

# Carrollton Avenue Reformed Church

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Dr. Karl Barth,  
Siebengebirg str.,  
Bonn,  
Germany.

Dear Dr. Barth:

I was reminded of you the other day when I talked with Dr. John Mackay, who was in our city. But I have been thinking of you too when Dr. Adolf Keller was here. And I have been much concerned about you in reference to the German church situation, about which we hear so much in the United States.

I have been speaking very much to people about Germany these days. They are all interested. But many Americans do not feel friendly to Germany because of the Jewish persecutions. And now the Church situation is raising many questions.

The economic plans of our President do not seem to be going so well either. Many feel as if he were already a dictator. But I suppose he will have to use more power if his plans are to succeed. Some say conditions are better. True, many thousands, even millions have been given some work to do, and the United States government is helping. But we have a long way to go before we recover.

The denominations are affected very much. I think God is sending a real judgment upon our divided Protestantism. We need a greater unity. But before that can come we must see our real problem. But we are thinking about things as never before, and that is something we are thankful for.

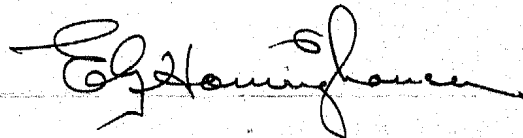
Theologically we are seeing many changes. A whole new group of thinkers is arising to deal more realistically with theological problems. Your writings and impact are being studied more than ever. Recently a Methodist magazine devoted a whole issue to "Barthianism". And ministers are beginning to study deeper. Your volume of sermons, with Thruneysen, has been published, and I am sure it will help much to see the real problem and become earnest about it. The whole problem of missions is being considered again. Etwas wirkt!

We think often of our trip to Germany and Bonn last summer. I wish we could come again. We only hope that you are still unmolested in your teaching and that YOU REMAIN FIRM IN YOUR STAND. We all feel over here that your stand for the freedom of the church and the Word of God has been the most heroic thing that has been done for a long time. Wir sehen jetzt dass Kirchengeschichte kein Kinderspiel ist! Wir stehen vor einem Kampf um den Geist der Menschheit! Und wir muessen wissen worum es handelt. Wir muessen aufwachen. Die Jugend, die Jugend!

But I must close. In two weeks Christmas will be here. What a haven it is in the midst of a changing world. Immanuel! That is our only hope and our secure anchor in the sea of life. May Mrs. Homrighausen and myself wish your family a most blessed Christmas season and very, very Happy New Year-TROTZDEM!!

Write when you have a little time-just a little note. We are very anxious to know how you are getting along, and many of us are anxious about you, for under God's great grace you have been a Nestor to many of us!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Homrighausen", written in dark ink.