

Circleville Bible College
Office of the President

May 31, 1985

Ms. Linda A. Cornelius
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Region V
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Dear Ms. Cornelius:

Your letter of May 10 is most genuinely appreciated.

Circleville Bible College is owned and operated by the Churches of Christ in Christian Union. The General Superintendent of the Churches of Christ in Christian Union always serves, by virtue of office, as chairperson of the college's Board of Trustees. All members of the college Board are elected by local church delegates who meet in district councils (assemblies) annually.

The Constitution and Bylaws of the denomination read as follows:

"Any and all actions of the college Board may be appealed to the General Board of Trustees of the Churches of Christ in Christian Union who hold the right to uphold or set aside their actions". (Page 115, para. 3a(7)).

It is the historic position of our denomination to affirm equal opportunity for all people. However, certain sections of Title IX could be interpreted in a way which would conflict with our Wesleyan-Arminian theological position and life-style, in particular our views on human sexuality and personal morality. Therefore, based on paragraph 86.12, we respectfully request exemption from the following paragraphs:

- 106.21 (c) 1-2.
- 106.40 (b) 1.
- 106.57 (a) 1.
- 106.57 (b)
- 106.60 (a)

Article II of the Statement of Doctrine of the Churches of Christ in Christian Union states, "We believe in the Bible, God's infallible Word, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme authority for faith and practice" (Page 12, Constitution and Bylaws, 1978 Edition). It is our belief that the Bible clearly teaches against sexual relations outside of matrimony, homosexuality and artificial termination of pregnancy. Further-

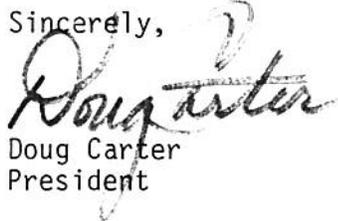
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more, it is the stated purpose of our institution to prepare students for "church-related careers" (page 117, Constitution and Bylaws). Such preparation demands that Biblical principles be modeled by our employees and inculcated in our students.

The wording of the above mentioned paragraphs of Title IX could, in our opinion, be interpreted in a way which would compel us to admit, retain and employ persons whose lifestyle would limit the ability of our college to carry out our duties as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws of our parent denomination. Therefore, we request exemption.

We are indeed grateful for your assistance and shall await further word.

Sincerely,



Doug Carter
President

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