

Dear EFC Leader:

Since arriving at Friends University this past July, and through many thoughtful discussions with EFC-MAYM General Superintendent Dr. David Williams, I have come to greatly appreciate the core values of the Evangelical Friends Church. These values – that every person is valuable to God, that each Christian is a minister and a steward of God's resources, that the Church is Christ's vehicle for ministry and evangelism, and that the Scriptures are the trustworthy source for faith and living – resound vibrantly with those of Friends University and my own faith journey. My husband Bryan and I are pleased to call Northridge Friends Church our church home.

As a Christian university of Quaker heritage, our mission at Friends University is to equip students to honor God and serve others by integrating their intellectual, spiritual and professional lives. As searchers and learners, we support curiosity and research, and assign great value to diversity of experience. As people who value such diversity and openness, we approach new situations and people with good will and humility. We believe in the equity and the dignity of all people. As a community, Friends University cherishes our responsibility to care for one another in our learning and working relationships. We understand that a part of that care must be to become better stewards of what we have been given.

I'd like to introduce – or reintroduce – you to our awesome educational community and to our nationally recognized programs such as Zoo Science and Conservation, Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy and the Singing Quakers, as well as our excellent Business, Criminal Justice and Health Science programs. I also want to make you aware of Apprentice Institute and the Christian Spiritual Formation (CSF) major, both programs under the direction of Dr. James Bryan Smith. Through the CSF program, students learn to develop Christlikeness and create a path for growing closer to God. The mission of Apprentice is foundational to Friends University in that it represents our desire to see lives transformed.

We are changing. We are on the journey back to our Christian roots. Would you be willing to help us grow our enrollment by recommending Friends University to students, friends, family members or congregants? We need your help to achieve our mission of helping others to engage in stewardship, fellowship, and service to humanity. To refer a prospective student, please email their contact info to ap@friends.edu and we will follow up. Thank you for your partnership!

I welcome your help, and invite you to visit the University (the coffee pot is always on) and join me in this important mission of transformational education.

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