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Dear Friends of the Foundation:

We have written from time to time about the importance of the work of the minister in terms of preaching, teaching, and pastoral care. These are pastoral duties and responsibilities by which, especially, the local congregations of the church of Jesus Christ are built up. These are the ways by which the Reformed theology we study is applied.

Of course, we did not make these up. We have learned them from the Scriptures, from the history of the church, and especially from the Reformed tradition. So it is that I was delighted recently to come across the following quote again:

Shortly before his death, in the radio broadcast "Music for a Guest," Barth himself said: "My whole theology, you see, is fundamentally a theology for parsons. It grew out of my own situation when I had to teach and preach and counsel a little" (*Letzte Zeugnisse*, Zürich, 1969, p. 19).

Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics*, Index Volume (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1977), p. viii.

Grace and Peace,

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