

306 Tunbridge Road,  
Baltimore 12, Maryland,  
October 14th, 1951.

To The Pastors

Greetings:

The Board of National Missions has begun a campaign to raise a million dollars to build new Churches. The official opening will immediately follow National Missions Sunday, October 21st, 1951.

A million dollars IS a lot of money - but THIS million dollars will be used over and over again. It will become a revolving loan fund. As Churches repay their loans to the Board of National Missions this money will be loaned to other congregations to assist them in building their Churches. The principal of this fund will be perpetually used for building "a greater Church for a better America."

Dr. L. W. Goebel, our denominational President, emphasizes the importance of our task in the following statement:

"American Churches today find themselves confronted with the challenge to provide spiritual nurture for hundreds of thousands who make their homes in new communities or suburban areas. Because of the lack of loan funds, the Evangelical and Reformed Church has thus far failed to accept its fair share of this challenge. To provide these funds it is now engaged in a campaign for \$1,000,000. We confidently trust that our entire membership will wish to cooperate generously in this undertaking.

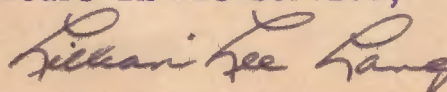
This is a challenge to all pastors and congregations of our Church. It is a real opportunity to share in kingdom building.

For the campaign special emphasis is placed on "Initial Givers"....those subscribing \$5,000. or more, and "Special Givers".... those subscribing \$500 to \$5,000. Pledges may be paid over a two year period, to be completed December 31st, 1953. Subscriptions of \$500. or more may be made as "MEMORIAL BUILDING FUNDS". Each such gift will be appropriately acknowledged with a certificate for the donor; and the monies contributed will forever bear the name of the person honored.

Each pastor is requested to assist by securing a capable chairman from his congregation to direct the campaign in his own Church. As soon as his selection has been made please fill in the attached blank and mail to me in the enclosed envelop. An early response to this request will be deeply appreciated.

Your prayers and those of your congregation are most earnestly sought for the success of this kingdom project.

Yours in His service,



(Mrs. Milton C. Lang)  
Chairman District #15.

November 9, 1951

Mrs. Milton C. Lang,  
Chairman, District #15,  
306 Tunbridge Road  
Baltimore 12, Maryland.

Dear Mrs. Lang,

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 11, stating that the Board of National Missions is engaged in the raising of a million dollars fund toward the building of new churches.

In reply would state we are very sorry at this time not to be able to contribute to this worthy cause, since for the past several years we are engaged in a similar campaign toward the building of our own church, and whatever contributions our members may be able to make are directed to this fund.

We are not a "wealthy" congregation, so therefore, must of necessity proceed rather slowly in our purpose.

We do, however, extend our best wishes in your excellent work, and again regret that we can not make a contribution to your fund, especially at this time.

Yours truly,