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Dear Dr. Malloy,

I was delighted and surprised the other day to find your new book on the Joint Declaration in my mailbox. It is a splendid fruit of many years of careful scholarship, and is something you should be proud of. Very few theologians have gone into the problems with such depth and erudition. Your conclusions will have to be taken very seriously by anyone who wants to use a document such as the JD as authority for anything.

Although I had a very small part (mostly adversarial) in the production of the JD, I was heavily involved in the U. S. Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue on Justification, which did not claim to reach full accord. I notice that you are also critical of the U.S. Dialogue. When I have time, I shall study your criticisms and see whether I can agree. Although we did find a minimal accord, I do not recall that we were satisfied with the minimum.

I note that you speak of our future meeting at the Habits of Mind Seminar. I confess that I do not know what that seminar is, but in any case I hope to be there and find you there.

Sincerely yours,

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