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David Jump
Search Committee Chair
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Dear David,

It is my privilege to recommend Aaron Klinefelter to the search committee for the Campus Ministry Director position at the Cincinnati Wesley Foundation. Aaron and I worked together on a daily basis from December 2001 to December 2003. For the first 15 months Aaron served as our full-time Office and Program Coordinator, and then when he needed to shift to a part-time role in order to pursue his graduate studies more fully, we created a position of Marketing Coordinator in order to keep his competent abilities in our department.

Aaron is creative, energetic, and competent in working both with people of diverse backgrounds as well as organizing programs and administrative systems. He has a valuable blend of skills both interpersonally and managerially that are highly suited to directing a campus ministry. Integrating faith and personal care for others into a ministry workplace seems to be innate for Aaron in ways that I and many others admire and appreciate.

In the Residential Community office Aaron served as an integral part of the leadership team that served about 40 residential staff and 900 residents, representing over 50 nations and 90 denominations. Our office has 4 days of training each year for our residential staff, with ongoing accountability and support throughout the year. Aaron was a wonderful asset to our leadership team, offering enthusiastic and meaningful team building exercises, and training in various aspects of student leadership development from a Christian perspective. Aaron is both diplomatic and very personable while maintaining a respect for structure and accountability within a very diverse and dynamic setting.

Aaron coordinated all of the administrative and communications flow for our office, including varied tasks such as organizing filing systems, oversight of certain budget items and reimbursements, and receiving staff and resident visitors with warm and caring

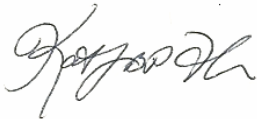
hospitality. He deftly coordinated administration and advertising for our wide-ranging student programs, including programs for singles, couples and families on a wide variety of student development, spiritual formation, and support topics. Aaron was actively involved in the development of a new urban theme community and has an evident heart for social involvement. He was also the lead person to manage our annual campus festivals with up to 1000 in attendance, including our Harvest Festival and Festival of the Nations.

Our team relied upon Aaron's computer competency on many occasions, and he was always eager to assist and teach others in the office regarding a wide range of computing needs. Aaron brought a new level of graphic excellence to our office, including our regular HomePage newsletter for all residents and many program posters. He designed our quite large website for Fuller Housing from the bottom up, giving a coherent organizational and graphic identity to very complex and varied information. His creativity with slide shows and short moviemaking added a wonderful element to many training events and programs.

In each of these tasks, I found Aaron time and again a dependable and trusted employee and teammate, not only for his own area of responsibility, but with care and concern for our whole ministry and mission. He has excellent oral and written communication skills, and is a wonderful team member and leader. Our department is based on a collaborative team approach to student-led ministry, and Aaron was a very natural leader in this setting.

I highly commend Aaron to you for the position directing the campus ministry at CWF. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Shalom,



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