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April 18, 2001

Professor John DiIulio
Office of Faith Based Initiatives
The White House

The Rev. William Moore
Tenth Memorial Baptist Church

Professor Stephen Macedo
Princeton University

Professor Barbara Bennett Woodhouse
The University of Pennsylvania

Dear Friends:

We are greatly looking forward to next Wednesday, April 25th, when Professor John DiIulio keynotes the Town Hall Meeting on government funding of Faith Based Initiatives.

I am thankful to Sheldon Hackney for securing such an excellent panel. Thank you, Professor DiIulio, for accepting this invitation.

The evening begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. You will have received an invitation for dinner from Sheldon and Lucy Hackney for dinner, beginning at 6 p.m., prior to the Town Hall meeting.

For 300 years, Christ Church has hosted discussion and debate on the questions of public religion and the public good. The current proposal of President Bush, which of course builds on the policy of the Clinton Administration, has engendered the most lively debate in decades (if not centuries) on the questions of government support of religious activity and in the proper role of churches, synagogues, mosques, etc., in creating a just society. We intend this to be an evening seeking to address the question on this philosophical level, as much of the debate and discussion has been more "nuts and bolts."

Very truly yours,
The Rev. William Moore

cc: [illegible]

As the moderator, here are some questions I hope will be addressed by the panel:

- How is the first amendment and the establishment clause strengthened or threatened?
- What civil rights issues, if any, are at stake? For instance, if a welfare recipient can only seek services at a religious institution, does this make his or her economic status a moral failure in his or her eyes?
- Can the successes of government funding of faith-based initiatives since 1996 be replicated on a much larger scale, or is the current system of funding religious 501(c)3 umbrella organizations, such as Catholic Charities, a more proven model
- Will these initiatives lead to more religious toleration or bigotry?

Here is the format we are proposing for the evening, based on the letters that Sheldon Hackney has sent to you all:

7:30 Introductions

7:35: Presentation by Professor DiIulio

7:55: Response by Rev. William Moore

8:05 Response by Professor Macedo

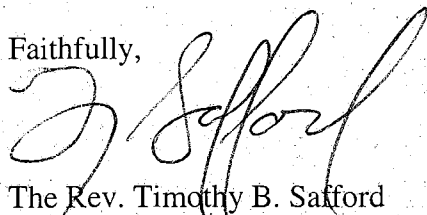
8:15 Response by Professor Woodhouse

8:25 Open the discussion to the audience. Questions from the audience limited to 45 seconds, to avoid speechmaking. Moderator will direct keynoter or panelist to respond.

9:20 Adjournment

From response to our publicity, I can tell that we will have an engaged and opinionated crowd on hand. I hope, the great traditions of this historic parish, contribute to the public debate and common knowledge.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Timothy B. Safford
Rector, Christ Church

cc. Dr. Sheldon Hackney

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April 17, 2001

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FIRST DIRECTOR OF WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES, PROFESSOR JOHN DI IULIO TO SPEAK AT CHRIST CHURCH ON VIABILITY OF GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES, MOSQUES, AND OTHER RELIGIOUS GROUPS. TOWN HALL MEETING WILL INCLUDE PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENT.

John DiIulio, the first director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, will be the featured speaker at a town-meeting type event, open to the public, at Christ Church, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, April 25. He will speak on the viability of government funding of faith-based initiatives. The program begins at 7:30 pm in the church sanctuary, located at 2nd and Market Streets in Old City.

Responding to Professor DiIulio, in panel format, will be Stephen Macedo, Professor of Political Science at Princeton University; the Rev. William Moore, Pastor of Tenth Memorial Baptist Church in Philadelphia, and Barbara Woodhouse, Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania. Each panelist will give a brief presentation, and then the meeting will be open to questions and comments by the public.

The Rev. Timothy B. Safford, Rector of Christ Church who will moderate the evening, said, "Christ Church has always had a role in Philadelphia bringing critical questions on Church and State to the public for education and comment. We expect this to be a lively and informative evening.

Christ Church was established in 1695 and more than half a century was the only Church of England parish in Philadelphia. The present building was completed in 1744, and its tower and steeple, ten years later. Following the American Revolution, its ninth rector, William White, who had been Chaplain of the Continental Congress, was instrumental in revitalizing the shattered Church of England into the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

For further information, call the parish at 215-922-1695.

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February 26, 2001

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The Honorable Mel Martinez
Secretary of the Department of
Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street - Room 10000
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Throughout my career as a pastor, civil rights activist and Member of Congress, I have been a catalyst for providing affordable housing to low-to-moderate income people and other underserved segments of our population. In 1966, I launched the Shaw Urban Renewal Project here in Washington, DC, a project that coordinated and concentrated all available federal and local programs at that time on the provision of housing and the other sectors of community life necessary to improve the quality of life for low and moderate income citizens. Upon entering office in 1969, President Richard M. Nixon directed our Secretary of HUD at that time, George Romney, to fund that project and the many improvements that were made as a result have remained a credit to their leadership.

During my twenty-year tenure as a member of the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, I launched several other helpful initiatives, including my sponsorship with Representative Jack Kemp of Tenant Management and Urban Homestead legislation that became law.

In my post-congressional career, I have been successful in obtaining from HUD, for our Church Association for Community Services - a faith-based 501 c 3 nonprofit agency - an **Asset Control Area** agreement that allows us the exclusive right to acquire, renovate and sell all HUD owned single family homes in revitalization zones (zip codes 20001, 20002, 20011, 20019, and 20032) in the District of Columbia. We worked on this agreement with the HUD office here and in Philadelphia for nearly one year, a labor of love that result was the signing of the attached ACA agreement. The Agreement anticipated \$10 million in grant funds to be provided by HUD, through the former Office of the Secretary of HUD. Though the former Secretary expressed his strong support and commitment to this project, the funds were not provided before the former Secretary's term concluded.

We are requesting that this initiative be now funded to allow the original vision of this effort to be actualized. We aim to provide housing, skill training programs in the

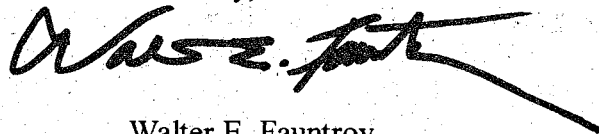
The Honorable Mel Martinez
February 26, 2001
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construction business, integrated services with community schools and a vast array of other services, enhanced by the mechanisms that President George W. Bush has now put in place with his establishment of the **White House Office on Faith-based and Community Initiatives**. Because of rising costs over the year and our desire to ensure the ability to implement our "holistic" approach to serving the under-served, we are asking for funding at the originally proposed \$10 million plus an additional \$2 million to defray cost increases and to assist us further in making the cost of the homes more affordable. While funding for this initiative would be fully within HUD's authority to do we would welcome funding for our request solely from HUD or through an interagency effort, as envisioned by the President in announcing his Faith Based Initiative.

We are strong proponents of the President's Faith Based initiative and believe this effort would be an excellent example to "kick off" this historic effort. We are finalizing plans with the White House for the President to meet with the leadership from the seven largest Black church denominations. This meeting is targeted by the White House to occur on March 8th or 9th. We believe this provides an opportunity for the President to announce as a result of the meeting with the denomination leadership, the funding of this specific initiative as an example of his intention for Faith Based Initiatives. The Reverend Frank D. Tucker, president of our Church Association for Community Services and I stand ready to meet with you at your earliest convenience to assist in this matter in anyway we can.

For your convenience, enclosed please find a copy of our Asset Control Area agreement and re-certification document that will provide you a good understanding of our effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter E. Fauntroy", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Walter E. Fauntroy

Enclosures



YOUTHBUILD COALITION

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April 2, 2001

John DiIulio

Director, White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Old Executive Office Building

Washington DC 20502

Dear John:

I loved your op ed piece in the Journal on February 14th. It has been delightful to watch you from afar in your new role.

I was particularly pleased that when you named the office you managed to get the word Community into the title. As you know, I believe the work of thousands of grassroots groups that are not specifically connected to a religious organization are nonetheless fueled by profound faith. It may be faith in the power of love, in the possibilities for transformation of individuals from being "predators" to contributors, or faith in the value of collective effort to improve the human condition and preserve our planet.

I represent a coalition of "grassroots healers". YouthBuild came from the grassroots, not from inside the beltway. Emerging from a basement in East Harlem, far from the seat of power, it has taken 22 years of work by hundreds of people - I once counted 9,000 person years of grassroots dedication - to get YouthBuild to where it is now: with a \$60 million line item in the federal budget, operating in 145 communities, engaging just 6,000 young people each year, having rehabilitated 7,000 units of housing and graduated 20,000 students since 1994.

I have enclosed outcome data from the past four years and an article about YouthBuild's results as implemented within the welfare-to-work context, because I know you are interested in the facts as well as the faith.

People continue to give me awards and tell me I should be very proud of what I have built, and I continue to feel that it shouldn't take 22 years and 9,000 person years to build something so obviously good, so obviously on target in the public interest. Once it's proven to work in addressing critical national problems, it should be expanded as quickly as possible with public and private support.

Perhaps you can give us a boost from your new position. We have developed a ten year plan based on research showing the current and projected numbers of low income young adults who are out of school and out of work. That plan is enclosed. If President Bush were to embrace this plan as an expression of compassionate conservatism leaving no youth behind, it would make enormous sense. His father signed the original legislation which was passed with the support of

Young People Want Real Jobs Rebuilding Our Communities

Jack Kemp. It has had 7 years of testing and has come up ready for another phase. It is a Faith-Based and Community Initiative.

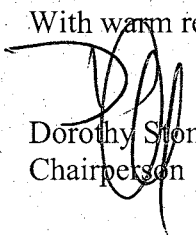
In addition to its secular roots-in-faith, and the grassroots community-based nature of most of the sponsoring agencies for YouthBuild, numerous YouthBuild organizations are also connected in fact to religious organizations. For example, many (about 15) partner with Habitat for Humanity. Others are sponsored by churches: in Ujima (CA) by the Unity Fellowship Church; in Gary (IN) by the Tree of Life Church; in Brownsville (NY) by the Episcopal Social Services; in Springfield (MA) and Queens (NY) by the YWCA. Others partner with churches, as in Sandtown (Baltimore, MD) where they belong to the Faith Based Coalition, East St. Louis (IL) where they are partner with the Neighborhood Faith Based Housing Program, Lowell (MA) where they rent space from and partner with the Christ Church United, Boston where they were given free space by the First Church in Roxbury. Furthermore, a remarkable number of YouthBuild directors are former monks, nuns, and ordained ministers of various faiths. Some even tell me the spiritual energy in YouthBuild surpasses what they experienced in their orders. There is an irresistible urge to pray that surfaces at almost all YouthBuild events. We simply make sure that it is ecumenical.

In summary, I think that the YouthBuild network, with its fundamental faith in the inherent worth of every human being, combined with its grassroots community base intertwined in various ways with various religious organizations, naturally fits in your initiative. So I am hoping you will give us some attention and some advocacy within the Administration.

Could I bring a group of YouthBuild directors and graduates to talk with you about the possibilities? I know you have heard from thousands of organizations, and your time is very limited as you try to handle your awesome charge. I will call to see if we can meet.

Thank you for taking on the leadership of the office of faith based and community initiatives. It's a hopeful thing!

With warm regards,


Dorothy Stoneman
Chairperson

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will be
in town
on 5/7 & 5/8,
I could stay
through 5/9
if needed.*

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National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH
5240 Chestnut Street • Philadelphia, PA 19139-3488

William J. Shaw
President

January 30, 2001

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. President:

As one Texan to another, I bid you and your family health as you lead this country and the world in this blessed, but periled time. My prayers are raised for you that you will be able to effect healing and hence greater unity within the land.

I speak as the president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., which is the largest organized body within the African American community—religious or secular. Thirty to forty thousand of our leadership come together twice each year to address matters of concern to our faith community, the nation and the world. We have intercontinental presence as well.

I am aware of the concerns raised with regard to your faith-based initiatives and have named the Reverend Herb Lusk to co-chair a commission within the national convention to explore ways that the churches of our Body can relate without violating our denominational polity or basic faith convictions.

Beyond this specific faith-based initiative, I applaud your stated intention to make both your administration and your party truly inclusive. I think its essential for the future well being of my people in particular and the nation as a whole. To do so will call for a sensitivity to issues affecting my people in ways not traditionally associated with the Republican party and often given surface attention by the Democratic party. I've stated officially to my Convention that I do not wish for us to "belong" to either party. Rather, functioning from faith-guided principles we should work for the well being of our people and the nation. The interests of my people and the nation are not contradictory.

Mr. President, it would be presumptuous of me to attempt to invite myself and my Convention to "your table." I do believe, however, that there are some common agenda items about which we can profitably share.

Please accept my kindest personal regards.

I am sincerely yours,

William J. Shaw, President
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

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January 29, 2001

Honorable George W. Bush
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

We write in response to your administration's initiative to expand government funding to faith-based organizations.

We share your appreciation for the vital role religious institutions have historically played in addressing many of our nation's most pressing social needs, as a critical complement to government-funded programs.

For decades, government-funded partnerships with religiously-affiliated organizations -- such as Catholic Charities, Jewish Community Federations, and Lutheran Social Services -- have helped to combat poverty and provided housing, education, and health care services for those in need. These successful partnerships have provided excellent service to communities largely unburdened by concerns over bureaucratic entanglements between government and religion. Indeed, safeguards have protected beneficiaries from unwanted and unconstitutional proselytizing during the receipt of government-funded services. They have also protected the integrity and sanctity of America's religious institutions whose traditional independence from government has contributed to the flourishing of religion in our country.

We strongly believe that every component of your initiative must maintain essential constitutional safeguards for protecting both religious organizations and beneficiaries. Past experience with government and religiously-affiliated organizations working as partners has demonstrated well that these necessary safeguards do not interfere with these organizations' ability to provide excellent service to our country's most needy citizens.

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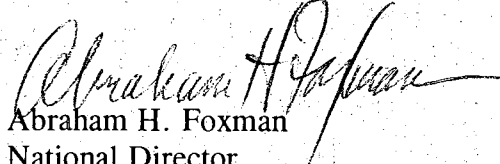
These safeguards should:

- Ensure that no program beneficiary is subjected to unwanted and unconstitutional proselytizing when he or she receives government-funded social services,
- Ensure that taxpayer money does not fund religious discrimination in the hiring and firing of people who will deliver the services,
- Ensure that secular alternatives to religiously provided services are readily available, and that those who prefer secular alternatives are made aware of them and have realistic and convenient access to them,
- Ensure the development of proper firewalls between government-funded services and the core religious activities of a religious organization, so that taxpayer dollars are not channeled into other religious activities of sectarian organizations (as a practical matter, this can best be implemented through religious organizations' establishment of a separate corporate structure which would distinguish a sectarian religious entity from its government-funded social welfare organization),
- Ensure that program recipients comply with all requirements and restrictions imposed upon all government-funded activity by the Religion Clauses of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and
- Ensure that extremist, terrorist or hatemongering groups are not able to receive government money.

We applaud your administration's commitment to expanding the government's commitment to the most needy Americans and look forward to working closely with you to ensure that federally-funded faith-based initiatives maintain necessary constitutional safeguards in the delivery of these essential services.


Glen A. Tobias
National Chairman

Sincerely,


Abraham H. Foxman
National Director

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OFFICE OF
THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

January 31, 2001

President George W. Bush
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Dear President Bush:

Re: White House Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives

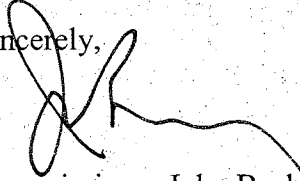
Thank you very much for the invitation to join you, the leaders of the new White House Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives, and other members of faith-based and community organizations at the announcement and signing of executive orders establishing this new office. It is a bold step and a very positive means of creating a new atmosphere and spirit both in our nation's capital and across the country.

Let me also commend the approach you are taking in beginning with audits of five government agencies to determine how well they are currently working with faith-based organizations. Identifying and eliminating barriers at the outset will move us much quicker into a partnership that will benefit many hurting people across the U.S.A. I have asked my staff to identify some existing barriers and will share this information with Steven Goldsmith and John Dilulio.

Your action will expand the ability of The Salvation Army to position ourselves to fulfill that portion of our mission statement, which indicates that we will "meet human needs in His name without discrimination."

God bless you.

Sincerely,


Commissioner John Busby
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February 7, 2001

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of January 5. I enjoyed having the chance to meet with you and Larry Lindsey and the rest of your staff in Austin.

You may recall that as the meeting was breaking up, I had a chance to talk to you for a few minutes regarding The Salvation Army. I'm very pleased that you are following through on all of your key campaign issues, and none pleases me more than the establishment of the White House Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives. Having been involved with The Salvation Army for many years, I believe our organization is an excellent template for faith-based community activity. The Army seeks only to partner with the Federal Government on equal footing to that of non-religious organizations. We also want to protect our religious uniqueness just as we would respect the nature of our partnering agency. In no way do we seek exemption from accountability and evaluation, and neither do we seek funding to directly undergird the Army's denominational activity.

In summary, thanks for inviting me to Austin, and let me also congratulate you for a great start as President of our country. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

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THE
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January 29, 2001

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:



On behalf of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA), I want to commend you on the proposed initiative to create an Office of Faith Based Action within the White House. We are encouraged that this office will help highlight the role that religious groups can play in providing for the needs of our vulnerable citizens. Additionally, we are optimistic that it will become a focal point in your Administration of contact and ongoing dialogue for all faith-based organizations.

As you know from our previous meeting in Los Angeles, the Catholic Health Association is the national leadership organization representing the Catholic health ministry in this country. CHA's more than 2,000 members form the nation's largest group of not-for-profit Catholic healthcare systems, sponsors, facilities, health plans, and related organizations. Since its founding in 1915, CHA has worked to strengthen the Catholic health ministry so that it can provide care to the needy of our society, particularly those who are poor and least able to care for themselves.

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Catholic hospitals cared for more than 85 million inpatients and outpatients in 1998. Catholic health system and their affiliated provider organizations provide health, shelters, food programs, and hundreds of other community outreach efforts to help people of all ages, races, and religious beliefs. As your Administration begins its work, CHA looks forward to an active partnership in addressing the needs of our nation's citizens through strong health and social welfare programs.

As a member of the transition team for the Department of Health and Human Services, I have had an opportunity to provide a number of recommendations to the Department as it begins its work under Secretary Thompson. While we have identified a host of initiatives, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight those that are most critical to the Catholic health ministry. Additionally, I want to pledge my personal assistance in working with your Administration on areas that we share a common concern.

First, as a compassionate nation, we must move aggressively to address the problem of providing health coverage to low and moderate-income

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uninsured person. Today, over 42 million individuals in the United States do not have health coverage, and more than 70 percent of them live in families with at least one full-time worker. CHA has a long-standing vision that access to health care – similar to education – is an essential building block for a free society, and we believe that all individuals must have health insurance. Realizing that it may take many years to achieve total coverage, CHA will be supportive of sequential steps that expand coverage – particularly to low and moderate income families.

We recommend that your administration consider dedicating a significant portion of the federal budget surplus to expanding health coverage. Such an initiative could be framed in several ways. Examples might include the establishment of premium subsidies for the purchase of health insurance through both regular and refundable tax credits, the development of small employer group purchasing cooperatives, and the expansion to the Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program. We believe that these initiatives can substantially reduce the number of uninsured in our country.

Secondly, we applaud your efforts to proceed with the establishment of a prescription drug program for older persons. Even though there is a growing agreement on the need for substantial reform of Medicare to rationalize payment policies and ensure efficient and high-quality care, the time needed to reach agreement on overall reform should not stand in the way of efforts to ensure prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries.

CHA supports efforts that will eventually provide all Medicare beneficiaries with access to prescription drug coverage with particular attention and higher subsidies for low-income seniors. Care must be taken to insure that Medicare financing can sustain the cost of this benefit over time. Additionally, financing of the new Medicare benefit should not jeopardize access to other needed care by older persons and therefore should not simply shift Medicare payments from providers in order to finance the benefit. CHA pledges to explore areas of common grounds with your Administration as we work to establish this vital benefit.

Finally, we wish to direct your attention to an issue of great importance to the Catholic health ministry, that is, conscience clause protection. Increasingly, Catholic and other faith-based health care providers have come under attack for not offering so called "reproductive health services"

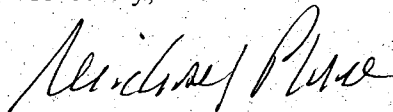
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to their patients. A series of orchestrated attacks have led to legislation in several states and localities that could force Catholic hospitals to close or substantially reduce their services to the community rather than violate their conscience. In a number of states and for certain federal programs (e.g. the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program), faith-based providers have been able to secure a "conscience clause" protecting against the mandatory provision of objectionable services. Unfortunately, these rifle-shot provisions are often inadequate and unevenly implemented.

We strongly urge your Administration to work with the Congress and the faith-based community towards the establishment of permanent and comprehensive federal conscience clause legislation. Additionally, and as an interim step, we would like to explore potential administrative remedies to protect the rights of conscientious objection based on both moral and religious convictions. This is an issue of critical importance to Catholic health providers.

In conclusion, we appreciate the opportunity to share several of the very important concerns of the Catholic Health Association. We look forward to an active partnership with your Administration and pledge our support in working to find real and lasting solutions to the critical issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rev. Michael D. Place". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rev." and last name "Place" being more distinct than the middle name "Michael D.".

Rev. Michael D. Place, STD
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Dr. John J. DiIulio

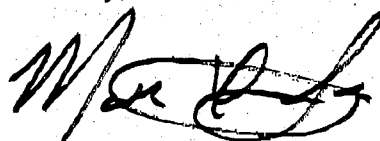
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Dear Dr. DiIulio:

Attached please find several letters today sent to Secretaries Evans, O'Neill, and Powell, and Administrator Whitman, from American religious communities concerned about action to address climate change.

As indicated in the attached letter, we would like to keep in touch with you and others in the Administration on these issues, and to be in conversation.

Sincerely,



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April 3, 2001

The Honorable Donald L. Evans
Secretary of Commerce

The Honorable Paul Henry O'Neill
Secretary of Treasury

General Colin L. Powell
Secretary of State

The Honorable Christie Todd Whitman
Environmental Protection Agency Administrator

Dear Secretaries Evans, O'Neil, and Powell, and Administrator Whitman:

I am writing to call your attention to the story last week in the Washington Post (attached) on the engagement of religious leaders on issues of climate, and to provide further background regarding the activity of American faith communities on this issue.

I am sharing materials with you on behalf of a broad coalition of religious institutions actively working to address climate change, including the agency I represent. Attached please find:

- **Letter to the President from Dr. Leonard A. Cole, chair, Jewish Council for Public Affairs.** The JCPA is the consensus building body for 13 national agencies – including the Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform movements – and 122 local Jewish public affairs agencies across the United States. JCPA houses of the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, the organized Jewish community's environmental initiative. JCPA has long been concerned about energy policy.

- **Letter to the President from 6 senior Christian and Jewish leaders**, representing individuals providing leadership to the American faith community's efforts on the climate issue.
- **Letter to the President from 18 leaders of interfaith campaigns in 18 states.** These individuals each represent a broad coalition of congregations and religious institutions which have joined together to address climate change through education, action, and advocacy.

I will send under separate cover send to each of you the statements these campaigns have issued and the coverage of their efforts in the press.

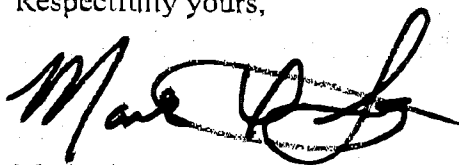
In reviewing these materials, you will find a remarkable diversity, both denominationally and geographically. Faith communities in states from Washington to Florida and New Mexico to Maine are involved, including states where one would not expect to see such organizing, given the strong presence of fossil fuel interests there -- such as West Virginia, Texas, and Michigan.

As Administrator Whitman notes in her memo of March 6 to the President, religious communities do indeed have a "fervor of focus" on this issue. The moral and religious implications of our action or inaction on climate are driving this fervor. Alongside this passionate commitment to address climate change, we recognize that we will, as a nation, need to work for solutions that will serve a broad range of needs and interests, including those of workers, farmers, and consumers.

We would like to keep in touch with you on these issues, and to be in conversation with you about this.

On behalf of all my colleagues and people of faith across America committed to protecting God's children and God's creation from global warming,

Respectfully yours,



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Interfaith Global Climate Change Campaign

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April 3, 2001

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On March 6th, EPA Administrator Christie Todd Whitman wrote a memo to you on the issue of global climate change, noting: "For the first time the world's religious communities have started to engage this issue. Their solutions vary widely, but the fervor of the focus is clear."

As an expression of this resolve, senior American religious leaders wrote to you on March 29, 2001.

We write to confirm that Administrator Whitman's report is correct: engagement in the faith community is growing exponentially. There is a groundswell of conviction and resolve in the pulpits and pews of local congregations across the nation. This concern is not limited to single denominations or regions of the country. We serve as directors of "interfaith state climate change campaigns" and allied initiatives in 20 states, involving Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, Orthodox Christians, Episcopalians, Evangelical Lutherans, historic Black Churches, Native Americans, Muslims, and a broad range of Jewish denominations – Conservative, Orthodox, and Reform. These congregations are in urban and rural areas, from the industrial regions and agricultural heartland, from New Mexico to Maine and Florida to Washington State.

We represent citizens who care deeply about the well-being of the planet and the security and safety of their own children. Indeed, the well-being of future generations is at the heart of religious concern here. The science is clear enough to oblige us to prevent the harm that may very well be inflicted upon future generations – and particularly upon the most vulnerable around the world.

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For us, climate change represents the single most comprehensive challenge to all of God's creation here on Earth. It is a test of biblical covenant, a challenge of obedience to God's mandate of stewardship, and a standard of justice among all God's children.

Our faith does not lead us to the conclusion that the short term economic needs of Americans are greater than the long-term needs of our children and our neighbors around the world for a stable climate. We agree: first things should be put first. And the first thing for us is fulfilling our obligations to pursue justice and righteousness, recognizing that all humans stand equal before God.

We are not all equal, however, in the degree to which we are responsible for global climate change. With less than 5% of world population, we in the US are responsible for almost a quarter of greenhouse gas emissions – and our percentage of world emissions has been even higher in the past. Justice therefore demands that we who are most responsible for the problem take action and make progress, along with other developed nations, before we expect developing nations to act.

By failing here to be just, righteous, and prudent, we fail our children and we fail our faith.

We believe your presidency – and our nation as a whole – will be judged, among other things, by its legacy on this planet-wide challenge. Given recent decisions, we are concerned that a legacy of domestic inaction, international isolation, absence of consultation, and failure of statesmanship will prevail – rather than one of moral leadership, global engagement, and prudent action.

We recognize the complexity of this issue. We see the need for technological ingenuity, creativity of the business sector, assurance of jobs and just transition for impacted workers. Scientists will need to further document the risks we face and the impacts we must prevent. No adequate solutions will be possible, however, without political commitment and leadership.

We know much about what we will eventually need to do to address this challenge, and we should make investments in those things now as the center-piece of our national energy strategy: energy conservation, vehicle fuel efficiency, incentives for the development and use of highly efficient technologies and consumer products, and incentives for the transition away from heavy reliance on oil and coal toward cleaner renewable sources for electricity production and powering vehicles. These measures will not only help us to address climate change: they will help to address electricity supply problems; they will dramatically increase our energy independence; they will protect public health and the natural environment; and they will help spur a new wave of American economic growth and global technological leadership.

Given the enormity of what is stake with global warming and the lack of sufficiently compelling reasons not to adopt policies towards these goals, we believe that the most moral choice is to swiftly move to create a clean, sustainable 21st century energy system.

We urge you to reconsider your decision on carbon dioxide emissions from power plants to quickly communicate to the nations of the world your willingness to adhere to mandatory and binding measures to curb global warming. And we urge you to put before the nation an energy plan which addresses global warming.

We hope your administration will note the groundswell of activity in the faith community. We feel obliged to express, in no uncertain terms and along with many throughout the world, our dismay at recent actions and statements by you and your administration. We will be communicating it to our members of Congress, US Senators, and local elected officials. Yet, we believe you have a rare opportunity for leadership here, and we stand eager to speak out on behalf of wise and prudent policy initiatives.

Respectfully yours,

Merriam A. Bass
Associate Coordinator, Georgia Interfaith Climate Change Initiative

The Rev. Ronald W. Botts
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The Washington Post

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2001

Coalition Raps Bush On Global Warming

Religious Leaders: Issue a Moral Concern

By HAZO PLANIN
Washington Post Staff Writer

A broad coalition of U.S. religious groups alarmed by President Bush's decision to abandon a treaty to combat global warming urged Bush yesterday to reconsider his approach or risk alienating a growing faith-based movement committed to protecting the environment.

Leaders of the inter-denominational groups challenged Bush's decision on religious and moral grounds as well as on scientific evidence that Earth's temperature is rising and could trigger catastrophic climate and weather changes.

"If credible evidence exists to indicate our present course could threaten the quality of life for God's creation and God's children, this becomes an issue of paramount moral concern," the leaders said in a letter to Bush.

The letter from seven religious leaders is significant because of the influence faith-based groups are exercising on the Bush administration and on Republican

congressional leaders. Last year, for example, GOP leaders dropped their opposition to a Clinton administration plan to write off loans to 30 of the world's poorest countries under pressure from Pope John Paul II and an international network of religious groups.

In a March 8 memorandum to Bush after returning from a meeting in Italy with European environmental ministers, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christine Todd Whitman noted: "For the first time, the world's religious communities have started to engage in the issue. Their positions vary widely, but the fervor of the focus was clear."

The letter to Bush was signed by leaders of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Metropolitan Orthodox Church in America and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs wrote separately voicing its concerns.

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Dear President Bush:

On behalf of the 13 national and 122 local Jewish public affairs agencies which comprise the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) and are committed to justice, protection of creation, energy independence, and strong US leadership in the world, I am writing to express our concern regarding recent decisions and statements on energy policy and global warming. We are troubled by your decision not to limit carbon dioxide emissions from power plants and by our nation's long-standing failure to secure and adopt alternatives to oil and coal. Now, with the decision to retreat from the Kyoto Protocol and its promise to address global warming without putting forth an alternative means through which the community of nations can effectively address global climate change, we wonder just how this nation will be able to lead the world from the polluting 20th century energy system we now have to a clean 21st century energy system.

We have been concerned about energy policy since the 1970s, both because of US dependence on OPEC nations and because of the environmental and public health impacts of fossil fuel use. Now, with confirmation of global climate change by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other scientific bodies, there is an escalating urgency for an energy policy which dramatically reduces our dependence on fossil fuels. Without quick action, we risk harm to millions of Americans and to people around the world -- particularly the most vulnerable among us.

With less than 5 percent of the world's population generating more than 22 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, the U.S. has a particular responsibility to all inhabitants of Earth and future generations to address our dependence and excessive use of fossil fuel. Though some argue that we should not take measures to address global warming before there is more evidence of harm. Our religious tradition clearly teaches that we have an obligation to protect others from potential harm if it is within our power.

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We are encouraged by statements that you believe global climate change is a real concern and should be addressed. We are disturbed, however, that you have indicated that you will not support the Kyoto Protocol – which the US has already signed – without having first articulated an alternative means to effectively and expeditiously reduce global warming.

It is incumbent upon us as a nation to consider what impact various policies will have on human well-being, the environment, and long term security. Through energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy technologies and cleaner transportation technologies, we have the capacity to create a clean and sustainable energy system that will improve public health, protect public lands, help to stabilize the global climate, and move us toward energy independence.

Our dependence upon imported oil cannot be meaningfully changed by increasing oil production in the US, which possesses less than 3 percent of the world's proven oil reserves. Furthermore, many economists believe that aggressive development of environmentally friendly technologies and products will create U.S. jobs, enhance U.S. competitiveness in the global economy, and demonstrate U.S. leadership toward a sustainable energy future for the entire planet. We must strive for a future where energy is abundant, inexpensive, and clean.

We believe that the conditions of the moment present an opportunity for rare leadership by you and by our great country. In the 20th century, the US led the world in economic development that was dependent upon fossil fuels. We now have a chance to lead the world toward a new era of prosperity powered by clean, safe, renewable, and efficient technologies.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding your vision for addressing climate change and powering our economy into a new era of health, ecological sustainability, and prosperity.

Respectfully yours,



Dr. Leonard A. Cole
Chair

cc: EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman

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Office of the
General Secretary

March 29, 2001

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We reach out as senior leaders of major American faith communities eager to discuss with you a challenge of paramount religious significance: the condition of God's creation at the hands of God's children, the climate of planet Earth as being altered by the activity of the Earth's people.

Many of us have carefully followed the inquiry into climate change and global warming. While we interact with them regularly, we are not scientists, policy-makers, leaders within the economic sector, or architects of global treaties. We do not comment on complex data or technological responses. Nor do we wish to encourage narrow partisanship about an issue which so clearly affects the well-being of *all* humankind.

We believe there is a point, however, at which scientific consensus is sufficiently established to require consideration of long-standing religious and moral principles of prudence and precaution. If credible evidence exists to indicate our present course could threaten the quality of life for God's creation and God's children, this becomes an issue of paramount *moral* concern.

We are persuaded that this point of prudence is now upon us. Projected impacts of global warming on the most poor and vulnerable are ethically unacceptable. Domestic and international action is urgently required. The United States has a moral responsibility to lead the world's nations and to serve its people. In recent days, we have been reading reports of what the administration is *not* prepared to do to address climate change. We are eager to learn what our government *will* enact here: in a credible, binding program to honor international commitments, successfully prevent destructive impacts on humankind and habitat, and embody equity.

Our scriptures are plain about the religious dimension of this challenge. When it is all creation on Earth that is being affected, we freshly appreciate the principle that, "The Earth is the Lord's," (Ps. 24:1) Our climate and seasons are God's handiwork, "Yours is the day. Yours is also the night. *You made summer and winter.*" (Ps. 74:16-17) All life is embraced by God's covenant and with particular instructions regarding our children and children's children "This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, *for perpetual generations.*" (Gen. 9:12)

Because human purpose in the greater web of life is a central issue here, this inquiry is expanding beyond the laboratories of science and the halls of diplomacy to the pulpits and pews of the American heartland. We believe you should be aware that many of our denominations have passed resolutions on climate change and that local activity is

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growing in churches and synagogues across a broad spectrum of religious life. We can confirm what EPA Administrator Whitman reported to you on March 6th: "For the first time, the world's religious communities have started to engage in the issue." And while there are diverse perspectives on policy, many still evolving, it is our view that this activity will grow exponentially, from genuine religious and moral conviction.

We in the faith community are in a process of open dialogue and inquiry here. We are heartened by your early commitment to civil, moderate, bipartisan dialogue and, particularly, by your willingness to hear the voice of the faith community. We hope you will follow this path on the issue of climate change. We are eager to meet with you for further reflection, perhaps in a small gathering in June.

Meanwhile, we believe an historic challenge is before us all here, foreseen by our scriptures, and freshly vivid in these signs of the times, "I have set before you life or death, blessings or curse. Choose life, therefore, that you and your descendants may live." (Dt. 30:19)

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Teen Challenge National Director Welcomes Faith-Based Debate
*43 Years of Success has Proven Effectiveness of Oldest, Largest and Most Successful
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program*

REHRERSBURG, PA. - John Castellani is the first to admit that he's not an expert on constitutional law or federal statutes. What he does know is how to get people off drugs and into a productive life. John is the Executive Director of faith-based Teen Challenge International, the oldest, largest and most successful substance abuse prevention and treatment program in the world, with over 350 centers worldwide.

As a result of its widely heralded success spanning more than 40 years, Teen Challenge International is the faith-based organization that is most often referenced by both sides of the debate over federal funding for such agencies. However, John Castellani is far more comfortable dealing with hardcore drug addicts than he is with the media or the politicians in Washington.

In a recent interview, Castellani stated, "The interest in helping faith-based organizations that is coming out of Washington is wonderful news." He added, "Incarcerating a drug addict offers virtually no hope for a permanent cure. And once, released, the tendency towards renewed addiction and criminal activity is almost assured, along with an eventual return to prison. With more than 50% of our 2,000,000 state and federal prison inmates serving time for drug related offenses, this is a \$20 billion dollar problem for American taxpayers each year."

Castellani is thrilled about the new emphasis on faith-based organizations and is willing to offer all of Teen Challenge's resources to help wherever possible. "We applaud the efforts of Dr. John Dilulio and his White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. He adds, "There is enough common ground shared between government, community and faith-based groups of every kind to motivate us to work together. We will lose our window of opportunity if we continue to spend all of our time debating the uncommon ground."

The focus of Teen Challenge is on solving the problem of drug addiction rather than on building an organization. They are ready to share all that they have learned over the last 43 years with whoever can profit by it. Given the undisputed success of Teen Challenge, this organization could be a valuable resource for other faith-based organizations... especially start-ups. According to John Castellani, it's going to take all of us working together to stop the epidemic of drug abuse in America.

Castellani's world is a three-hour drive from Washington, D. C. His office is in the Teen Challenge center in Rehrersberg, Pennsylvania, a hub of activity covering 300 acres in this rural community. Its occupants and workers have been through the hell of drug addiction and all of the broken relationships and criminal activities that go with it...but there's not a trace of it on their faces. If there is any doubt about drug addiction being curable, a trip to Teen Challenge in Rehrersburg will erase that bias. Talking to any person in the program reveals amazing stories and every student is a walking miracle.

"The difference," explains John Castellani, "is that Teen Challenge is a ministry for us rather than a job. There is nothing mystical or magical about what we do. The truths we preach are the same truths you will hear in your kid's Sunday school classes at your local church. These simple, basic truths are profoundly important for those trapped in drug addiction." He continued, "While our program is structured to teach responsibility and discipline, along with job skills and even GED completion, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ permeates everything we do. . . . and that is life changing forever.

Take that away from Teen Challenge, and it will be no more successful than the typical drug rehab center with its low success rates.”

Teen Challenge would never jeopardize its effective combination of spiritual and material transformation in exchange for money. The process that an addict goes through in the yearlong residential program at Teen Challenge Centers across America has been refined over a 43-year period, ever since Rev. David Wilkerson founded the organization in 1958. Telling drug addicts that God loves them and that he has a plan for their life is the key to a permanent release from drug addiction.

Barry Meguiar, a businessman who sits on the U.S. board of directors for Teen Challenge International, along with an impressive array of people from the business and professional fields, offers additional insight. Says Barry, “Teen Challenge is successful because it is a selfless organization that is focused on the personal needs of every addict it touches.” He adds, “The relationship between our staff members and the addicts we serve is amazing. To distract our Teen Challenge leaders from the wonderful work they are doing in order to respond to the debate now going on in Washington would be a tragic mistake.”

Meguiar adds, “Some of us who serve Teen Challenge, but are not on its payroll, are providing a bridge between Teen Challenge and those in Washington. Fortunately, we have a wealth of talent from the fields of business, law and academia who are fully committed to Teen Challenge and the work it is doing. We appreciate President Bush putting the spotlight on faith-based ministries and we are anxious to help Dr. Dilulio and the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in every way possible.”

For more information, please contact Leslie Kennedy at 1-800-854-8073, e-mail lkennedy@meguiars.com, or go to www.teenchallenge.com.



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Via Facsimile (202) 456-7019
(Original to follow)

Dr. John DiIulio
The White House
Office of Faith Based
and Community Initiatives
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20502

Re: Appointment with Leadership of Lutheran Organizations

Dear Dr. DiIulio:

We look forward to meeting with you this Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 9:00 am.
Here is the list of people attending the meeting with their social security numbers and date of birth needed for security clearance.

✓ Joanne Elizabeth Negstad, (b)(6)
✓ Kurt Senske, (b)(6)
✓ Daun E. McKee, (b)(6)
✓ Roger C. Gutmann, (b)(6)
✓ Nelson Meyer, (b)(6)
✓ Edith M. Lohr, (b)(6)
✓ Lisa M. Carr, (b)(6)
✓ Mark Charette, (b)(6) (photographer)

Thank you again for agreeing to meet with us. We look forward to discussing areas of common concern. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information. If I am not available, please contact my associate, Stephanie Saenger at 202-626-7943.

Sincerely,

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Re: Change in Person Attending Lutheran Leadership Meeting

Dear Dr. DiIulio:

There has been a change in who will be attending the meeting this Thursday, March 15th. Nelson Meyer, CEO of Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio, will not be able to attend the meeting. In his place we would like to bring Christopher Finch, CEO of Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands. His social security number and date of birth for security clearance are:

Christopher Emerson Finch, (b)(6)

Thank you for noting this change in the attendance for the meeting. We look forward to meeting with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information. If I am not available, please contact my associate, Stephanie Saenger at 202-626-7943.

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Washington, DC 20502

Re: Confirming Appointment with Leadership of Lutheran Organizations

Dear Dr. DiIulio:

I received your message to follow-up with our meeting request. I understand that we will be meeting March 15th at 9:00am. Please call me to verify the time and the meeting location. The following people will be in attendance including myself:

Joanne Negstad, President/CEO, Lutheran Services in America, St. Paul, MN
Kurt Senske, CEO, Lutheran Social Services of the South Inc., Austin, TX
Nelson Meyer, CEO, Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio, Columbus, OH
Edith Lohr, CEO, Lutheran Social Services of New England, Natick, MA
Kurt Senske, CEO, Lutheran Social Services of the South Inc., Austin, TX
Daun McKee, CEO, Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, Topton, PA

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Dr. John DiIulio
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John has the
Social Entrepreneurship
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The White House
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and Community Initiatives
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Washington, DC 20502

Re: Appointment with Lutheran Services in America

Dear Dr. DiIulio:

The leadership of Lutheran Services in America would like to meet with you regarding the Faith-Based and Community Initiative. We could meet with you on March 15 or any other day that might be convenient for you.

The NonProfit Times has named Lutheran Services in America the largest national nonprofit in 2000. Lutheran Services in America is an alliance of national Lutheran church bodies and their 300 health and human service organizations. Our network of providers bring hope and healing to more than 3,000 communities across America. In 1999 our network provided almost \$7 billion in services to over 3 million people. Services included social services, short-term assistance, intensive 24-hour residential care, and hospital care.

Thank you very much for your time and kind attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions, comments, or further requirements, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Carr at (202) 626-7945.

Sincerely,

Joanne E. Negstad
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President/CEO

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FAX MEMORANDUM

Lisa M. Carr
Director of Public Policy

Date: March 13, 2001

To: Dr. John DiIulio **Fax:** 202-456-7019

From: Stephanie Saenger for Lisa Carr **Pages:** 2

Re: Names, Social Security Numbers, and Date of Birth information
needed for Thursday's meeting.

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March 5, 2001

Dr. John DiIulio
White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
The White House
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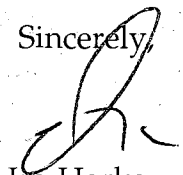
Dear John:

We hope all is going well with you as director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Your work has certainly been getting very good press.

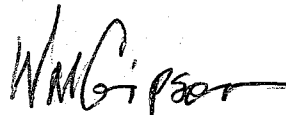
Some colleagues in D.C. encouraged Ira to send Steve Goldsmith the attached letter. We very much wanted for you to see a copy since it describes much of the Center's work and makes particular note of our work with communities of faith. We have attached a summary of the Program in Universities, Communities of Faith, Schools and Neighborhoods (DuPont program) for you and have also included three extra copies of the Arts & Sciences newsletter, which features our work with communities of faith.

We very much look forward to following your good work with the Administration and to meeting with you to discuss how higher education might be a crucial partner with communities of faith in helping to fulfill America's democratic promise.

Sincerely,



Ira Harkavy
Associate Vice President
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Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

My colleagues and I have watched with great interest the President's initiatives to craft new opportunities to address the needs of those "whom prosperity has left behind." Penn, through its Center for Community Partnerships (and its predecessor, the Penn Program for Public Service), has worked on creating opportunities of this kind for well over a decade. We have in particular focused on bringing together the key strategic sectors of our urban communities—schools, nonprofits, and communities of faith and universities—to produce long-term, positive and sustainable change.

The Center for Community Partnerships is helping to lead a growing national movement to promote the development of higher education-assisted community schools, schools that are the educational, cultural, and recreational and service hubs for their entire community. There is also growing international interest in this work, particularly in South Africa, Europe and Australia.

Founded in 1992, the Center is Penn's primary vehicle for bringing to bear the broad range of human knowledge needed to solve the complex, comprehensive, and interconnected problems of the American city so that West Philadelphia (Penn's local geographic community), Philadelphia, the University itself, and society benefit.

Through the Center, the University currently engages in three types of activities: academically based community service, direct traditional service, and community development. Academically based community service is at the core of

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the Center's work. It is service rooted in and intrinsically linked to teaching and/or research, and encompasses problem-oriented research and teaching, as well as service learning emphasizing student and faculty reflection on the service experience. Over one hundred courses (from a wide range of disciplines and Penn schools) link Penn students to work in the community.

Much of the Center's work has focused on the school as the educational and neighborhood institution that can, if effectively transformed, serve as the concrete vehicle of community change and innovation. The Center has helped to create higher education-assisted community schools that function as centers of education, services, engagement and activity for students, their parents, and other community members within a specified geographic area. With its community (including communities of faith) and school collaborators, the Center has developed significant service-learning programs that engage young people from West Philadelphia schools in creative work designed to advance skills and abilities through service to their school, families and community. Penn students and faculty are also engaged in service learning that requires the development and application of knowledge to solve problems as well as active and serious reflection on the service experience and its impacts.

The mediating structure for on-site delivery of academic resources is the West Philadelphia Improvement Corps (WEPIC), a school-based school and community revitalization program founded in 1985. WEPIC's goal is to produce comprehensive higher education-assisted community schools. WEPIC is coordinated by the West Philadelphia Partnership, a community-based organization composed of institutions (including Penn), neighborhood organizations, and community leaders in conjunction with the School District of Philadelphia. While thirteen public schools in West Philadelphia participate in WEPIC, the most intensive work is occurring in six of these schools (one elementary, three middle, and two high schools). Penn students support all aspects of the WEPIC program by assisting in its evening and weekend, extended-day, and school day programs. WEPIC involves over 10,000 children, their parents, and community members in educational and cultural programs, recreation, job training, community improvement, and service activities. I have attached materials from some of our key programs:

1. Urban Nutrition Initiative (UNI) Annual Report. With the assistance of Penn Anthropology faculty and students, K-12 school students are addressing the nutritional needs of their peers and families through development of school-based produce stands as well as school-based for-profit gardening projects, which are linked to the curriculum. At a local high school, UNI has also partnered with a local Baptist church to support

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technology and physical fitness training for school parents and parishioners.

2. Program in Universities, Communities of Faith, Schools and Neighborhood Organizations (PUCFSN) newsletter. PUCFSN, a joint program of the Chaplain's office and the Center for Community Partnerships has brought together religious leaders of all faiths, Penn faculty and students, school and neighborhood leaders in respectful dialogue to find common ground and develop common projects, such as supporting after-school programs and technology training for all ages.
3. Community Schools Course Brochure. The brochure describes a recent range of classes for the community in one component of WEPIC's extended-day program, which are offered at no charge to the community.
4. Penn *Arts and Sciences*, a newsletter of the School of Arts and Sciences, provides an excellent overview of our academically based community service program.

The higher education-assisted community school model has attracted considerable attention among institutions of higher education from across the country. The WEPIC Replication Project has received over \$4.5 million since 1992; \$2 million has come from the Corporation for National Service. The total number of funded WEPIC adaptation sites will total 21 in the near future. With significant support from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Penn, in collaboration with the National Center for Community Education, has also developed a training and technical assistance program for colleges and universities interested in higher education-assisted community schools.

Penn's model has also generated international interest, particularly from South Africa, Australia and Europe. We have hosted visitors from these countries (as well as many others) and are seeing the higher education-assisted community school model being adapted by them. I will be returning to South Africa in mid-March, for example, to help develop our approach (Please see the attached letter from Nick Taylor, Director of the Education Trust in South Africa to Penn's President Judith Rodin, indicating the significant impact of our work on South Africa higher education and society in general). Representatives from higher eds in these and other countries are also joining us for a two-day conference on this work at the end of March.

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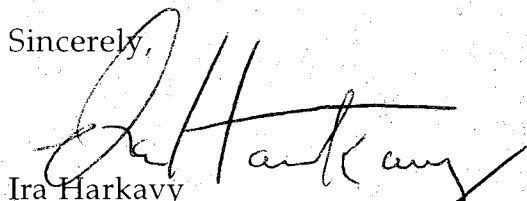
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Local WEPIC replication efforts have also been supported by the CNS. In August 1997, the Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development (PHENND), then a consortium of 25 colleges and universities, was awarded a three-year grant by CNS of \$732,000 to develop service-learning courses at area institutions of higher education as well as to support community-initiated projects that are assisted by a university or college. The PHENND consortium has now expanded to include 42 institutions of higher education in the Philadelphia region.

Penn's work has demonstrated that higher education-assisted community schools have enormous potential to address critical needs in our local communities as they work in partnership with nonprofit organizations and communities of faith. We would very much like to have you visit our work in West Philadelphia if your schedule permits. I would also be very pleased to meet you in Washington to discuss this approach.

I hope this information and the attached material are useful. Further information can be found on our website: www.upenn.edu/ccp. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ira Harkavy", written over the printed name.

Ira Harkavy
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Center for Community Partnerships

The Program in Universities, Communities of Faith, Schools, and Neighborhood Organizations (PUCFSN)

PUCFSN is a collaborative program between the University of Pennsylvania, communities of faith, public and private schools, and neighborhood organizations operating throughout West Philadelphia. The program has been operating for three years through a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund. In those three years, PUCFSN has fostered vital relationships between the leadership of its constituent members, and has established innovative collaborative projects. PUCFSN is composed of a three part structure. A working group made up of twenty pastors, professors, school teachers and administrators, and community leaders meets monthly to provide direction. A larger advisory group similarly comprised meets two to three times yearly to learn from national leaders and to further direct and extend the program's work. Students, working as academic interns, develop and facilitate the collaborative projects. Each project results from the common interests of the working and advisory group members who then guide student interns in the project's execution. The program supports any project area that combines the efforts of two or more of the constituent groups.

PROJECT AREAS

1. Extended Day Programs and Mentoring _ currently supporting five collaborative after_school programs. Four programs take place in public schools, one in a faith-based day school.
2. Adult Skills Training _ currently running two programs teaching adult computer literacy and job skills. One of these is part of a community school program, the other is held in a local church.
3. Computer Hardware refurbishment, placement, and recycling _ establishing a computer hardware program at the University which places computers into the community. Three networked labs have been placed in churches with four more currently in development.
4. Health Care Initiatives _ currently integrating health classes and web_based health resources with after_school and technology programs.
5. Web_based Resource Guide _ developing a community based on_line resource guide. This innovative guide combines the efforts of several area non-profits and engages community members in its ongoing maintenance and direction.
6. Academically_Based Community Service Courses _ developing courses for Penn Undergraduates in conjunction with the department of Religious Studies. Three courses have been funded and taught to date.

ONGOING SITES

- i New Beginnings Sanctuary of Praise

This program provides an example of collaborative work between churches and schools. This church provides mentoring for local school children twice a week. Held at Rhodes Elementary School, ten children (ages 5_11) are tutored by three Penn interns, the assistant pastor, and lay volunteers. By the end of April, a fully developed computer lab will be placed in the nearby church which will be utilized by this mentoring program, and open to the community.

i University City High School/Metropolitan Baptist Church

This collaborative program between Penn, University City High School, and Metropolitan Baptist Church provides adult training in computer literacy. Conducted as part of the community school program, these classes are held twice a week in the evenings. Offered in six-week sessions, the classes have been held for nearly two years. The classes are staffed by Penn student and staff volunteers. Class sizes have ranged from ten to twenty adults, and have been highly successful at training community members. For example, in the first class of fifteen students, two community members had to drop the class when the resumes they wrote resulted in new jobs.

i Metropolitan Baptist Church

For two years, student interns have worked with Metropolitan Baptist Church in developing and teaching their after school and summer day camp programs. Currently, four Penn undergraduates mentor fifteen children (ages 5_11) on Tuesday_Friday afternoons. On February 17, eight Penn students spent the day at the church refurbishing and networking the church computer lab. This lab is utilized both for the after school program and for computer basics classes open to the community.

i Expressions After School Program (Covenant Community Church)

On Mondays_Fridays, undergraduates lead an arts_based after_school program at Covenant Community Church. Two PUCFSN student interns coordinate the site and have recruited additional volunteers. This site provides activities for ten to fifteen children (ages 5_11) each week day. By the end of March, three refurbished computers will be placed at Covenant Community Church for the children's use.

NEW SITES

i First African Presbyterian Church

Starting on Feb. 12, an adult computer basics class has been held at First African Presbyterian Church. Four Penn students teach the class, which meets every Monday. The computer lab at the church was set up through an Urban/Suburban partnership with Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. The class is open to the community and currently has eight students. Due to strong community interest in this class, additional classes will be offered on Wednesday evenings for

adults and on Saturday afternoons for teenagers.

i Calvin Presbyterian Church

This church has an after_school program with approximately forty youths (ages 5_11) and is sponsored by Public/Private Ventures as a literacy center and supported by Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. The program's greatest need was for additional mentors to tutor the children in literacy and computer basics. Starting this semester, four Penn undergraduates are being sent to this site as mentors and computer instructors.

i Beulah Baptist Church

This church runs a private day_school serving approximately two hundred (ages 5-11) children daily. Beginning this March, two student interns will be placed at the site three days a week to provide Math tutoring for the children, and computer training for the teachers.

i Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church has an after_school and Saturday mentoring program for eighty children. On Tuesday_Thursday afternoons, approximately twenty Penn undergraduates, who are members of the church, serve as volunteer mentors and big brothers/big sisters for these children. PUCFSN currently has two academic interns who are building a computer lab at the church for the after_school program and community use.

i St. Cyprian's Parish

Three PUCFSN academic interns are creating a computer lab at St. Cyprian's Parish. This lab, comprised of fifteen machines, will be used for adult basics classes and will be open to the community.

i Simpson_Fletcher United Methodist Church

This church currently offers after_school, summer school, and job training programs. By Summer 2001, a computer lab with ten machines will be placed at this site and integrated into their programs. The lab will also be open for general use by the surrounding community.

i Islamic Sites

Through the assistance of a local Imam, who is a member of the PUCFSN working group, two area mosques are in the early stages of planning to develop new after_school programs and computer labs with PUCFSN's assistance.