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Deaconess House Salem  
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Kleindiesnitz near Görlitz, Silesia

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Dear Mr. Proske,

I hope you remember that Pastor Winkelmann had turned to you last spring expressing a request to be published in your newspaper in which we asked for financial support and otherwise for our organization which is in dire need of funds. I am coming to you today with the same request to your friends and readers to consider support for us here in Germany. Conditions here have worsened considerably since spring especially in the Christian organizations. We don't know how much longer we can continue working to support the children and orphans before we have to send them away. We cannot get simple foods like bread and potatoes, there is a very short supply of coal. Germans help Germans, but now they themselves are poor and those who could yet help don't seem to have the understanding of this situation we are in. The prices have risen so much that you cannot afford to buy even necessities. A pair of woolen socks cost as much as a fur coat in the olden days. You cannot pay for black fabric, the same with fabric for sewing underwear or wool for knitting (followed by several lines not legible). Who will help us and please us with a gift of joy at Christmas? We bought Christmas lights some time ago and our Christmas tree will be lit. If postage for freight is too expensive, send us a dollar or two. We can get quite a bit for a \$1.00. We will welcome any amount of money. We have not had so many deaconesses ill in the past as we have now. They are undernourished and have no resistance, no energy to work, but there is plenty to be done. Be our support and "God will cherish a willing giver." What kind of a Christmas are we looking at with so much suffering and fighting in the world? Much love has to be seeded in the heart of people to bring joy to our Christ child. I hope that our friends across the ocean will not forget us and we ask this favor in vain. Pastor Winkelmann and I greet all those who will remember us.

In advance accept our thanks for your efforts;

your Deaconess Johanna Schulte,

Head Deaconess of the Upper Lusatian Synodical Diocese.

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