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September 30, 1976

Martin H. Gerry
Director
Office for Civil Rights
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
330 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Gerry,

On behalf of the Administration and Board of Trustees of Los Angeles Baptist College, we respectfully submit the accompanying claim for exemptions as provided under Section 86.12 (a) and (b) of Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972.

Los Angeles Baptist College is a Christian college of arts and sciences, offering majors in Bible, Christian Education, and eight liberal arts fields. The College was founded for the purpose of educating young people from evangelical and conservative churches in the fundamentals of Biblical Christianity and preparing them for places of leadership in the church and secular pursuits. It is therefore essential to the continuance of that purpose that the Bible continue to be the sole basis of our faith and patterns of conduct.

Los Angeles Baptist College is approved annually by the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches on the basis of its continuance of the program as stated above.

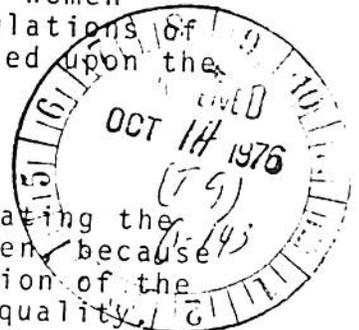
In view of these commitments we respectfully request exemption from the following requirements set forth in Title IX.

Admissions - 86.21 (c) 1,2,4. 86.40 (a) (b) 1,4,5.
86.57 (a)1. (b) (c)

Los Angeles Baptist College does exclude from its program, activities, or employment, unmarried, pregnant women. The College must reserve the right to suspend or exclude, men or women students or employees who violate the rules and regulations of the institution which the college believes to be based upon the moral standards contained in the Bible.

Educational Programs and Activities - 86.31 (b) 5.

Los Angeles Baptist College does have policies regulating the appearance and dress code separately for men and women, because of Biblical injunctions relative to the differentiation of the sexes. This differentiation does not negate their equality.



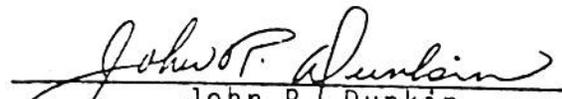
Marital Status for Dormitory Residence - 86.21 (c) 1,4.
86.32 (a) (b) (c)

Los Angeles Baptist College does have a policy relative to dormitory residence which requires us to ask about the marital status of an applicant. Because of the Biblical injunction against divorce, L.A.B.C. does limit the dormitory to unmarried persons.

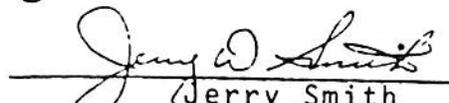
Access to course offerings - 86.34

L.A.B.C. does have certain courses relative to the preparation for the ministry which are designed and offered men students in view. Because only men are ordained in the ministry of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, the college reserves the right to structure its ministerial courses with men in view.

The above exemption statements have been reviewed and approved by Los Angeles Baptist College administration and the Board of Trustees. While it is the intent of Los Angeles Baptist College to continue to provide equal opportunity to members of both sexes in compliance with the provisions of Title IX regulations, continuation of policies relating to the above exemption statements are considered essential to the purpose and programs of the institution.



John R. Dunkin
Chief Administrative Officer



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