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Letter from a Connecticut Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

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Ms. Geraldine Ferraro
% Mondale for President
Washington, D.C.

16 Aug. 1984

Dear Ms. Ferraro:

My handwriting's not "beautiful" (my wife says) so this is typed.

We, my wife [REDACTED] and I, would like to extend an invitation to you and Mr. Mondale to go to church with us, if your campaigning in Connecticut - particularly Fairfield County - should bring you this way.

We recognize you are of a different faith from us and that it might run counter to the dictates of your conscience to accompany us, either yourself alone or with Mr. Mondale, so we won't be upset if for any reason we can't expect anything to work out for us all. We wouldn't expect it to be the first Sunday of the month - that's when we celebrate the Lord's Supper and both your participating or not participating might upset everyone - but any other Sunday (10:00 A.M.), we'd love to share with you. Best of luck and

Best regards,

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
William Shenton

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Stamford, CT [REDACTED]

Mr. Walter Mendale
% Mendale-for-President
Washington, D.C.

16 Aug. 1984

Dear Mr. Mendale:

My wife told me to type this, my handwriting's not "beautiful" even though this is personal.

My wife, [REDACTED], and I would like to invite you and Ms. Ferraro to go to church with us on Sunday this Fall. (See enclosed copy of letter to her). If your campaign should bring you, or both of you, this way, do take us up on it. We've belonged to the same church (uptown Stamford) for about 25 years and there is a balcony in it where all of us - I'm assuming you'd have some kind of entourage - could be accommodated.

We've been careful to exclude from the invitation the first Sunday of the month, when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. That doesn't mean you alone couldn't accept our invitation at that time, if that's when you should find yourself able to do so. If it's out of the question, don't worry about it.

Best o f luck and regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Stamford, CT [REDACTED]

Walter Mondale - P.S .

After church the congregation generally goes to one of the other buildings behind the meetinghouse, the Guild House, for coffee. Chance to "press the flesh" there. And we could drive downtown to a couple of blocks from our home home to the Century Diner for some eggs or coffee and - whatever you'd like. This is possible.

WLS

P.P.S.

There is a telephone and a bathroom in the Guildhouse, some goes for the Century diner and, in a pinch, our apartment too.

WLS

"FACT SHEET": North Stamford Congregational Church U.C.C. and
correspondents. 105 Cascade Road
Stamford, CT 06905 1782-1984

Dem. party official from whom address (for mailing minor contribution
in past) was gotten: Ellen Cahill.

First Sunday of the month - Lord's Supper. Sunday school Sundays.
Assorted board and committees meet evenings. Sunday worship 10:00A.M.
(Met at the "most segregated hour in the U.S." As a matter of fact *
Rev. William Sexton, wife Susan and son John (about 16, arm injured right
arm) and daughter Rachel (about 18 - going to Dartmouth as a Freshman
in Fall, Presidential scholar, the whole family went to D.C. for the
presentation of the medal) Bill was ordained in the Methodist (Episcopal,
I think) church, but has come our way.

Church is in predominantly Republican (middle managers, etc) 23d or
24th city district. Member of church atty. J. Robert Bronley was member
of Board of R. ops. until forced to resign because of residence requirements
a few years back.

"Us":

Both members of the church since shortly after our marriage in
1960. Voted for church to join U.C.C. in 1960.

██████████ - choir, Social Action Committee (now Board of Christian
Outreach), Historian. Present employment: Manager, Rye Ridge store -
Waldenbooks. A.B. Douglass 1957.

██████████: usher, Deacon, first chairman (resigned after first term to
serve another term "in the ranks") Christian Education Committee (now
Ed. of Christian Ed.), Trustee, Bicentennial committee (Publicity sub-
committee, "announcements"), Historian. Present employment: Gelson Plant
Security (guard), A.B. Rutgers Univ. 1957, M.S. (L.S.) Columbia Univ. 1972/

* the late Jackie Robinson and his wife Rachel as well as their children
worshipped here.) (We're omniscient, if that matters).