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To Whom it May Concern:

As a retired U.M. pastor of churches in Northern California for 25 years and a full-time Volunteer Jail Chaplain for the past 19 years in the Fresno County Jails, I'm privileged to write this letter of reference for my dear pastor and friend, Dr. Jim Cecy.

As Pastor Jim is retiring from his position as Senior Pastor of the Campus Bible Churches in Fresno, California, and has appointed expert leadership for his and his wife, Karon's international mission agency "Jaron Ministries," he is now seeking God's guidance for these "Golden Years" that lie ahead.

This lifetime well-lived began with his noble service in the U.S. Navy and since has included many mission trips to other countries, leading tours to the Holy Land, writing a number of inspirational books and teaching a multitude of courses on Christian Living.

He has been a friend and counselor to many pastors and missionaries in many countries, and, knowing him as my own pastor, his sermons and friendship have been an inspiration and encouragement to both my wife and me.

After reading two of his books, "Anger, the Worm in My Apple," and "The Purity War," I felt that these books would be very effective helps for many of the inmates and prisoners I'd been working with. When I asked Pastor Jim how I might obtain them for distribution to my prisoners, right away he said that he would arrange for Jaron Ministries, who publish both books, to send them to any prisoner whose name and address I would submit to them, without cost.

Because of the dozens of prisoners who have been touched in special ways through reading these books, Pastor Jim has expressed his vision of making the books available to the chaplains of our many prisons for a wider distribution of his books. He has also mentioned the possibility of himself now being available to teach some of his courses inside the prisons.

Knowing of the hundreds of persons who have completed his teaching courses and whose lives have been transformed because of them, I believe the doors will soon open for Pastor Jim to be invited to teach them in many of our prisons, rehabilitation facilities, retreat and conference centers, etc., etc.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has some great plans for ministry yet ahead for my good friend, Dr. Jim Cecy!

Sincerely,



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