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July 27, 1966

Mr. Carl Ketcherside
139 Signal Hill Drive
Saint Louis, Missouri 63121

Dear Brother Ketcherside:

Thank you so much for your thoughtful invitation to be a part of the Hartford unity meeting. I would like nothing better than to participate in this affair during the Christmas holidays with the brethren there. My schedule, however, is already filled for those dates and cannot be changed at this time. I regret being unable to come, but I want to assure you of my interest in this meeting and of my willingness to participate in future such meetings when my schedule allows.

I look forward to the time when we can be associated together personally. I have heard so many good things from some of your very close friends and brothers I know that I can profit from personal association with you.

Please extend my regrets to the brethren at Hartford and my best wishes for a successful forum.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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P.S. Please place me on the Mission Messenger's subscription list. Bill me for the price of a year's subscription.
July 18, 1966

Dear John Allen:

The elders at Hartford, Illinois, have asked me to arrange the program for the annual Fellowship Forum, held every year during the Christmas vacation. The enclosed sheet will explain most of the details.

I have been wanting for sometime to invite you to share in one of these meetings and it is now my honor and privilege to ask you to present the theme: "The Holy Spirit and the Promotion of Unity." It is possible that we will print the speeches in book form so you should bear that in mind when preparing. Note that the time limit is 40 minutes for each presentation.

Thus far it has been determined that Leroy Garrett will have the theme: "The Holy Spirit and Human History." Brethren are being invited from several segments of the non-instrument ranks as well as from the Disciples of Christ and Independent Christian Church groups.

Can you accept this assignment and share with us in what bids fair to be a notable occasion? With love for you and yours I am happy to be as ever

Yours and HIS,

[Signature]