



# MORAVIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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Dear Otto,

I want to thank you for the many ways that you have made Moravian Theological Seminary a good place to be for your colleagues and for students over the past 21 years. When I came to the Seminary as a member of the faculty in 1996, your position in the Seminary was already well-established as a key link between faculty and students, between the Seminary and the Moravian Church, and between the Seminary and the whole ecumenical world of Lutherans, Episcopalians, and everybody else on the planet who might have an interest in knowing something about the Moravian Church.

Your impact on students has been clear as they have not only come to know, through you and your teaching, the history of the larger Church, the history of religious experience throughout North America, and particularly the history and worship of the Ancient and Renewed Moravian Church throughout the world. Your active participation in the Interseminary Seminar has helped sustain the longest running, ecumenical seminar—involving five different seminaries—in North America. Your regular leadership of the Global Perspectives on Today's Christian Mission course each January at the Overseas Ministries Studies Center has been a highlight for countless students over the years (and your annual "Polar Bear" plunge into the cold January waters of New Haven, Connecticut is not only the stuff of legend but also the source of a few photographs that someone someday might try to use for blackmail). Your ecumenical work on the dialogue teams moving toward full communion between the Moravian and Lutheran and the Moravian and Episcopal Churches has had significant and lasting impact on the life of the members, programs, and partners of all those denominations.

You have been a helpful colleague committed to the Seminary's mission and especially to the Seminary's students. Many students would call you mentor and countless students and graduates can at the drop of a hat tell stories about your striking combination of an educational and a pastoral presence in the classrooms and hallways of this place.

These comments highlight just a few of the ways that you have affected the lives of students, staff, faculty, and the larger Church for all these years. Your presence here has been enormously important and your impact has been significant up to now and will continue in years to come. It will definitely be a different place without you, and on behalf of the Seminary's students, staff, alumni, and especially your faculty colleagues, I wish you all good things and many blessings in the years ahead.

In Christ,

Frank L. Crouch  
Vice-President and Dean