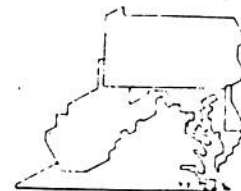




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Dr. Milo E. Thompson, Jr.
President
Baptist Bible College and Seminary
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Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania 18411

Dear Dr. Thompson:

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Department of Education (the Department) has received your October 17, 1988, request for religious exemptions from Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) and various provisions of the Department's Title IX implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 106. We have reviewed your request and have determined that we need further information to make a decision to grant an exemption.

Although your request letter included general statements of religious tenets, and information regarding the Title IX regulation at 34 C.F.R. Sections 106.21(c), 106.40, 106.57, and 106.60 regarding marital and parental status, it did not state the specific tenets or how they conflict with these sections of the regulation. If you wish the office to make a determination regarding a religious exemption in these areas, please provide the information requested and return it to this office.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Robert E. Harvey, Director, Postsecondary Education Division at (215) 596-6804.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Smallwood
Regional Civil Rights Director
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