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Re: Christie Johnston

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am informed that Liberty University is considering granting Christie Johnston academic credit for certain life experiences that represent substantial educational achievement. This letter is written to inform you of my knowledge of those experiences.

I am the Chairman of the Board of Directors of First Family Church, Overland Park, Kansas. I have served in that capacity for approximately nine years. Christie Johnston was very much involved with her husband, Jerry, in beginning the church approximately ten years ago. Christie has been an invaluable partner to Jerry during the existence of the church, both as his wife but, significantly, as a daily participant in the affairs of the church. Because of my involvement with the church almost daily, I am knowledgeable of Christie's significant involvement and the experiences that may qualify for academic credit.

Christie speaks twice a week to the largest Sunday school class in the 5,000 member church. Her class numbers several hundred weekly. She recently concluded a three year study of the Bible's sixty-six books. She then commenced a new series entitled, "Tackling Life's Toughest Questions with a Biblical Response!"

Christie organizes and produces an additional women's ministry entitled Open Arms, which continues to meet throughout the year. She is frequently the keynote speaker, addressing the issues routinely encountered by women. She has participated with her husband, Jerry, for several years as a key speaker in multiple marriage seminars that usually last for two days. In addition to speaking multiple times a month, she is the author of a recent book written over the last two and a half years, which is a ninety-nine message Bible study titled: "My Bible: The Big Picture; the Bottom Line; and What's in it for Me." Christie is also creator of the Chesalon Comfort Circles, weekly meetings of people with varied specific struggles. Currently, First Family Church supports twenty-two weekly Comfort Circles that meet every Monday evening, ministering to people with such problems as eating disorders, grief, homosexuality, pornography, anxiety and panic disorder, and other life altering issues. She assists persons experiencing anxiety and panic disorder.

Christie's many activities as Sunday school teacher, author, Comfort Circle creator and leader, board member of First Family church; wife and advisor to her Pastor husband, and other activities require intense weekly research and scholarly writing.

I am informed that Christie has submitted a chronological record of her many activities to assist the University in determining whether to grant her academic credit for her many life experiences.

If you wish to contact me for additional information about Christie's life experiences and my observations of them, please inform me, and I shall be pleased to respond.

Very truly yours,

Robert G. Ulrich