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

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Dear Mr. Gerry:

United Wesleyan College has reviewed its current policies and practices with regard to full compliance with the provisions of Title IX. The College has taken the appropriate action to fully comply with the requirements of Title IX in all parts of the Act not covered by exemption.

In light of the provision of section 86:12 of Title IX, I request exemption of United Wesleyan College from the provisions of sections 86:21 (c); 86:40 (a) and (b); and 86:57 to the extent that they may deal with pregnancy out of wedlock. The sections of the Act noted are not consistent with the special directions and general rules of The Wesleyan Church by which United Wesleyan College is controlled.

In the 1972 Discipline of The Wesleyan Church, special directions are published requiring a standard of moral purity opposing sexual promiscuity and all factors and practices which promote it (Discipline p. 51 paragraph 187 (5)). Further the general rules of the church require (1) the preservation of the sanctity of the home (Discipline p. 36 paragraph 131 (11)), and (2) the high regard of marriage vows (Discipline p. 36 paragraph 131 (14)). The Discipline also requires appropriate discipline for violators (Discipline p. 37 paragraph 132).

United Wesleyan College expects to apply college rules equally to men and women, but there may be occasions in the instance of pregnancy out of wedlock where the evidence against the father may be insufficient to meet due process whereas such would not be the case with the woman. Not to deal with either party because we could not deal with both would sanction a moral situation which violates a tenet of the church.

Further, I request exemption of United Wesleyan College from the provisions of section 86:31 to the extent that appropriate differences may be required between the sexes in regulations concerning dress (see the Discipline paragraph 131 (8)). The application of this church tenet does require some differences in the dress code in specific circumstances.



Mr. Martin H. Gerry

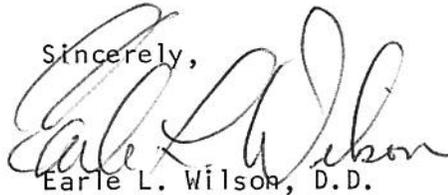
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It is our understanding that Title IX permits separation of housing by sex (86:32 (b)), separation of restroom facilities (86:33), and special requirements for employment such as a woman to be resident director in a women's dormitory (86:61). If our understanding of these sections should be in error or at anytime these sections should be interpreted as prohibiting administration based on sex United Wesleyan College would desire the opportunity to request specific exemption in these areas, also.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests as provided for in Title IX.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Earle L. Wilson".

Earle L. Wilson, D.D.
President

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