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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COMMISSION ON ECUMENICAL MISSION AND RELATIONS

156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 10, NEW YORK

Washington, D. C.  
September 2, 1958

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
2723 Q Street, N. W.  
Washington 7, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

With the merger of the Presbyterian Church USA and the United Presbyterian Church last spring, came the formation of the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations. This not only brought together the responsibilities of the two Boards of Foreign Missions, but also those of three other church-to-church committees.

Still more significant, the formation of the Commission brought into focus the thrilling new concept of the Ecumenical Mission of the Church throughout the world.

As two lay members of the Commission, we have been asked to bring together a small group of the lay leaders of the Church in the Washington area to hear about this great new program.

We and the Commission hope very much you will be our guest at luncheon at the Cosmos Club at 2121 Massachusetts Avenue on Thursday, September 18, at 12:15.

This challenging new program will be described by The Reverend Peter K. Emmons, of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, The Reverend W. Glen Harris of Birmingham, Michigan and Mr. Theodore A. R. Khan of Rawalpindi, West Pakistan. Their brief biographical sketches are enclosed.

We look forward to the pleasure of seeing you on the eighteenth, and would appreciate your letting us know of your acceptance by telephoning one of us at the numbers indicated below.

Cordially,

*John F. Shaw*

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Department of State  
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ADVISED VIA PHONE  
that the Director  
unable to attend since  
out of the city.

The Rev. Peter K. Emmons  
Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

Member of the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. From 1929 until June 1958, he was a member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., serving as its President from 1951 until the recent merger. Since 1925 he has been a Trustee of Princeton Theological Seminary, and since 1948 has served as President of the Board. Dr. Emmons was one of the forty-three delegates from North America to the International Missionary Conference at Madras in 1938, and a member of the Second Century Deputation of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for the study of all their work in India. In 1946 he visited Korea and Japan as a member of the Joint Interdenominational Deputation under the auspices of the Foreign Missions conference of North America to study the work of the United Christian Church and its world mission in those countries. He has served the following pastorates:

Bridge Street Presbyterian Church, Catasauqua, Pa.  
First Presbyterian Church, Stroudsburg, Pa.  
First Presbyterian Church, Trenton, N. J.  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Scranton, Pa.

The Rev. W. Glen Harris  
Birmingham, Michigan

Pastor of the United Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Michigan, and formerly a member of the Permanent Commission on Inter-church Relations of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Dr. Harris is now a member of the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations. A year ago Dr. Harris travelled in the Middle East extensively. This year he travelled in England, Scotland, Wales, Germany, Belgium and France.

Theodore A. R. Khan  
Rawalpindi, West Pakistan

Mr. Theodore A. R. Khan, in the United States on an ecumenical fellowship from Union Theological Seminary in New York, is from the province of the Punjab, Pakistan. His early education began in a small village school in Montgomerywala District of Lyallpur, and he completed high school work in a government institution in Sargodha. In 1939 he entered Gordon College, Rawalpindi, one of the oldest American mission institutions in Pakistan. After two years he transferred to St. Stephen's College of Delhi University and received his B.A. degree in 1943. He continued graduate work in the same college and was awarded a master's degree in 1945. On leaving college he joined the staff of The Statesman, a Delhi daily Paper, where he served until the partition of India and Pakistan interrupted his journalistic career. Returning to Pakistan, he joined the teaching staff of Gordon College as a lecturer in philosophy and psychology. He is at present the head of the department of philosophy in this institution. From 1952 to 1953 Mr. Khan was in England on an intergovernmental program for post-graduate research in psychology at the University College, London.