

Dear Council of Lutheran Women,

I just wanted to send you all one last thank you note for the quarter as an update. My quarter has gone pretty well. What's more is I've had my meeting for vicarage placement. I am really hoping to do inner city work next year. I'd love to be at a church that has outreach to the community. Thankfully, because of my interests in inner city work and the consensus of the majority of my peers have other areas of interest I'm pretty sure that I'll end up getting pretty much exactly the type of church that I want.

Otherwise, it's been a pretty straightforward quarter so far without too much to overwhelm me in terms of assignments. However, I did just finish up a paper on Song of Songs which weighed in at 29 pages. I really enjoyed writing it and presenting it. Both of my presentation on it and my paper seemed to be received very well by both my peers and my professor. Now that this paper is done, I just have a few smaller assignments for my classes and a sermon that I'll be preaching soon at my fieldwork church. It's been a while since I've written a sermon so it's taking a bit longer to get into both the mindset and the writing of the sermon. I have no doubt that it'll go well, it's just the sitting down and getting it going that's been tough so far.

In terms of the rest of the quarter things have been going very well. I've been extremely productive and have been on top of all of my assignments, quizzes, and tests. This next week or two will be a little stressful since this is when all of my assignments are due. That being said, I am really looking forward to break. I'll be heading back up to Michigan to see some family, my home congregation, and the church I used to work at. Then from there I'll travel down to Tennessee to see my parents who just moved down there. They live at the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, so they have a beautiful view. I haven't really been able to see them at all this last summer because I was out in Nebraska for a summer vicarage, so it'll be lovely to spend time with them. Plus, it will be a nice break to sit down and read some novels and just relax for two weeks.

I'd love to hear from you and know how things are going with you. God's blessings as we draw towards Thanksgiving and begin to enter into the season of Advent.

Sincerely,

Alexander Ogden

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