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David Jump  
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Dear Mr. Jump and the Search Committee,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jeanne Smith and Tammy Jo Reiser have passed on word that the Campus Minister position at the UC Wesley Foundation is now open. I have reviewed the job description and believe that I have much to offer this exciting ministry.

My wife and I have recently returned to Cincinnati after two years in California where I began studies for a Master of Arts in Cross-cultural Studies, concentrating in contemporary culture/postmodernity. This January I began a six-month practicum concentrating on urban, postmodern ministry with a network of house churches in Norwood. This has been a tremendous ministry education. As I continue to learn and grow from those who now surround me, this practicum experience is evolving into a way of life.

I have many skills and abilities combined with deep desire, passion and eagerness to lead the CWF into its next season of ministry. I would bring leadership, vision, encouragement, and enthusiasm to UC's campus. As a leader I have been privileged to serve as Assistant Program Director for a United Methodist Camp, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries at a United Methodist Church, co-pastor of two ecumenical house churches (in California and presently in Norwood), and facilitator of a Good Friday multi-media, multi-sensory experiential worship event. The Good Friday experiential worship followed the fourteen traditional Stations of the Cross and was created by a host of artists, graphic designers, and laity of our church. This worship opportunity was a testimony to the creativity, imagination, and ability of God's people when they join together as the body of Christ.

I am also experienced with leading an organization through times of transition. When I stepped into my role as Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries at First United Methodist Church of Hamilton, Ohio, the church was in the midst of divisive transition between pastors and youth ministers. During this rocky time, I was called upon to provide vision, reassurance, and leadership.

Furthermore, I am a student of contemporary culture and the church's role in the midst of it. This study has given me a unique appreciation for the dynamics of our present societal situation and the church's mission in its context. As an employee and student on Fuller's main campus, I was privileged to work and learn with a wide array of persons from diverse ethnic, cultural, and ecclesiastical backgrounds.

My heart's desire is to incarnate the gospel in today's generation of young adults, and a college campus ministry is a prime place for such a ministry. I am eager to invest my life into such ministry. My wife and I are committed to settling in Cincinnati and raising our family here. Our hope is that my wife could stay home with our daughter (who is six months old). In order for this to be a reality we would require approximately \$40,000 a year, this being negotiable based on medical and housing benefits. I would enjoy the opportunity to speak with you further about the Cincinnati Wesley Foundation and what role I might have in its future.

I have attached my resume, philosophy of campus ministry, and three letters of reference.

Grace and Peace to you,  
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Below is contact information for each reference and my relationship with them, should you desire to speak with them further:

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