

German United Evangelical Church

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Dr. S. D. Press,
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Webster Groves, Missouri.

Dear Dr. Press:

In a few weeks we will be closing a happy ministry here in Baltimore to take up our new duties in San Antonio, Texas. Our people here have not as yet selected a successor, though they are to hear Rev. Titus Lehmann of Indianapolis next Sunday, January 14th. I do not know what the outcome will be. In any event there will be an interim of several weeks during which time it will be necessary for our good people to have the services of a resident supply pastor.

Our Church Council as well as the Pulpit Committee have asked me to write you about this situation with the urgent request that you select and release one of our capable boys in the Seminary for a few weeks to come to Baltimore and minister to them.

I suppose we are coming to you with a pretty big order; however, I told my men last night I felt confident you could help them out. It will be necessary for the student to be able to preach German and English each Sunday, though he will not be burdened with any Sunday School work; and with Lent coming soon, there will be mid-week services. We have a confirmation class of 114 boys and girls. The class is divided into sections and receives instruction at 4:30 in the afternoon. He would have to be licensed upon arrival in order to take care of weddings, funerals and baptisms which I will have booked in advance of his coming.

Our Church Council offers to pay him at the rate of \$80.00 per month plus traveling expenses both ways. He of course, would retain any honorariums that are offered. The parsonage telephones will be kept in tact and the house will be equipped sufficiently even after our things are gone, for him to live here. Meals can be taken near by and he will naturally be invited out a great deal.

We will close our work here on Sunday January 28th and make our departure on Monday the 29th. If the young man you select for us feels that it would help him to have me acquaint him with the work, we should be glad to have him come on the 26th or 27th of January. Or if he cannot come till Feb. 1st our very capable office girl can be of great assistance to him.

Although you cannot make a choice at once, it would put us on the easy chair if you can assure us immediately that you will supply us. Very cordially yours,