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Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Headquarters! We had an exceptionally inspiring and profitable Ministerial Conference this year! Everyone attending agreed that it was by far the best Conference we have ever had. I can't, in this letter, cover all of the topics which were discussed in the meetings, but I'll have more to say later about some of the topics which were especially important.

In the way of social activities, the combined Pasadena and Big Sandy Chorales, augmented by the Headquarters' Choir and a few members of Associated Choral Societies in England, gave fine performances on three evenings under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Abbott from Bricket Wood. On Thursday, January 15, the combined chorales presented Handel's "Sixth Chandos Anthems" and Brahms' "A German Requiem," with a piano concerto by Mrs. Ruth Walter -- Schumann's "Piano Concerto in A Minor" -- in between. Mendelssohn's "Elijah" was then presented twice -- Sunday night and again on Monday night. All of the performances featured the same professional soloists from England who sang here last year, and a full professional orchestra provided accompaniment.

Other highlights were the basketball tournament -- won by the Pasadena Upperclass this year -- and the Ministerial Ball, which was held at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles.

On the last morning of the Conference, we had an ordination service at which three men were raised in rank to Preaching Elders: Mr. Gordon Terblanche (Johannesburg, South Africa), Mr. Karl Beyersdorfer (Duluth, Minnesota) and Mr. Richard Frankel (Headquarters). Mr. Frankel, by the way, will be staying here at Headquarters as an

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assistant to Mr. Dart in the Foreign Educational Service. He and his wife recently completed a baptizing tour in India.

In addition to these ordinations, four other men who did not attend the Conference were to be ordained to the rank of Preaching Elder in their local areas after the Conference. These undoubtedly have all been ordained by now: Mr. Richard Wiedenheft (Mt. Pocono, Pennsylvania), Mr. Bill Quillen (Des Moines, Iowa), Mr. Ozzie Engelbart (Dallas, Texas) and Mr. Dan Botha (Johannesburg, South Africa).

Six Local Elders were to be ordained in the local areas also. They are: Mr. Mark Cardona (Dallas, Texas), Mr. Andre Van Belkum (Johannesburg, South Africa), Mr. Joe Mills (Buffalo-Rochester, New York), Mr. Bob Persky (Indianapolis, Indiana), Mr. Dave Orban (Sacramento, California), and Mr. Henry Simmeth (Stamford, Connecticut).

Congratulations to all of you on this new responsibility and additional opportunity for service in God's Work!

There are also a couple of Field changes that I can announce at this time. Mr. Herb Teitgen who has been serving as a Ministerial Assistant in the Fresno-Modesto area has returned to Big Sandy at Mr. McCullough's request in order to fill a real need in the Buildings and Grounds Department there. And Mr. Don Samples, who has been serving as a Local Elder in the St. Louis-Belleveille area, will be moving to Ft. Smith, Arkansas as the resident Local Elder under Mr. Bill Cowan.

I have several birth announcements to pass on to you.

Mr. and Mrs. David Carley announced the birth of their daughter, Carlina Elizabeth, on December 18. She weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mattson named their 9-pound son Keith Alan. He was born on December 21.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bierer's daughter arrived on January 6. Lisa Michele weighed $6\frac{1}{2}$ pounds.

Congratulations to all of you on these new arrivals!