

Letter 307: 25 October 1526, Basel, Guillaume Farel to Capito and Martin Bucer

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[*Summary*]: Farel relates his adventures on the journey from Strasbourg to Colmar. He lost his way, was hampered by bad weather and separated from his companion. He mentions the conversations he had in Mulhouse with the town secretary [Johannes Oswald Gamsharst], the preacher Jacob [Augsburger], and [Augustin Gemuseus]. Augsburger is in need of an assistant. Oecolampadius suggested that the Strasbourgers send Bonifacius [Wolfhart] to take up that post. Farel himself hopes to obtain Otto [Binder] to assist Berthold [Haller] in Bern. On 25 October, Farel met with Wolfgang [Wissenburger] to discuss the Lord's Supper. Wissenburger taught that the bread is "a symbol, whether Christ is in it or not." He was displeased with [Martin] Luther's stubbornness. He wrote twice to Capito [letters not extant] concerning a certain Margarita, but has received no reply. Farel encourages the Strasbourg reformers to write to Marcus [Bertsch] and Wolfgang [Wissenburger]. He believes that their letters would prompt results. In this matter, they should follow the advice of Oecolampadius, however. He sends greetings to Symphorian [Altbisser], [Johannes Steinlin] Latomus, [Caspar] Hedio, Matthew [Zell], Sebastian [Meyer], Diebold [Schwartz], [Anton] Engelbrecht, Jakob [Bedrot], and [Hartmut von] Cronberg. Farel would have delivered [Michael] Bentinus' letter to his wife, had fear of the city council [i.e. their ban against him] and of the plague not deterred him. Greetings also to Simon [Robert of Tournai].