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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Will McRaney since 2000 when I attended his Church Evangelism class at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. McRaney has been a mentor and friend through my Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy programs, and has continued to be a friend and mentor ever since. I heartily endorse and recommend Will McRaney due to his exemplary life as a Christ-follower, a professor, and a minister.

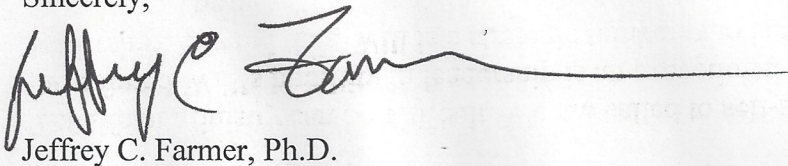
Will has always served as a model for what it means to walk in faith in Jesus Christ. His character and integrity points to a life seeking to honor Christ above all. He has a gentle way of correction to encourage young believers to follow Christ, and a directness to those who have a hard time doing what is right. The fact that his directness is conveyed with love is emblematic of his character. Will strives to do what is right, and seeks forgiveness with contriteness when he misses the mark.

As a professor, Will maintains that difficult balance of sharing his knowledge and challenging the student to strive for more. He has the ability to communicate complex ideas in a clear and concise manner. This is evidence that Will is a good communicator. I recall numerous times spending days contemplating a presupposition due to one well worded question from Will McRaney. I am a better professor myself because of his mentorship.

The life of ministry can be difficult. We are called to self-sacrifice rather than self-promotion. I have found Will's humility in leadership is an exceptional trait to model for my own ministry leadership. Beyond that, Will is a strategic thinker who is not satisfied with maintaining the status quo. The eternal destination of generations are at stake, Will is relentless in pursuing characteristic excellence in ministry. One thing that helps him as a strategist is his ability to accurately exegete systems. It is a good skill to see what is right in front of you. It is even better to see the systems which led to the condition in front of you. Will McRaney is able to see the bigger picture and identify the state of the church.

In conclusion, I am a better Christ-follower, professor, and minister today because of the role Will McRaney has played in my life. He is a man of God, who is faithful in his service in the kingdom of God.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey C. Farmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeffrey C. Farmer, Ph.D.