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Dear Pastor Dressel

I trust,that this note finds you in a good state of health and that you are comfortable. I m well.

I have been wanting to write to you for a while and only could get your contact detail from Nilda.I had the opportunity to go to Argentina a few years ago, where I attended a conference on co-operatives.I was very happy to spend some time with Bea and with Nilda, people with whom I always treasured a wonderfull relationship. I also got to hear about you being honoured! Since then too, I had more opportunity, to reflect on the important role that you have come to play on our lives, individually and collectively. The cue at the time, was „Entwiucklungspolitsche Relevanz.“ My being in the fold of das OESW, put to the test, my own Humanism, and at the university my Internationalism was called on as Auslands Referent.

I always felt at home with the Latinos. We had continuous debates, engaging with issues that affectedous,be it in the context of das Studiuenbegleitendes Program or Lieberhausen. I think a central question that we pursued then and now "Was Wir wollten, was Wir wurden.“ Yes, I often think of all of us then, Not forgetting Maria da Gia Santos and David Kyungu, amongst others.

I still hope, that we,, who were part of your children, should meet in terms of a Konvent to take stock of how we can build and help to realize our dreams. Today,we need new

ways of adressing issues afecting us all. Here in south Africa, I have come to play a leading role in what is called the Truth Movement(. Not to be confused with the ruth and Reconciliation Commission). I think it was Gramsci who said: Only the Truth is Revolutionary! Ubuntu is more than caring and sharing. It touches on our humanism and solidarity. Here I am reminded of a statement made by Max Horkheimer, who said: "Die revolutionaere Karriere fuehrt nicht ueber Bankette und Ehrentitel, ueber interessante Forschungen und Professorengehaelter, sondern ueber Elend, Schande, Undanbarkeit, Zuchthaus ins Ungewisse, das nur ein fast uebermenschlicher Glaube erhellt. Von bloss begabten Leuten wird sie daher selten ei geschlagen"

Hernn Dressel. Ihnen ein guten fest und alles gute im neuen Jahr

Herzlichst.

James Marsh