



August 8, 2023

Fred Vander Sterre, Stated Clerk, Classis Huron

Dear Fred,

I'm sending this letter in support of Exeter CRC's initiative to have Kevin teBrake ordained for the position of Director of Planned Gifts & Investment at the Christian School Foundation.

The Foundation's mission is "to draw Christian schools and donors together to expand the influence of Christ in our culture." This mission statement is borne out of the same Christian worldview and Kingdom vision that energizes and motivates Reformed Christians in many different areas of ministry, in particular the Christian Reformed Church itself. Our mission is most effectively filled when we articulate clearly how a Biblical perspective can have significant impact in every square inch of God's world, through Christian schools.

Because Kevin's position has a significant teaching component – as he unpacks what it means to live a life of Christian stewardship in both his public presentations, his writings and in his regular appearances in the pulpits of Christian Reformed Churches – there is a significant benefit to having it filled by an ordained pastor. This is one of the attributes that drew us to Kevin.

In this position, particularly noted in the job description under "Relationships with donors and potential donors" and "Relationships with Member schools," Kevin is giving guidance to Christian Schools and their communities of donors (which include churches) to support the mission of expansion of Christ's influence in our society. All of our work that has lasting value is accomplished through the power of the Holy Spirit, as we grow and equip schools and their supporting Christian communities, to witness to Jesus Christ and advance God's reign in Canada. We see this role and the work in which Kevin participates as "spiritual in character and directly related to the ministerial calling" (Church Order Art 12-c Supplement #1-d).

The Christian School Foundation (Canada) Inc. supports Kevin being ordained in this position. We are happy to cooperate in whatever way you suggest as you lead through this process. We assure you that we will continue to actively supervise the work of Kevin and will cooperate with ECRC in their responsibility to oversee Kevin's doctrine and life.

In His Service,

Tony Kamphuis,
CEO & President
Christian School Foundation (Canada) Inc.