

December 5, 1956

Rev. W. Donald Harris  
Central Presbyterian Church  
Waco, Texas

Dear Don:

We have been giving a great deal of consideration to the memorial service for your parents to be held when their remains are brought back to Puerto Rico. This matter has been discussed with the Evangelical Council of Puerto Rico, the Board of Trustees, the Alumni Association and the faculty. We wish to do everything possible to make this an occasion of the deepest and most profound recognition of their contribution to Puerto Rico.

It has been suggested that the memorial service should be held on Saturday, January 19 and that Spiritual Advance Week, which follows at the institution, should be dedicated to your parents. It has been further suggested that a committee representative of the institutions of higher education in Puerto Rico, the government, the Department of Education, the Board of Trustees, the Evangelical Council, the faculty, alumni, students and citizens of San Germán should be created. I am getting in touch with all of these groups immediately and shall ask that a representative be appointed to a committee to plan the memorial service.

The Board of Trustees will undoubtedly meet here in Puerto Rico within the next ten days and at that time I believe a proposal for the construction of the Harris Memorial Chapel will be approved.

I hope that these arrangements meet with your approval. They all spring from the whole-hearted desire of numerous people here in Puerto Rico to do honor to and bless the memory of your father and mother.

All of them have expressed their very great hope that as many members of the Harris family as possible may be with us on Saturday, January 19. Should this day be unsatisfactory, we will, of course, select another day. Regardless of the day, however, we are most anxious to have you with us and to have this occasion one of great reverence and honor to the founders of Polytechnic Institute.

With best regards and wishes,

Sincerely,

Ronald C. Bauer  
President

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