

1. June 1, 1847

To the Evangelical Lutheran missionaries
in South Australia.

and Pastor!

Dear bretheren, beloved by the Lord!

Your letter, in which you and the result of your conference on November 16th inform us, only reached us at the beginning of June this year. We were pleased in several respects; firstly, that you have reached a unanimous decision, secondly, that you, who 'have to be almost inactive for the missionary cause under the existing circumstances', intend to draw on the missionary fund for your sustenance, and finally, that you nevertheless intend to always keep the mission in mind and not to sever your connection with us, leaving it entirely in our hands whether and how we consider it appropriate to transfer funds to you.

Therefore, we are pleased to declare that we still consider you as our own, and if the prospects for missions there should become more favorable again, we are sincerely willing to provide you with the necessary support. We also ask you to continue to delight us with reports from time to time, so that our connection can remain strong and vibrant.

We would be very pleased to hear that you are following up on the emigrated Europeans and paying attention to the collection of Lutheran congregations, but at the same time, try to progress as much as possible in the language of the natives, thereby staying as close as possible to the purpose for which you were trained and sent.

They write to us that "the 'Ebenezer' property is being sold to Brother Klose at a price of £150, a sum which he will pay in annual installments of £25, with an interest rate of four percent."

The company has no further concerns in this regard, as the esteemed donor, at whose expense the property was purchased for the company's colonization purposes, has agreed to this. It remains for us to determine the easiest and most convenient way to make the down payment. We will discuss this in more detail later.

And now, dear bretheren, we earnestly urge you to always stay as close as possible to your destiny under the given circumstances and not to lose sight of the mission you have set out to serve, no matter how bleak the prospects may seem at the moment. The Lord, the true God, sees faithfulness; he rewards patience and ultimately grants

our prayers and wishes.

We command you and your entire cause to Him and the word of His grace!

Dresden, June 22, 1847

The Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran M G S, etc.