

INTER-OFFICE

To: Messrs. Jackson, Turner, Atlas, Marrs,
Brown and Washington

Date: June 30, 1970

Department:

Subject: Negro Applicants

From: Thomas Hall

Greetings again from Pasadena. The Dean of Faculties wrote two letters recently explaining a little further facts we need to be especially aware of. My letter of June 4th expressed in general terms the qualifications. The following information quoted at length from his two memos states the fundamental considerations in advising and evaluating potential applicants at this time:

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I had asked Mr. Hall, because he was on the evaluation committee, to write regarding Negro young people who may be thinking about furthering their education before marriage. Mr. Hall and I went over the memo together to see that it expressed in general terms what non-members of the committee needed to know.

I should now like to explain to you a little further facts we need to be especially aware of. One, any who are contemplating application are only applicants and will be evaluated academically on the same basis as all others. Second, there is strict limitation on the total enrollment this year. Third, notice should be carefully taken of the spiritual state and the serious intent on the part of fellow or girl to be married and the understanding of the Biblical teaching on this subject. Since social opportunities are strictly limited, Mr. Armstrong (senior) commented that the situation for such young people would be the same as our fine young people from the Philippines who went steady in college. Though there would not necessarily be reason for any Negro applicants to delay marriage as long as they did. Any applicants (fellows or girls) who suddenly become infatuated in one another are out. There must be knowledge of previous serious intent to be married -- and probably either an age or financial reason why they were not -- the desire to further education being uppermost. Fourth, the question of suitability for ministerial training is not a factor in this opportunity which Mr. Herbert Armstrong briefly discussed with me. Fifth, nine out of ten applicants are normally turned down every year, so any who may seriously desire education at Ambassador, Pasadena, are in no way to be encouraged to assume acceptance is automatic.

Dear Mr. Mc Cullough:

This is just a brief letter to keep you informed regarding acceptance of Negro applicants.... Mr. Herbert Armstrong, in a brief discussion about a month ago, saw no reason why the general policy for the campus here (Pasadena) as applied to the Philippine young couple would not be applicable to certain selective young Negro couples.

...The number of such young people who are converted, have sound understanding regarding God's laws on marriage, and who have made up their minds to postpone marriage to the girl are of course strictly limited. ...this year the openings are strictly limited....

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MINISTERIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Primary Goal:
Minimum Pastor
Academic Preparation

First Year of Graduate Study
(32 semester hours)

Resident Elder Internship
(field experience)
(8 semester hours)

Second Year of Graduate Study
(32 semester hours)

Awarding of MASTER'S degree
(no thesis required)

Secondary Goal:
Full Pastor
Academic Preparation

Resident Pastoral Internship
(field experience)
(8 semester hours)

Third Year of Graduate Study
(32 semester hours)

Awarding of DOCTOR OF MINISTRY degree
(no dissertation required)
