

# THE BALTIMORE COMMITTEE

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March 15, 1955

Dear Brother:

Some time ago the Board of National Missions proposed and General Council approved the creation of the office of City Church and Urban Strategy for the express purpose of developing a strategy for church work in our cities. Dr. John H. Shope was elected secretary of this new office.

Bro. Shope spoke to our Baltimore E & R Ministerium last year and explained the work of his committee. Our Ministerium unaminously adopted a resolution to invite Dr. Shope to make a study of our E & R Churches in Baltimore and vicinity in the near future. We believe this is a wonderful opportunity and will be of great value to all our churches.

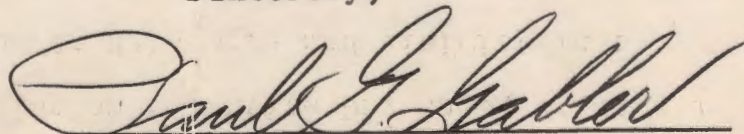
Before Dr. Shope can begin this work, however, he will need:

1. The approval of your Church Council or Consistory to make this study of your congregation
2. Your agreement to underwrite the cost of this study. (Cost not to exceed \$10:00 for each congregation)
3. Your agreement to mimeograph or duplicate the analysis of the final study of your own congregation
4. A committee of three from your congregation to guide in the self-study.

Put your answer on the enclosed card and mail before April

15. Your prompt response will enable us to start this study at an early date.

Sincerely,



Paul G. Gabler,  
Chairman of the Baltimore Committee.