

April 20, 2006

Rev. Earl Burkhalter  
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Greetings in Christ Reverend Burkhalter,

On June 4, 2002 we will celebrate our third commencement service for the graduates of the Hope School of Ministry. As Don mentioned in his letter to you, we established a "Commencement Lecture Series" for our graduations focusing on hearing a prophetic word from Christian ministers, missionaries, or academics who have distinguished themselves in the service of the urban church. The topic is: "What I have Learned about Urban Ministry." We would love for you to share from the wealth of your experience in urban church leadership, things that you have learned that would encourage or inspire these graduating ministers of the gospel. We are grateful for your years of faithful, persevering service to the Lord in urban ministry and look forward to gleaning from you things that can be applied in any urban ministry setting.

Our graduation ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to be at the Institute by 5:45 p.m. We will have a robe and hat for you (unless you have one of your own). This is a formal event, so please wear dark shoes, a suit and a tie. A light reception will follow graduation, you are free to stay as long as you would like.

Thanks again, Reverend Burkhalter for your willingness to serve our staff and our students in this way. We look forward to being encouraged as we hear what you have learned in your years of service to the Lord. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Christ,

Lorna Rasmussen  
Administrator