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Sir:

Grace College of the Bible in accordance with Section 86.12 of Part 86, Title IX of the HEW Education Amendments of 1972 requests the following exemptions due to religious tenets:

1. Paragraph 86.21, C. 4
Grace College of the Bible does not accept divorced persons or persons married to a divorced person. This policy is based upon the Biblical teaching that leaders in the church should lead exemplary lives and that an elder or deacon should be the husband of one wife. I Timothy 3:2. Board motion #24, December, 1974; and #16, May, 1975.
2. Paragraph 86.34
Grace College of the Bible does not hold to the Ordination of women to the position of Pastor on the basis of the teaching of the Pastoral Epistles as well as Eph. 4:11. Because of this the following exemptions are requested:
 - a. Homiletics classes are reserved for men only, women being offered an advanced course in Forms of Public Speaking.
 - b. Two areas of study leading to possible ordination of graduates are restricted to men only
 - (1) The Pastoral Ministries program
 - (2) The Evangelism program.

Sincerely,

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President

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