

TITLE IX RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION REQUEST

In response to correspondence received by our school from William H. Thomas of the United States Department of Education dated March 25, 1985, and July 3, 1985, we respectfully submit that the following religious tenets of our controlling organization conflict with Title IX Regulations:

1. Section 106.34 of the Regulations conflicts with our conviction that physical education classes must be segregated on the basis of sex. Our conviction is based upon the Holy Bible, which teaches that the woman is a weaker (meaning precious) vessel (I Peter 3:7) and also should be dressed modestly (I Timothy 2:9). Such modesty would be difficult to maintain if competing with men in physical activities. We submit that this distinction is recognized in part by §106.34(c) of the Regulations which allows separation by sex of students within physical education classes or activities which involve contact sports.
2. Section 106.51 of the Regulations also conflicts with our conviction that women should not exercise authority over men in Biblical interpretation. Based upon this conviction, we do not allow women to teach Bible classes or homiletics at our school. Our position is based on the Holy Bible, specifically I Timothy 2:12 which states: "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man." This verse refers specifically to the teaching of Biblical tenets.

For the foregoing reasons, we request that our educational institution be granted an exemption from the above-referenced Title IX Regulations, pursuant to 20 U.S.C.A. §1681(a)(3).

This 25th day of July, 1985.



President, Tennessee Temple University