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Mr. Waite H. Madison, Jr.
Acting Director
Division of Postsecondary Education
Office of Compliance and Enforcement
Office for Civil Rights
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Madison:

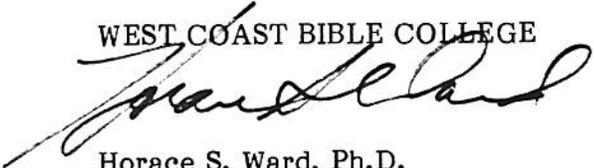
A recent letter from your office requested specifics concerning our request for a religious exemption from certain provisions of the Title IX regulation. On April 13, 1977, these specifics were provided in a letter to your office.

As a religious institution we would like to be exempt from the following provisions for religious reasons: 86.21 (c), 86.31 (b) (5), 86.40 (b), 86.51 (b) (6), 86.57 (a) (2) and 86.60 (a). These provisions clearly interfere with our denominational positions with regard to abortion, divorce, and standards of dress for men and women. The law was not absolutely clear, but it appears to interfere with our religious position concerning fornication and adultery, particularly as it deals with extra-marital pregnancies. We attempt to avoid discrimination in these matters by dealing equally with men and women who are found to be responsible either for an extra-marital pregnancy or for the termination of a pregnancy.

The provisions of Title IX which are cited above clearly conflict with the traditional moral standards of christianity and with the life style taught by our denomination, the Church of God.

Sincerely,

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Horace S. Ward, Ph.D.
President

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