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April 1, 1963

Mr. Charles Kerr
5790 Brandt Pike
Dayton 24, Ohio

Dear Brother Kerr:

I left Dayton last Thursday evening confident that things could be worked out here allowing me to come to Huber Heights. Unfortunately my meeting with the Elders on Sunday night proved otherwise. In that meeting I was reminded of my obligation to stay through the building program. I mentioned this obligation to you during our visit but felt almost certain that the Elders would not hold me to it. This they have done and I cannot refuse to be governed by it.

After my visit with you and Bob Hartmann, I was convinced more than ever that all of us together could do a great work at Huber Heights. I am still convinced that a good man can be obtained without any difficulty and with the interest and enthusiasm which all of you have the work will be a tremendous success. But in view of all of the circumstances, I must regretfully decline the invitation.

It was extremely enjoyable to visit with you and the family. I can confidently say that Sue and I have no greater friends nor more treasured acquaintances. I am deeply regretful that the situation has not developed as I had hoped it would for my part of the work there but my confidence is undimmed for its future. I do hope that you can serve the congregation as an Elder for there is no doubt in my mind that your leadership qualities and spiritual maturity have been clearly demonstrated. We send all of you our deepest regards.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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