

Letter 420b: [25 August 1530, Augsburg, Martin Bucer to the Strasbourg Preachers]

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[*Summary*]: Philip Melanchthon met with Gregor Brück and Sebastian Heller. Bucer finally obtained a personal interview with Melanchthon through the intervention of Argula von Grumbach. He asserted that they believed in the Real Presence and gave Melanchthon a written statement to be transmitted to Luther. He has written to Zwingli and Oecolampadius. Eck said that he preferred the devil and the Turks to the evangelicals. No response to the Confessio Tetrapolitana has been received. He asks them to pray for Johannes Schneidt, parish priest of Holy Cross, who has been incarcerated as a disturber of the peace. The churches of Detwyler and Dossenheim [two villages under the jurisdiction of Strasbourg] have not yet been looked after. The preachers should admonish the council to communicate with their delegates more often. Bucer is afraid that he might be obliged to flee Augsburg.