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The Rev. Dr. Patricia Ross
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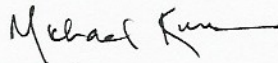
Dear Rev. Ross:

I am very pleased to offer this letter of support for my friend and former student, Chuck Currie, on the occasion of his ordination to Christian ministry. I wish I could be there for this special time of worship and celebration!

Chuck was a fine student during his years at Eden Theological Seminary; but what really set him apart was his active, passionate conviction that Christian faith calls us to the work of social transformation. It would have been easy for Chuck to set himself up as a role model of such justice-oriented ministry, but he never did. Instead, he encouraged others in their own efforts and sought to learn from their witness. As a result, he and Liz helped build up the Eden community in wonderful ways.

I am grateful that Chuck was a student here and that he and I were able to collaborate in a course on the Theology of Church and Mission. I am certain that God will work through him in the years ahead as he proclaims the Good News of God's love for all creation.

Warm regards,



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