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Reverend Burkhalter,

Greetings in Christ fellow-soldier and co-laborer of the Kingdom! I am writing regarding the third graduation of the Institute's Hope School of Ministry Students.

On June 10, 2003 we will hold are third graduation of the Hope School of Ministry of The Urban Ministry Institute. We have established a "Commencement Lecture Series" for our annual graduations. Our goal is to give our students the opportunity to hear from Christian ministers, missionaries, and academics who have distinguished themselves in the service of the urban church speaking on the topic "What I have Learned about Urban Ministry." This year we would be honored if you would speak to our students for our commencement on the evening of June 10, 2003. Reverend, you have years of life experience in the city, you have seen God work wonders and have been a part of a faithful movement of equipping leaders for the work of ministry for over two decades. I can't think of a better person to continue this annual tradition for us. I know that your thoughts, experience and challenges will be encouraging and inspiring.

Earl, I do deeply respect you and thank God for all the years of friendship and partnership in the work of the gospel. Your service to the Lord and His people has deeply affected my life. I am truly thankful to know you.

Brother, I look forward to continuing in our laborers together for the expansion of the Kingdom.

Dr. Don L. Davis
Director