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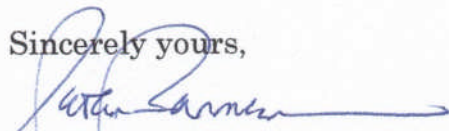
To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Jim and Sandy Hembd and their good work on behalf of the Glory Community. I have known Jim and Sandy for 14 years as members of our congregation, and they are both outstanding people. Jim has served in leadership in our church in a variety of capacities, and currently he is a Trustee of our church and serves as well on the Personnel Committee. Sandy has been a leader in her own right, and together they make an impressive team.

Of particular note is the example of faithfulness and love they have demonstrated to a watching world in the way they have modeled out the parenting of their two sons, Mike and Mark. These special young men serve as ushers at our worship services, and they bring a smile to the face of each person they usher to their seat. I can't imagine our church without this special family. I am also grateful for their wisdom, integrity, and maturity. They live the Christian faith and don't just talk about it. We are most blessed to have them as a part of our church family.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions. I and our church leadership are pleased to stand in solidarity with Jim and Sandy as they seek the realization of a dream to establish community for developmentally disabled adults. I hope you will give every consideration to their request.

Sincerely yours,



Peter B. Barnes

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