Dear Friend,

What a moment this is! A young person in your care, possibly your own son or daughter, has felt a serious call to the ministry. It’s exciting to see them grow up and discover their path. And we’re here to help.

A call to ministry can be rewarding, and can fulfill a deep passion to serve the Lord. It’s also a financially stable profession, allowing the young person to establish a home, support a family, and build reserves for the future. According to CareerBuilder.com, the national average salary for pastors was $54,130, above the national annual mean wage.

As you explore career options together, help your young person focus on the rewards of the day-to-day work. In addition to preaching, pastors guide and counsel; they accompany people through major transitions; and senior pastors are the head of staff, running operations and leading their organization. A pastor’s rich education deepens and grounds their thinking and sets the foundation for lifelong growth.

This is an exciting time in both your lives. As you explore options, feel free to contact me by email or telephone. To evaluate his or her call to ministry, your young person should begin with the checklist we have prepared [here].

Sincerely,

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Thanks for your interest in Christian Ministry. Hope to see you on campus soon!