

Dr. Ernest Clevenger, President
Alabama Christian College
5345 Atlanta Highway
Montgomery, Alabama 36109

Dear President Clevenger:

The Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education (OCR/ED) is in the process of clearing a backlog of requests for religious exemption from Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Our records indicate that Alabama Christian College filed such a request (copy enclosed) but there is no record that OCR adequately acknowledged your request. We have recently reviewed your request and have determined that we need further information to make a decision to grant an exemption. In order for this office to make a determination, an institution should provide the following information:

1. The name of the religious organization that controls the institution and a brief description of how the organization controls the institution.
2. A brief description of the religious tenets of the controlling organization that are followed by the institution.
3. The section number (and paragraph if applicable) of the Title IX regulation (copy enclosed) from which exemption is requested. The institution should indicate which tenet conflicts with which section of the regulation.

Please understand that OCR cannot presume to know the tenets followed by an institution because the name of the religion practiced by the controlling organization has been identified. Similarly, OCR cannot presume to determine from which section of the Title IX regulation an exemption is sought because the institution has clearly stated the tenets.

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Your original request letter included sufficient information regarding the religious organization that controls your institution and the religious tenets of the controlling organization but did not specify the regulations from which exemption is requested. If you wish this office to make a determination regarding a religious exemption, please indicate the regulations from which exemption is requested and return the information to this office. If you no longer desire a religious exemption, please simply note your desire to withdraw the request so that we may close your request file.

Thank you for your cooperation. I regret the inordinate delay in responding to your original request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lois Hofmann (404/221-4570) of my staff.

Sincerely,

William H. Thomas
Regional Director

Enclosures