

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Sept. 13, 46

Dear Mr. Gambell,

Your note is just received. I am looking forward with pleasure to the return on the 19th.

My train from our railroad station of Meriden on the 19th is due in New York at 12⁰⁵. If it is on time I can catch the 12³⁰ train from the Penna. Station due at North Phila. at 2⁰⁴. If my train is late I can catch the 1 o'clock train due at No. Phila. at 2²⁵. Or if I miss that the next train is due at N. Phila. at 3⁰¹.

Our trains from here to N.Y. are very reliable and I expect to catch the Penna 12³⁰.

If you think the risk is too great I should love to come down to Phila. Wednesday morning, and spend the night there.

Yours very cordially

Howard Spear

The Rev. Stanley K. Gambell

WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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UNITED PROMOTION COMMITTEE

P R E S B Y T E R Y O F P H I L A D E L P H I A

Rev. John Thompson Peters, Ph.D.
Chairman

September 9, 1946

Dear Fellow Presbyter:

Now that the plans for the Annual Retreat of the Presbytery of Philadelphia are completed, we want to share them with you and again urge you to attend this important meeting.

The Retreat will be held in the Neshaminy Church, Hartsville, on Thursday, September 19th. The program follows:

2:30 - 3:00	Registration
3:00	Address: "The Christian Doctrine of the Body" - Doctor Robert E. Speer
5:00 - 6:00	Recreation
6:00	Dinner
7:45	Devotional
8:00	Address: "The Reminiscences of Simon Peter" Doctor Speer

We consider ourselves most fortunate in being able to present at this gathering Doctor Robert E. Speer, whose helpful messages will be to all of great inspiration.

The cost of the dinner will be \$1.50 per plate and in addition to this we are asking a registration fee of \$.25 per individual. It is understood that the Retreat is open to ministers and to elders as well. Ministers, therefore, will render the Committee a great favor in making known to all their elders this meeting and urging them to attend. On the enclosed card we urge that ministers designate the number of individuals to attend the Retreat from their Church. Inasmuch as it is necessary to know some days in advance the number who will attend, we are asking that you post the enclosed card not later than September 14th.

We shall be able to provide transportation for those who do not have their own automobiles. You will please notify the Presbytery Office if you are in need of this service.

Your Committee on United Promotion, the Neshaminy Church and the Reverend George R. Ashwood, pastor of the host church, anticipate welcoming you with pleasure to this Annual Retreat.

Very sincerely yours,

STANLEY KIEHL GAMBELL

Chairman
United Promotion Sub-Committee
on Spiritual Life

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ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Feb. 14, 47

Dear Mr. Gambrell,

It will be a pleasure to be with you in the
Woodland Church on Tuesday evening, April 3.

With kind regards to Mrs. Gambrell and pleasant
remembrance of the night in your home,

Yours cordially,

Robert E. Speer

The Rev. Stanley K. Gambrell

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March
Seventeen
1947

Doctor Robert F. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Doctor Speer:

May we have your suggested communion
meditation theme and scripture reading
for Maundy Thursday, April 3. I would
like to have this information not later
than March 24.

Very sincerely,

SKG:MO

The Rev. Stanley K. Gombase

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March
Eleven
1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

We of West Philadelphia are looking forward in prayerful anticipation to your coming in our midst Holy Week.

It was very happy news that you would be willing to accept evening engagements. We have made arrangements with the committee in charge of your coming to have you preach at Woodland Church on Thursday, April 18. This will be a Communion service and will follow the most simple lines. We shall want you to preach on any theme that you choose and without any suggestions from us.

It will be a great joy to our people to have you in our midst, and I am confident that with our combined prayers and your masterful leadership we shall be led into the very presence of the Most High God.

If it is convenient for you I should be very pleased to receive from you by April 5 your theme and accompanying scripture lesson.

This letter bears to you the sincerest greetings of one who has long admired your leadership but who has never met you.

Very sincerely yours,

The Rev. Stanley K. Gamble
SKG:MO

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September
Eleven
1946

Doctor Robert B. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Doctor Speer:

All plans are completed for our Presbytery
Retreat on Thursday, September 19.

On that day I shall meet you at the North
Philadelphia station at 2.04 o'clock. This
will give us ample time to motor out to the
Meshaminy Church where your first address
is scheduled at three o'clock.

We shall make arrangements for your over-
night accommodations on that night, September
19, inasmuch as the meeting will probably not
be over before 9.45.

We are looking forward enthusiastically to
your coming.

Very sincerely,

SKG:10

The Rev Stanley K. Gombel

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PHILADELPHIA 4, PA.

September
Seventeen
1946

Doctor Robert W. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Doctor Speer:

I am sure that everything will work out on schedule by your arriving on Thursday, the 19th, at 2:04 o'clock or a little later. Either I or the Reverend John L. Peters will await your arrival at the station.

All arrangements are completed and we are looking forward to a great day.

Very sincerely,

SKG:MC

The Rev Stanley K. Gambell

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February
Eleven
1947

Doctor Robert F. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Doctor Speer:

We of the West Philadelphia Churches are overjoyed that you will be with us again for our Holy Week services, and as president of the West Philadelphia Ministers' Association I want to express to you my personal welcome.

The Rev. Mr. Pauls, who is making all arrangements with and for you, has been told that we at Woodland want you here again on Maundy Thursday, April 3, at our Communion service. That has already been set down in our schedule and I trust that the arrangement will be agreeable to you.

Some time in the weeks to come, and entirely at your convenience, you might send to me your sermon topic for that service.

We await your coming with thanksgiving and in earnest prayer.

Very sincerely,

SKS:MO

The Rev Stanley K. Gambell
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ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE CONNECTICUT

Dear Mr. Gambell

Your kind note is just received. It
was a pleasure to have your opinion in the
Hartford service and to be with you
in Hartford at the Monday evening meeting.

With best wishes always,

Yours cordially

Robert E. Speer

Oct. 14, '47

WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April
Eleven
1947

Dear Doctor Speer:

Believe me when I tell you that there is no way that we can adequately thank you for what you did in our midst during Holy Week. Your messages were wonderfully helpful and they were certainly well received. And, too, we were deeply grateful here at Woodland that we could have you again at our Maundy Thursday service.

I trust you have had opportunity now to rest after a rather strenuous week; that there will abide with you that satisfaction that by your ministry you have brought an uncounted number close to their Lord.

This letter is written in deepest appreciation and with sincerest gratitude.

Very sincerely yours,

SKG:MO

The Rev Stanley K. Gombel

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ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Aug 13. 46

Dear Mrs. Gambell,

You asked for the topics of addresses
at the Retreat on Sept. 19. I suggest for
the afternoon "The Christian Doctrine of
the Body" and for the evening "The Remi-
niscences of Simon Peter".

I judge Daylight Savings will still be
in effect and I can leave here Monday
evening, Sept. 19, and reach New York at 11⁰⁵
(Railroad time) and North Philadelphia at 2⁰⁴

Daylight time.

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His leave varies widely, and if
I should come down Wednesday evening, Sept
16th when would I spend the night in
Philadelphia?

Yours cordially

Robert Spear

The Rev. Stanley K. Gumbel

WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July
Twenty-three
1946

Doctor Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Doctor Speer:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of last evening and your appointment to speak at the annual retreat of the Presbytery of Philadelphia to be held at the historic Mesaniny Presbyterian Church of Hartsville, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, September 19th., beginning at two-thirty o'clock.

There will be occasion for two addresses, one in the afternoon to be followed by a period of questions and answers and the one in the evening to be followed by a brief devotional service conducted by one of the men of the Presbytery. The subjects of your messages we would like to have by September fifth.

This retreat is planned by the United Promotion Committee of which the Rev. John T. Peters, Ph.D., is the chairman. The sub-committee on Spiritual Life has charge.

The honorarium will be fifty dollars and we shall take care of your ~~traveling~~ expenses and entertainment.

As I said, I shall meet you at the North Philadelphia station and motor you out to the meeting.

We are delighted that you are able to come to us and we are praying for a blessed time of fellowship and deepening experiences.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Sub-Committee on
Spiritual Life

The Rev. Stanley K. Gambell
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