joe Smith call -
please call him
Tues. after 3pm

503-227-2439

Re: J. Moltman

1724 Santa Barbara St
May 8, 1976

Dear friend Jürgen:

It was simply wonderful to be with you and the Meeks in St. Louis a few days ago. I am still somewhat amazed at how it came about. It was so very, very unexpected, and so very satisfying and inspiring. I thought that I had taken some paths into new territory, only to discover that you had been there all the time. It may be an unrealistic thought, but I would wish that I could come to Tübingen for an academic quarter, like from mid-March into mid-June, to be able to listen to you at length once again, to get the German language under a little better control so that I can read Eckhart, Suso, Tauler, and the others with more confidence. We're dreaming about this. So far it is only a dream, but I'm also serious.

We're having a little difficulty, however, with the August-September schedule. The folks in the Northwest are resisting the revision of schedules we discussed. The reason is that the weekend of September 4-6 is the Labor Day weekend here. Most people use it as the last chance to have family vacations. And our hosts in Portland and Tacoma believe that they will have low attendance.

Just as these discussions are occurring over the telephone, I received another telephone call from the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon. The people there want you for two days in mid-September, September 16-17, that is Thursday and Friday, for a state-wide pastors' conference. They are offering \$300 each for two talks, or a total of \$600, plus travel expenses roundtrip from Princeton. My suggestion is that the event in Portland be re-scheduled for September 17-19, that is, as an extension of the Eugene, Oregon conference. I would expect the Portland people to offer an equal amount, or more, so that you could expect approximately \$1200 in honorarium in addition to travel expenses for one person from Princeton and return. It would be necessary to travel to Eugene on Wednesday, September 15, and you could be back in Princeton on Sunday night, September 19.

They have not cancelled the earlier time, but it is difficult for them especially since the bulk of it must occur on the Labor Day weekend.

Please let me know how you would like for me to arrange this.

If the Northwest event can be rescheduled, you would be free to leave the west coast together, as a family, after the close of whatever Charles McCoy has you doing in the Berkeley area.

Again, thank you for the wonderful time in St. Louis. I didn't intend that my discipleship should continue, willy-nilly, regardless of whatever independence I felt compelled to cultivate. But I find that I am still disciple, happily so, and that the several hours we had together in St. Louis were just thoroughly rewarding.

Gratefully and cordially,

Walter

March 28, 1976

Dear Don,

The many details for the Moltmann Conference have not been worked out yet, but I do have a number of them, and want to pass them on to you.

Notice the enclosed tentative schedule. It includes some empty spaces, and yet gives an idea of a workable time. I have listed three evening presentations by Moltmann himself; the thought here is that this would be the most available time for persons coming just to hear him, whom we could charge differently than the others. I've also included space for Moltmann's wife, who is a highly trained and interesting speaker. My thought here is that following an afternoon break, for rest and/or relaxation, we'd ask people to gather again, say, at 4 o'clock, prior to supper, for something somewhat informal. Mrs. Moltmann could lead these two sessions. Then, we'll ask Moltmann to give his final talk right prior to the close of the conference on Saturday morning.

I've listed James Wiggins and Dick Comstock as speakers, in addition to the one shot that I'm requesting for myself. This is not a complete roster, but will give us something to say right now should persons be writing for information.

W. Richard Comstock is Professor of Religious Studies at UCSB, and works in the field of religious studies and contemporary theology.

James Wiggins is Professor of Religious Studies at Syracuse University in New York. His most recent book is RELIGION AS STORY, published by Harper & Row.

Walter H. Capps is Professor of Religious Studies and Director of the Institute of Religious Studies, UCSB. He has two previous books on the theology of hope, the first THE FUTURE OF HOPE, and the second TIME INVADES THE CATHEDRAL. And a third, dealing directly with Moltmann's work, will be published in April, 1976 under the title HOPE AGAINST HOPE.

(I've written these paragraphs this way in the event that they will become necessary information items in response to queries.)

We need at least one more faculty person $\$$ and we ought to have someone functioning as chaplain. I'm working on both of these, and will have something to report soon.

I've also tried to devise some breakdown of anticipated expenses. So far, it looks something like this:

Honoraria and Travel Expenses:

for the Moltmann family	\$ 1,000 minimal
James Wiggins	800 "
W. Richard Comstock	free (in lieu of any conferen fees)

These are minimal, as I say. In other words, I've worked this out in a several stage plan, depending on the response.

- (1) If the response is not good, then we only pay Moltmann a minimal honorarium, and the rest of us work for free. (20-25 participants)
- (2) If we can be assured of \$2500 or so to work with, then we can confirm Wiggins' participation, and pay other participants something. (50 participants)
- (3) Depending upon the size of the response, we can add significant names to the roster, and pay Moltmann more.

Also, while not being anxious to appear greedy, if the response allows it, I'll need some expense money for myself as participant and organizer of the conference. Because of the way in which the schedule is working out, I'll be in Oregon the two weeks prior to the conference, and must return immediately following. It will cost me \$300 to do this.

These are the reflections I have up until now. They remain in process. And I'll have more soon.

Notice too the enclosed announcement draft. Until we have something more definite, I believe it can be used to give to people who inquire.

Sincerely,

Walt

March 27, 1976

Dr. Walter Pilgrim
Director, Lutheran Institute for
Theological Education
Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma, Washington 98447

Dear Walt:

Thank you for your good letter of March 12. It is taken me this long to answer, I trust, because of the very heavy schedule of the last couple weeks of an academic quarter.

Some of the questions you ask about Moltmann's visit are easy to answer. The easiest: Frau Moltmann -- Elizabeth by name -- is a superb theologian, a gifted speaker, and one you would very much enjoy listening to. She is prepared to speak about "women's liberation in Germany," as well as a number of other topics. My understanding is that she works in the area of religion and ethics. We are going to make use of this opportunity here, and Charles McCoy is "billing" both of the Moltmanns for his seminar at the GTU.

I think we understand each other regarding the Northwest portion of the itinerary. My involvement is somewhat questionable. As it stands we will come to Oregon for my parents' 50th anniversary in mid-August, but will return to Santa Barbara for the Moltmann conference by August 24. Right now, we're contemplating the possibility of my coming back alone for those conference days, then returning to the Northwest for another week, with family, at Holden Village. The Holden Village week would begin on Sunday evening, August 29th. But, as I say, this is somewhat tentative. We would finish at Holden in time to get in on your conference, if this is appropriate, but I really hadn't intended to stay on to be with Moltmann in Portland. That's really a bit too much, I believe, mostly because of family logistics. So I would advise you to work out Moltmann's itinerary with Joe Smith for the week of Sept. 6 ff. Moltmann will do what we ask.

Regarding his travel from place to place, you should know that he will have his wife and two daughters with him. This makes plane travel a bit expensive. I do expect him to fly from San Francisco to Seatac, however, because of the length of time it would take to drive.

I hope this clarifies some of the questions. I think we have a good opportunity, and it is good to work together. That was the intention of our "Summer 1975 Pact," as you recall, and Father Virgil and Birger Pearson were witnesses.

Peace
Walt

"Hoffmann Conference" - August 25-28

BREAKFAST	WED. - Aug. 25	✓	THURS - 26	✓	FRIDAY - 27	✓	SAT - 28
			<p>CAPPS -</p> <p>COFFEE BREAK</p> <p>WIGGINS</p> <p>CHAPEL</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p> <p>WIGGINS - w ?</p> <p>CHAPEL</p>	<p>COFFEE BREAK</p> <p>Panel and Jürgen Hoffmann</p> <p>CHAPEL</p>		
MORNING							
LUNCH			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
AFTERNOON	<p>Registration Orientation 4 Pms</p>		<p>Recreation + Rest</p> <p>Imm. Hoffmann</p>	<p>Recreation + Rest</p> <p>Imm. Hoffmann</p>			
DINNER	✓		✓	✓	✓		
EVENING	<p>Jürgen Hoffmann</p>		<p>Jürgen Hoffmann</p>	<p>Jürgen Hoffmann</p>			
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for Theological
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In the Pacific Northwest
March 12, 1976

2) 1,200 - \$ 1,500

Dr. Walter Capps
Institute of Religious Studies
University of California, Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

Dear Wally:

I have just finished conversing with Joe Smith in Portland via phone, and we agreed that I should write you for some clarification concerning the projected visit of Jürgen Moltmann.

LITE proposes to schedule events with Moltmann both in the Sea-Tac and Spokane areas. We have tentatively scheduled Monday through Wednesday, Sept. 6-8 as our dates, with Thursday a travel day to Portland. I understand you're scheduled in the Portland area from Friday through Wednesday, which includes the fishing trip on Friday and Saturday. You do everything well, Wally! The squeeze will be on for events both in Sea-Tac and Spokane, so that an extra day (Thursday) would be helpful. Joe said that it might be possible to re-schedule the fishing trip for the next weekend if Moltmann's time permits. Is that possible? If not, we shall be glad to arrange events so that Moltmann arrives in Portland early afternoon of Sept. 9th. By the way, what will be his mode of transportation in the Northwest? Will he drive up here by car or by plane? At least between Seattle and Spokane we would like to have him fly to make more efficient use of his time. One further question, is it possible to utilize his wife, whom I understand is a trained theologian? Much I imagine depends on her English.

I'll wait to hear from you. Once dates become clarified we intend to become more specific about the events themselves. Rest assured we're still considering utilizing your expertise during his visit. Greet your family.

G.T.U.

Shalom,

Walt

Dr. Walter Pilgrim
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SANTA BARBARA SUMMER THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

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The theme of the conference is "Spirituality and Liberation." It is designed for all who seek to expose themselves further to developments on the cutting edges of contemporary theology and religious aspiration.

Other speakers in the conference include James Wiggins of Syracuse University, author of Religion as Story, W. Richard Comstock and Walter H. Capps of UCSB's Department of Religious Studies, and Patricia Reif of the Immaculate Heart Community in Los Angeles. In addition, Elisabeth Moltmann will speak about "Women's Liberation in Germany -- Obstacles and Advantages."

Moltmann will give a series of three lectures, covering such topics as new developments in liberation, theology, worship, and the relation of mysticism to politics.

Persons interested in participating in the conference and/or in hearing Moltmann's lectures should contact La Casa de Maria Retreat Center (969-5031) for additional information.

Walter H. Capps
Program Chairperson

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February 20, 1976

Dear Don:

The following gets at the gist of what we'll be doing, I trust, during the August conference:

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La Casa de Maria Retreat Center
/address/

Sincerely,

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Featured

Speaker: Jürgen Moltmann, author of the epoch-making book, THEOLOGY OF HOPE, and THE CRUCIFIED GOD. Judged to be the most-important single influence in the Christian theological world in the past decade. Professor of Theology in Tübingen, W. Germany.

Supporting

Faculty: Elizabeth Moltmann, author and lecturer in theology and social ethics. Trained to speak about "womens' liberation" and tentative list) in European and third-world terms.

James B. Wiggins, author of recent RELIGION AS STORY. Professor of Religious Studies in Syracuse University, New York. Specialist in contemporary trends in religion.

W. Richard Comstock, of UCSB, specialist in religious studies and contemporary theology. Author of MAN AND RELIGIONS. Concerned about influence of world religions upon Christian self-understanding.

Walter H. Capps (conference organizer), author of three books on theology of hope, including HOPE AGAINST HOPE.

Note: other supporting faculty are being added.

Atmosphere: The conference is designed to meet a cross-section of interests. Exposure to significant contemporary figures and developments in theology will occur on a personal basis in a setting encouraging refreshment, worship, rest, and relaxation. Special arrangements will be made for persons and families seeking to combine the conference with summer vacation.

Dates: The conference will begin in mid-afternoon, Wednesday, August 25, and will conclude following lunch on Saturday, August 28, 1976. Preference will be given to persons enrolling for the entire time. Arrangements will be made for non-resident and/or day-to-day participants and auditors.

Place: La Casa de Maria Retreat Center, 800 El Bosque Road, Santa Barbara, California.

Fees: (supply schedule)

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Lecture Titles for Moltmann Conference, August 25-28 -- La Casa de Maria Retreat Center

Over-all theme: "SPIRITUALITY AND LIBERATION"

Moltmann's lecture titles:

- (1) Evangelism and Liberation
- (2) Worship -- the Liberating Feast
- (3) Messianic Life Style -- Mysticism and Politics

James Wiggins' titles: "Religion as Story"

- (1) The Binding and Loosing Power of Stories
- (2) Forgetting and Remembering: Creativity in Story-Telling
- (3) Telling Stories in Response to Experiencing God's Story

Capps' titles "Action and Contemplation in Contemporary Christian Aspiration"

W. Richard Comstock's title: "The Future of Christianity"

Pat Reif's title will be available soon.

Other aspects of the program still in progress:

- (1) the worship dimension: so far, Father Virgil, Pastor Paul Nussle (tentative), and Sister Anne Dunne appear to be worship co-chairpersons
- (2) a component for Kay Wiggins (something on "creative dance")

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20 January 1976

Professor Dr. Jürgen Moltmann
Biesinger Strasse 25
74 Tübingen
W. Germany

Dear Jürgen:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of January 2, and also to have the topics on which you are prepared to lecture in this country.

I have been in touch with Charles McCoy about your possible schedule in western United States. This is how I project the situation now: Berkeley and the Bay Area, beginning Saturday night, August 28, through Sunday, September 5; Santa Barbara, the days immediately preceding, that is, August 24 or 25 through August 28, leaving Santa Barbara on Saturday evening, August 28, for Stanford. This leaves open the time between your conference in Colorado and the conference in Santa Barbara. It was Charles' impression that you wanted this time to be able to drive from Colorado to southern California, to be able to visit the Grand Canyon, etc. Consequently, we are leaving the week of the 16th open, and invite you to come early, if you'd like, to La Casa de Maria. Beginning on September 6, we have you tentatively scheduled to visit the great Pacific Northwest, first in the Tacoma-Seattle area, then, nearer the end of the week, in the Portland area. We assume that you are free that entire week for additional appearances. Your itinerary reads, as we see it now: the week of the 16th of August, free for travel; Santa Barbara conference, beginning August 24; the Bay Area, August 28 through September 5; Washington and Oregon, September 6th until departure for Princeton area, or wherever.

How does this sound? We want you to enjoy yourself at the same time, so we've projected a schedule that provides time for some relaxation along the way.

I'm sending a copy of this letter to Charles and am sending copies to the Rev. Joe Smith, in Portland, and Dr. Walter Pilgrim, at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. It's a trusty circuit, and we have pledged to keep one another informed of our respective scheduling ventures.

It's really wonderful to be able to contemplate all of this. Warm regards to Elisabeth and your family.

Sincerely,

Stanford
29th
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Hph - Grace Cathedral

Tübingen, Jan. 2, 1976

Dear Walter,

our warmest greetings to the new year first. We wish your blessed restlessness and peace for 1976! I hope you returned from the New York winter to your paradise again. ~~And~~ I am writing because of our plans for August 1976. Charles McCoy expects us at Berkeley on Sunday, August 29. He has arranged a three day seminar in the following week. Princeton Theological Seminary agreed to give us a free place to stay without the whole deal of a guest professor. They want me to start their opening convocation on September 21. This will give us more free time. We can arrive any time after August 16 at Santa Barbara. And we are free after Saturday, September 4. So, if your "travel business" works out for Tacoma and Portland the week beginning with September 6th, it would be alright. It might be helpful to give you a list of the lectures I have prepared in English so far:

1. Evangelism and Liberation
 2. Worship - the liberating feast
 3. Messianic life-style
 4. Theological declaration to Human Rights.
 5. The unity of the Church beneath the Cross
 6. Hope in the struggle of the people
 7. Liberation - hope in action
 8. Creation as open system
 9. The Trinitarian History of God.
 10. Three lectures on: Who is human? (Stanford lect.s)
- With these lectures I am at your disposal. Elisabeth may then have ready a lecture on "Women's liberation in Germany - obstacles and advantages". We are really looking forward to seeing our "beloved" place Santa Barbara and La Casa de Maria again and to meeting with you again.

Warm regards to Lois and the whole family,

Elisabeth
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Jorge
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Fredrika - 12

Tübingen, August 26, 1975

Dear Walter,

thank you so much for your letter and its wonderful message. You are indeed a great organizer, but I would hate the idea of losing you to a travel agency. We found your letter when we came home from Italy and our fantasy was inspired. We only hope that it will not be as hot in California as it was in Italy.

Your idea for a Santa Barbara conference is fine. We are looking forward to seeing La Casa de Maria again. We may indeed arrive a few days before the 25th of August. The offer of Don George is very gracious. I hope the conference can be arranged and will be attended. Elisabeth and I are ready to give what we have. I have just finished my manuscript on "The Church in the power of the Spirit". May it be appropriate to use chapters or material out this area of theology?

The other invitation to the majesty of Oregon is most attractive. Question is only that Princeton is waiting. The start September 16, but want to have faculty conferences before that date. But I may be able to convince them of the necessity of my absence, because I like fish, though I never did the fishing myself.

Charles McCoy was here last Sunday and talked about a workshop at Berkeley between St. Barbara and Oregon. It can very well be arranged.

Have a good time at Syracuse and give my greetings to the friends. I still regret that I couldn't realize their invitation to me several years ago. But, I would like to visit them from Princeton.

Our love to your whole family, *Tracy*

July 31, 1975

Dear friend Jürgen,

Well, there's been lots of action! That's California talk, I'm afraid, but it's positive, promising, and hopeful.

Your interest in coming here has prompted me to set several things in motion. First off, some of us in the area have been wanting to establish an annual Santa Barbara Summer Theological Conference. This will not be University funded, but will rely on the tuition of participants. By setting the same in the beautiful environment of La Casa de Maria (which you and Elizabeth know very well), we can also make it appealing for families and for family vacations. So, this is our first hope. We'd like to begin on Wednesday, August 25, and run through the weekend, possibly even into Monday and Tuesday of the following week. Don George, the Director of La Casa de Maria, encouraged me to invite you to come to La Casa early, that is, before the 25th, for some rest and relaxation. As you know, the place is not far from the beautiful blue Pacific (no oil slicks anymore) in the Montecito foothills.

Then, I have authority to invite you to the majestic Pacific Northwest following your stay in Santa Barbara. The Lutheran Institute for Theological Education in Tacoma, Washington -- associated with Pacific Lutheran University there -- is making plans for an early autumn theological conference (to which I will be invited, as well). Possibly, this will be held some place in the Cascade Mountains -- Mt. Rainier is in the area -- or on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University. I can perceive possibly a week of work for you in that region, for the large Lutheran church in downtown Portland, Oregon (near Portland State University) is also inviting you for a two-to-three day period, either before or after the conference in Tacoma. The interesting feature of the Portland invitation is that it includes a day's fishing expedition in the Pacific Ocean off the Oregon coast, where the salmon ought to be very plentiful. One of the men there has a large fishing boat, and is an experienced fisherman.

I can foresee a schedule something like this: Santa Barbara from August 25th through August 30th or 31st; Berkeley, with the McCoy's, following that; the week beginning September 6th in the Pacific Northwest, possibly Tacoma first, then, closer to the weekend, in Portland.

I can't be as sure of the size of the honorarium, but we can be more specific about this soon, as plans develop.

So, if I don't mature as a theologian and a scholar in religious studies, I can always enter the travel business. You can see that I put "first things first" in arranging this itinerary.

Please give me some indication, however, if this meets with your approval. I'm going to be handicapped somewhat in about three weeks, for we are going to Syracuse University for a visiting appointment for the fall semester. But my mail will be forwarded, and I have good assistance here in Santa Barbara during my absence.

My thought for the Santa Barbara conference is that you would give a lecture, or presentation, each day perhaps, and that we supplement this with lectures or presentations persons living closer by. I would like to get into it, and so would my colleague, Dick Comstock. Raimundo Panikkar may be in the area then too, and I have a good Benedictine friend, Vincent Martin, who is a master in western spirituality. Elizabeth could have a role too, if she would like. And I'm sure that some of the sisters of the Immaculate Heart order will want to participate. I'm enclosing a copy of the letter I sent after deciding to do something specific. Thank you so much for prompting us.

It's wonderful to think about all of this. I very much hope that it will happen. And I also hope you will get a good vacation and some refreshment out of it.

Warm regards to Elizabeth too,

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July 8, 1975

Dear

I am writing to a few of you, to explore a prospect projected now for the summer of 1976.

I would like to establish a Santa Barbara Summer Theological Conference which would devote a full week to contemporary trends or developments on the cutting edge of theology. I conceive the Conference as an annual event, scheduled for mid or late August (following the completion of most summer sessions). It should be self-supporting (through the tuition of participants), staffed by local personnel supplemented by outstanding visiting lecturers. I believe that the week might coincide with vacation time for some persons, or families, so that its temper would be both intellectual and contemplative, though not rigidly academic. In this regard, I would think it useful to work out informal relationships with various institutions (colleges, seminaries, the Old Mission, La Casa, perhaps the University, etc.), and perhaps even informal sponsorship, particularly for the benefit of students who might want to receive credit for participating. But the Conference would be designed to meet a cross-section of interests and needs, and would be understood as something other than a course of studies.

To be more specific, in addition to local luminaries, I know that we could bring Jürgen Moltmann to Santa Barbara for this purpose in mid-August, 1976. My thought is that we should ask him to speak everyday for the entire week, then utilize others during other hours of the day to deal with issues of real currency in theology and religion. It would be worthwhile, for example, to talk about cross-cultural religious dialogue, new developments in biblical interpretation, developing understanding of the status of women, surveys of other recent trends in religion and theology, the increasing interest in spirituality, etc. I also believe that we could find the proper format to allow the hard intellectual work to be interrelated with worship.

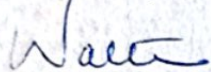
I would think that a tuition charge of say \$75 to \$100 for the week, with appropriate reductions for students, would make the opportunity possible for most participants. The bulk of the fees would be devoted to making it possible to bring someone of Moltmann's stature to Santa Barbara, summer after summer. But

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there should also be some remainder to provide modest honoraria to other lecturers and presentors.

Please let me know if you have reactions to this. I'd also appreciate whatever ideas you might have. I believe I've done enough initial probing to be confident that this is a lively prospect which would meet a real need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Walter", written in a cursive style.

Walter H. Capps

June 9, 1975

24 June 1975

Dear Jürgen:

I was very pleased to receive your letter this morning. I'm delighted that you are planning to be in our part of the world in 1976.

You must have known that I had been thinking about you -- each day lately, in fact. I've been working on another study of hope themes, this one called HOPE AGAINST HOPE, and it should be out in January, 1976, under Fortress Press publication. I'm sure this won't shock you, but you will take interest in the thesis that Moltmann and Merton are not awfully far apart theologically. I know that one is in political theology and the other became a hermit -- you can guess which is which! -- but I do find some common themes, particularly in the analysis of alienation. I'm working on this point these days; the book should be finished in less than a month.

I'll see what I can do about arranging a conference. Perhaps we can do something here in Santa Barbara, but I also have involvements in Washington State, at a beautiful (like Norway) mountain retreat center owned by the Lutherans in Oregon and Washington. The price might be my appearing on the same program with you, which I would love. And perhaps we can arrange something in both places.

I cannot be definite now, but I'll go to work on it immediately. It is very helpful to know that you are definitely coming.

We'll be moving to Syracuse University temporarily in the fall, from September until Christmas, where I have been invited as Visiting Professor. We look forward to the change, though without wanting to leave Santa Barbara for any longer period than that.

The family news is that we've moved to a larger house -- a converted barn (or "carriage house" as the real estate people put it). It is located very close to the Old Mission, where I continue to teach, and is surrounded by lush avocado trees.

Thanks so much for writing. I'll be writing to you again soon, as soon as I can make a firm proposal.

Cordially,

Walter

Idea: Moltmann in S.B. in late August - in Wash. in Sept.



June 9, 1975

Walter H. Capps
Smith, Pilgrimage
& Fellowship
on June 25.

Dr. Walter H. Capps
Institute of Religious Studies
Univ. of California, Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

Dear Dr. Capps:

Enclosed is a check for the LITE course you taught in Portland. Would you please let us know about your travel expenses?

Sincerely,

Karen Knutson

Karen Knutson
Secretary

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PROF. DR. JÜRGEN MOLTMANN

Dear Walter,

I have your kind letter of January 14 before me, and I really don't know whether I answered or not. I hope you have a good time now to rest and enjoy life after the finish of your semester. At Tübingen we still suffer... I am writing today in order to let you know that we - i.e. Elisabeth, Esther and Friederike and I - shall be in The States in August, September and October 1976. We shall start with a conference at Canon City, Colorado, in August 8 - 13. Around the beginning of September we hope to spend some days with the McCoy's at Berkeley. After the conference in the Holy Cross Abbey at Canon City we would like to explore the "wild west" in Colorado and Utah. I am of course extremely interested in a conference at Santa Barbara on "Theology of Hope - the first decade", as you suggested. It would urge me to make balances, and anyway we would be very happy to see you, your family and our beloved Santa Barbara again. Do you think that a date in the second half of August may be convenient? This would give us a geographical goal where to go from Canon City after the 13th of August. And the days before the beginning of your fall semester may also be appropriate for interested persons. I have to face the fact that I shall become 50 in 1976 and the other fact, which our friend Harvey Cox put so well in the phrase of no longer be "a young promising theologian". It seems as if I have to try "wisdom" now, but how to get rid of restless hope ?!

I shall send you "The Experiment Hope" and look forward to your "Models of inquiry in religious studies".

Our love to your family

as ever

J. M.

Tübingen, January 24, 1975

Dear Walter,

Thank you for writing. It was good to hear from you and Santa Barbara again. In a grey, rainy and cold Tübingen the sun became an utopia. The better it is to hear that Santa Barbara with sun and warmth is a reality.

We plan to return to America in August 1976 and to stay for the fall semester at Princeton.

We: that is a close to 2 children reduced family. The older two are at universities in Germany. Everything in Santa Barbara, especially a symposium, is attractive to me and us. After reflections on the cross and suffering, I am returning on another level to the Theology of Hope. I am trying to write a messianic eschatology. That should finish the "Trilogie" on Easter, Good Friday and Pentecost.

Your new title sounds interesting. Send me a copy. And don't hurry with the textbook, if I may say so. Next to spirit and prayer such a thing needs time, not haste.

Next year in Santa Barbara! That is a spark of hope for us.

Greetings to each of you

Cordially, Jig.