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Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
United States Department of Education
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RE: Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania
Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania
Title IX Exemption

Dear Sir:

Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania hereby claims an exemption from the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX") as herein specified, pursuant to Sections 901 (a)(3) and 908 of Title IX and 34 C.F.R. Section 106.12(b). The College believes that it may in the past have received, and may currently be receiving, indirect federal aid within our understanding of the Supreme Court decision in Grove City College v. Bell, 465 U.S. 555 (1984).

Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania is a regionally accredited Bible College, offering courses of instruction in theology, religion, Old and New Testament and also the humanities, arts and sciences. The College is a non-profit corporation incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is approved by the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, Schaumburg, Illinois, as a Christian institution of higher education. It is exempt from federal income taxation as a not-for-profit religious educational institution under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its property, business and affairs are controlled by a Board of Trustees all of whom must be members of local, autonomous Baptist churches which adhere to and practice the historic religious doctrines and tenets of the Christian faith. Each Trustee and each member of the College's faculty, staff of employees and its student body are required to espouse a personal belief in the religious tenets of the Christian faith. The catalogs and other official publications of the college contain explicit statements that the college is committed to the doctrines of the Christian religion and maintains its religious tradition, standards and beliefs in accordance with Baptist distinctives.