



The Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary

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February 22, 1968

Dr. Thomas Francis McDaniel  
4834 Mitsuura Machi (Kanto Gakuin University)  
Kanazawa-ku, Yokohama, Japan

Dear Dr. McDaniel:

As you know, Eastern Seminary is searching for a Professor in the field of Old Testament for September, 1969. In my possession is your file which is very informative and quite helpful.

Dr. Meeden, the Chairman of the Instruction Committee of the Seminary is calling a meeting of the Instruction Committee for Friday, March 1. Hence this letter is being rushed off to you to ask some questions.

If it were possible to have a person-to-person interview, I would like to have a good bull session with you. Backing this, would you be so kind to share with me informally and briefly on the following:

1. What are your views in the area of the inspiration of the Bible - Doctrine of Inspiration?
2. What are your views pertaining to the first few chapters of Genesis, and in particular the Creation account?
3. In a period when seminaries are having a great struggle in naturalism and supernaturalism, where do you place your loyalty?

Eastern Seminary's reason for being is academic excellence, spiritual relevance, and evangelical theological stance. These are days of tremendous agony, tortured meaninglessness into which must be graduated young men who know what academic excellence and discipline is; who are aware of the world in which they live; and glory in the adequacy of Jesus Christ, God's Son, the only Saviour, Redeemer and Giver of life and meaning. Do you feel that this is a basic philosophy in which you would wish to live and work? If you are sincere in responding to our approach to you, I would be very glad to send you our Faculty Handbook.

About the only thing I would point out at this time is, that the handbook provides for a probation period of several years before tenure is attained. As to the area in which you would bear instruction responsibility, Dr. Davis says it would be Old Testament Interpretation, Old Testament Theology, Study in the Psalms, in addition to Hebrew. In other words, the Chair of Old Testament involves a well-rounded teaching program.

Dr. Thomas Francis McDaniel

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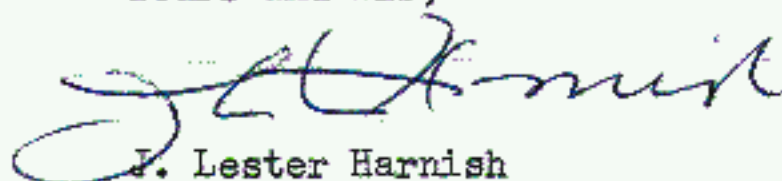
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Do you feel that this is what you are prepared to do and would like to do? If we find ourselves getting together in this exploratory letter, then I would state to you formal details, such as starting salary, fringe benefits, etc.

A word from you in time for the March 1 meeting would be helpful, if you and American Airways would make such possible.

Warmest personal regards,

Yours and His,



J. Lester Harnish  
President

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cc - Dr. Clifford C. Meeden  
Dean Walter B. Davis

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September 30, 1968

Dr. Thomas F. McDaniel  
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Yokohama, Japan

Dear Dr. McDaniel:

I suppose you are wondering, and with just bewilderment, what's happened over here in the U. S. as far as Eastern Seminary and you are concerned. Well, please be reassured that the presidential electioneering has not done us in. We are still here and are still interested in you being a professor at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Instruction Committee of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty are both anxious to place before you an invitation to be a professor in the field of Hebrew and Old Testament with a full time appointment.

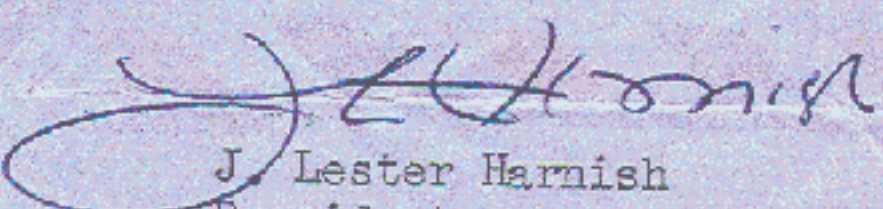
I think the first matter for discussion would be your acquaintanceship with the Faculty guide. This I am sending to you under separate cover and would like to have your reaction. I believe that you have already been exposed to Eastern's statement of faith and have signed the same. This we have on file.

The next matter we would like to place before you has to do with your transportation and moving. Will you be returned to the U. S. at the expense of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society? What do you feel would be the responsibility of the Seminary in transporting you, your family or your goods?

The Instruction Committee of the Board of Trustees will be meeting either in October or November, at which time they will take a vote on this matter. Therefore, it would be helpful if I could get your reaction to the Faculty guide and to your further interest and availability.

Once you have cleared these matters with us and the committee has voted, then we'll place before you a contract with definite terms in it. Meanwhile, we want you to know that we thank God that you are a brother in Christ as well as a colleague and that you are one of our American Baptist Convention missionaries in Japan. Warmest personal regards,

Yours and His,

  
J. Lester Harnish  
President

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November 4, 1968

Dr. Thomas F. McDaniel  
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Yokohama, Japan

Dear Dr. McDaniel:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the Instruction Committee and the Faculty of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, I am happy to place before you an invitation to join the faculty effective September 1, 1969, with the rank of full Professor, with instruction responsibility in the area of Old Testament Interpretation, Old Testament Theology, Study in the Psalms and Hebrew. This will bear responsibility also of being Chairman of the Department of Old Testament.

The salary will be \$9500.00 per year with fringe benefits as stated in the Faculty Guide. The probationary period begins at the time of the appointment, but can be shortened at the discernment of the Trustees after the appointment.

The school will bear the expense of transporting of your goods by paying the first \$250.00, plus one-half of additional costs, but no more than a total of \$500.00 will be paid by the school.

We have available for faculty housing an apartment house at 6355 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia. We could reserve for you for occupancy in August of 1969 an apartment, if you wish to reserve one. These vary in size from five to seven rooms and in cost from \$100.00 to \$110.00 monthly. This rental is considerably below the community market.

The Instruction Committee feels that whatever added expense you incur in traveling from your present assignment would have to be borne by yourself.

One of the very valuable members of the Instruction Committee is Dr. J. Lee Westrate, 6638 32nd Street, North, Arlington, Virginia 22213. He is employed by the United States Government in the Department of the Bureau of the Budget. It is a happy coincidence that he will be

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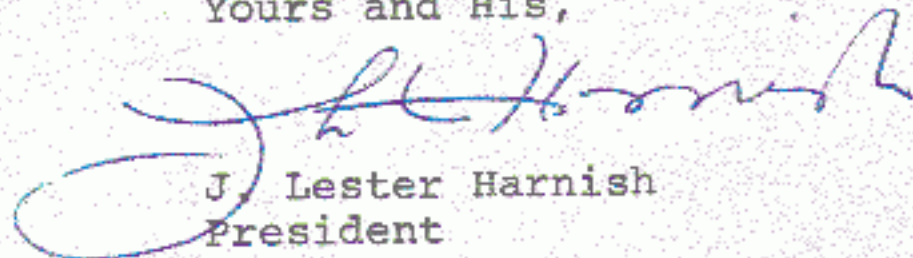
in Japan in December, 1968. The Instruction Committee has commissioned him to confere with you for the purpose of answering any questions and convey to you their collective and personal best wishes.

We are delighted that God is leading you in the matter of teaching at your Alma Mater. We anticipate with enthusiasm your arrival. We feel that you will add strength to the academic and spiritual qualities of this school God has seen fit to raise up, maintain and bless.

If we can be of assistance to you in the months ahead before we meet face to face, it will be our privilege to be of any service.

Warmest personal regards,

Yours and His,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Lester Harnish". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "H".

J. Lester Harnish  
President

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CC — Dr. Clifford C. Meeden  
Dr. J. Lee Westrate  
Dr. Walter B. Davis  
Mr. John H. Keplinger

March 14, 1969

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Dear Dr. Daniel:

Thank you for your letter of March 7th. We have already placed in the mail, the last edition of the Seminary catalog, and I have asked Dr. Davis to respond to your questions.

Surely by the time you receive this letter, you will have heard from Dr. Davis giving you detailed answers to your questions as to what you will be teaching and which I also assume will be Hebrew Old Testament, Theology, Old Testament Interpretation and Studies in the Psalms.

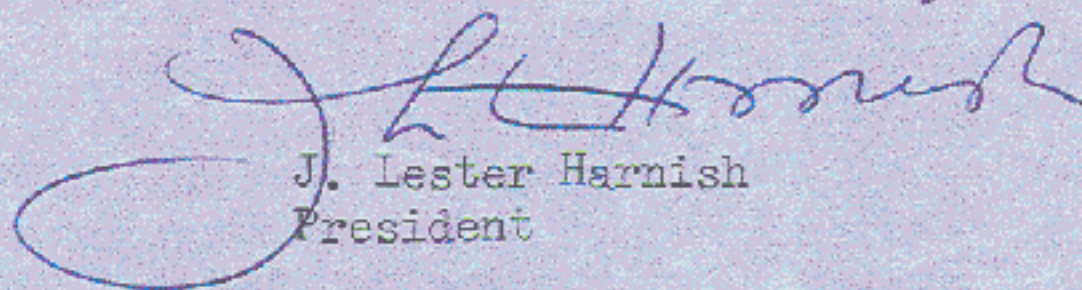
I am not sure whether I shared with you before, but let me state that we have before Dr. Carl Henry an urgent invitation to become a member of the Faculty effective September 1969. We are also in hopes that a very fine man of the Chicago area will come on to the Faculty at the same time to teach in the area of Pastoral Theology as well as directing Field Education.

As to the new Executive Vice President and Dean, the search has not ended. We hope to hear in a day or two and if we do get a positive answer when I sign this letter, I will so indicate.

We are anticipating your coming. We want to be of whatever help we can in the physical aspects of your move from the other side of the world. Please bear in mind that Mrs. Harnish and I are at your service and I know that any of us here on the staff of the school stand ready to help. We pray for you, think of you and will be happy to see you.

Warmest personal regards,

Yours and His,



J. Lester Harnish  
President

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cc: Dr. Walter B. Davis