

Letter 613: 13 June [1536], Frankfurt, Capito to Martin Luther

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[*Summary*]: Capito assures Luther of his good will and gratitude. The Wittenberg Concord has given him peace of mind. He asks Luther to write to the Swiss, expressing his satisfaction with their desire for concord and explaining that he has approved of their confession but wants it ‘expressed in simpler words and in accord with the articles in which we confessed our faith.’ Capito is using Luther’s letter to [Jakob Meyer zum Hirzen], the mayor of Basel, to good effect. He will attempt to induce other churches to subscribe to the Concord and has no doubt that Constance will agree, putting his faith in Johannes Zwick.

Capito explains that he is burdened with debt due to his investments in a printing house, but that the matter is now in hand. He hopes to be on an even better footing, if Luther gives him the first printing rights to a revised edition of his *Postilla*. He furthermore asks Luther to allow [Wendelin Rihel] to publish his German biblical commentaries in one volume with a new preface. He notes that there are good scholars in Strasbourg who can see Luther’s works through the press and translate them into Latin. He sends greetings to Luther’s wife and promises to send her a gift on his return to Strasbourg [see below, Ep. 621].