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To Whom It May Concern:

I have served for 21 years as an associate pastor of one church and a pastor of three churches. I most recently was the Director of church planting for the state convention of Oklahoma Baptists (BGCO). I immensely enjoyed my time helping to start healthy, sustainable and multiplying Oklahoma Baptist churches. It was a continual reminder of how much I love the church, and especially people the church is to reach. It reminded me of how God loves, and how I am called to help other to become all that God has intended them to be, His beautiful children. The calling of "Pastor" is still with me. I am including my resume and references for your consideration and prayer.

The initial reason I have submitted this letter is due to the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on our state Baptist convention. This organization had to downsize because of financial constraints, and my position was eliminated. My job performance, attitude and service were exemplary. It was purely a decision for the financial survival of the organization. If God so moves you to consider me, then a quick call and/or email to my immediate supervisor would let you know the accuracy of the situation. It has been said that "God moves in mysterious ways." It to become more of a reality with each passing day. I have no doubt that God has his plans in working through this pandemic, and maybe, just maybe this is also a way that He is putting us together.

I'm open to visiting with anyone from the search team with no expectations. I know you are just seeking God's will in all of this and so am I. If God doesn't want me at your place, I don't want to go. It's better for all of us if each one is where the Lord desires us to be. So, I'm praying for you as you are praying for direction. God bless you.

To demonstrate the scope of my career history, pastoral ministry and professional competencies, please take a moment to review my attached resume. Feel free to contact my immediate supervisor, Alan Quigley, to verify the terms of my release. I appreciate your evaluation of my credentials and subsequent response.

Sincerely,

Donald James (Jimmy) Kinnaird