February 10, 1928.

Dear Bishop Ferrando:

I have word from Mr. Wood, Executive Secretary of the Department of Missions in New York, that they will require the Estimate of our appropriations for 1929 and for the Advance Work required during the next Triennium, 1929-31, to reach New York on or before March 15, 1928. The National Council will consider these estimates on April 24th, 25th and 26th so that they may be included in their report to the General Convention, which will be held in October.

A great deal of work will be necessary to be done on these estimates in the next few weeks. I am enclosing herewith a list of the appropriations made for your work in 1928. Unfortunately, as you know, certain appropriations had to be cut and if any were cut from your work it has been so indicated.

May I ask that you send me at your earliest convenience a list of any changes that you may feel necessary in your appropriations for the year 1929, whether increases or decreases on these that are made for 1928, and any new appropriations that you feel necessary for new developments in 1929.

The above has to do only with the appropriations for salaries, rents etc for the year 1929. The second part of our Estimate is at present called "Advance Work Quota", that is for equipment that will be desired during the Triennium 1929-31. The New York Office instructs me that only new equipment should be included in this Advance Work list, for example land, buildings, equipment etc, that is that all maintenance of new work should be included in the other estimate of appropriations. They ask that this Advance Work list should include only projects of a distinctly missionary rather than parochial character. I understand that this distinction will not concern us in this District as all our work is of a distinctly missionary character.

Each project in this Advance Work list should be supported by an adequate, though not unnecessarily long, statement showing the reasons for the asking. All askings are to be listed in the order of their importance and urgency. May I ask that any projects suggested by you in the development of your work should be accompanied by this statement and that you will list them in the order of their importance.

It is most important that I should have this list from you, both for appropriations for 1929 and the Advance Work list for the Triennium, at your earliest convenience so that the Executive Council of the District may consider them and send the list to New York.

Asking God's blessing upon you and your work, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

(Copy of signature)
The Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando,  
Box 776,  
Ponce, P. R.

My dear Bishop Ferrando:

It has not been possible for me to arrange to get to Ponce and Quebrada Limon this week. I am leaving here, therefore, on Tuesday of next week, the 14th, and will reach Ponce on Thursday and will spend part of that day with you. Shall hope to be there for lunch with you if it will be convenient.

I will you please make some notes as to your desires for the work at Quebrada Limon during the next three years, 1929-1931, so that we may have some opportunity to discuss this during my visit.

Looking forward to seeing you and with all best wishes for all the Staff, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

+Chas. B. Colwell

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