

Letter 595: 6 February 1536, Basel, Capito and Martin Bucer to Joachim Vadianus

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[*Summary*]: They have spoken with [Johann Valentin] Furtmüller and urged him to abandon the Catholic priesthood. He appears to be willing to do so and to take up the ministry. They call on Vadianus to arrange for his election, perhaps in the Dominican parish, and assure ministers an income that will allow them to concentrate on their task rather than obliging them to engage in physical labour. If Furtmüller stays with them for two months, they have hopes of strengthening his beliefs and training him in the correct administration of the sacraments. They praise Vadianus' religious zeal. They have also approached his colleague in this matter and have received assurances from him. They hope for a general meeting of evangelical ministers to settle all disagreements, which give them a bad name.