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Dear Tom,

It was a pleasant surprise to see you at Overbrook Presbyterian Church last Sunday. I am sorry that my visit with you was so hurried. I had a commitment to preach at a nursing home in Bucks County early in the afternoon and was feeling an urgency to get on the road. I realized after I left that I may have seemed short and brusque.

In any event I want to take this further opportunity to wish you a continuing recovery from your episode of last summer. I am sure that you must find it difficult to rein in your very generous nature when requests or demands are made upon your time and energy. I hope that each day finds you stronger and that you will soon experience that level of health and well-being which God alone can give.

I would also express once again my gratitude and appreciation to you for the very significant contribution you made to my D.Min experience at Eastern. (I was "in residence" there during the 1976-77 academic year and completed my project in time to graduate in 1989.) During the January term I elected your course in "Preaching the Old Testament"?? and later, one summer in the mid-eighties, I returned to audit your course in Genesis. Those two experiences are among the finest memories I have of all the academic work I have ever done. Your openness and integrity as a scholar and the spirit with which you led us all along the way was a both an example and a source of inspiration to me in my ministry.

Early last year, after serving the same congregation for 36 years, I retired. Now, I am doing some volunteer work with the the Philadelphia Orchestra and I am serving as volunteer Pastoral Associate with Old First Reformed Church (UCC) at 4th and Race in Philadelphia. That is where I met Robert Wright of Temple University. One Sunday, when I was filling in for the pastor who was on vacation, Robert called and asked that I include in the prayers for the morning an intercession for his friend, Tom McDaniel. He has reported to me on your progress from time to time. Be assured of our continuing thoughts and prayers and of my gratitude for what you have meant to me and to the many other persons who have been in your class room.

I wish you a blessed Advent and Christmas Season and a continuing blessing of health and strength in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Carl M. Kleis