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Letter of Recommendation for Peter Messiah – January 27, 2018

It is my privilege to write in support of my former colleague at Oklahoma City University, Peter Messiah, as he continues his work in service to persons and communities. I worked with Peter for over four years as his dean in the Petree College of Arts and Sciences at Oklahoma City University where he served as Director of the Addiction Prevention Studies program. He helped create a significant experience for students who wanted to focus on the urgent crisis of addiction and the needed systemic solutions for addiction prevention in our society.

Peter managed the programming, community outreach, fiscal oversight, and strategic planning of the Addiction Prevention Studies program, and he served as the program's core faculty member. He developed relations with community members and with the United Methodist Church with which Oklahoma City University is affiliated. The positive impact of the program was felt not only by the students who took its classes, but it also provided excellent continuing education and training opportunities for persons in the community and the state to gain greater understanding of addressing addiction prevention.

Peter's students described him as both inspiring and engaging, and I only heard positive comments about both the content and method of his classes. Peter possesses both the passion and the necessary social and communication skills to translate vision into effective action, networking, and program building. He is a proven leader in a variety of settings, most prominently in educational settings and community engagement.

Most importantly, Peter is an excellent colleague who works and lived with integrity. He is good and decent person with a heart for helping others and encouraging them to strive for excellence and attain a flourishing life. I genuinely envy those who will be afforded the opportunity to work with him in the future.

Sincerely,

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