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My Dear Rabbi Lamm:

Your friends cannot yet reconcile the fact that you are retiring as President of Yeshiva University. After all, there are some people who HaShem placed in working condition not to be retired. כי לכך נוצרת especially when one performs a distinguished job such as you did. To leave and have all segments of the usually fragmented Jewish Community praise your long tenure at YU is a truly remarkable fete.

I feel that you can still contribute to the Jewish Community in a most meaningful way. Now that my dear friend and distinguished colleague Rabbi Israel Miller has, unfortunately, retired from the post as President of the Claims Conference—may G-d grant him a refuah shalama. This position is most important in its role of assisting the remnants of K'lal Yisroel. At the same time, this most vital position would not be one that would be over-taxing to you, that you may still have the time to do the things you wish to do at this juncture of your life.

There is just no place for you to retire, for Chazal say: מאן דיהיב חיי יהיב מזונא: the one who gives life provides sustenance. Now this does not always apply just to the sustenance of the individual. At times it means the provision of sustenance that one receives to help others. It is this aspect that should guide you at these times of your critical decision making period.

May רבונו של עולם grant you a long, healthy life to share the sustenance you were granted with K'lal Yisroel.

Best wishes and kindest personal regards,

The Bostoner Rebbe

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