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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my motivation to pursue your Ph. D. program and credentialing for Christian Education to become a satellite university campus of The Word of God International University. My ministerial call is to establish the Overcomers Prayer Priority Association. Designed to inspire, assist, train, and equip churches and other ministries through Constant Prayer Power curriculum, the impact of this ministry will encourage those involved to develop a lifestyle of continuous prayer for Christian maturity and discipleship. After one year of intense training and teaching, I am convinced that furthering university studies will assist me with this journey.

In retrospect, several experiences served as a foundation for continuing this graduate pathway. From early childhood, the Lord Jesus Christ has led me through different opportunities in leadership. Prayer, the Bible, and church fellowship were an integral part of this course. Leading others in the Lord's Prayer at four years old, I was always fascinated hearing others pray. I said from my heart that I wanted to learn how to pray. As I discovered that I loved teaching, I taught Sunday school during my elementary school years and happily participated in daily church activities. Many of my teachers in school and church allowed me to assist students in need.

During undergraduate studies at Southwest College, I did tutorial work study. After two years, I was promoted to the position of tutorial coordinator for the college. Graduating as valedictorian, I remained in that position for three more years as I attended the University of Southern California. My undergraduate degree was in Gerontology, spending my internship teaching the elderly. Returning to school to work on a clear teaching credential in elementary and adult education, I took several teaching methods classes along with other credential requirements.

Teaching twenty years in public schools with a missionary focus, I served as a master teacher as well as programs and events coordinator receiving several certificates and awards. For example, I was named Pepper of the Year for outstanding work in coaching students in public speaking contests through the Proficiency in English Program.

Serving in church and full-time ministry for the past twenty-four years, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has consistently used me. As one of the first lay workers in my former church, I was one of the pioneers in prayer ministry. I led in leadership through prayer lines, prayer breakfasts, other prayer events and ministry work as positioned by God.

In full-time ministry, God has afforded me many opportunities in achievement through licensing, ordination, academically receiving a Masters in Christian Education, pastoring, preaching, teaching, coaching, mentoring, collaborating, etc. Through it all, God continues to draw me closer to Him through His Word, constant prayer power as my solid foundation for more growth and intimacy in Him, and also service to others with more patience and love.

Sincerely,

Doctoral Candidate