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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to commend Dr. David Mappes to you as both a shepherd and a scholar. I first met Dr. Mappes when I began my PhD studies at Baptist Bible Seminary of Clarks Summit University in the fall of 2013. He immediately impressed me with his knowledge of Scripture and wealth of ministry experience. Over the course of the past four years, Dr. Mappes has demonstrated the ability to serve as both teacher and mentor. In the classroom, he has challenge me to grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In life, he has taken the time to offer counsel and guidance as I navigated some of the complicated situations I encountered while leading a church. The ministry of Dr. Mappes has equipped me to fulfill the role of lead pastor in my local church.

I have grown to respect Dr. Mappes for his wisdom, his honesty, his humility, his servant's heart, and his ability to communicate God's truth by both his teaching and his life. The PhD program at Baptist Bible Seminary requires students to leave their homes and spend one week modules on campus. During these times, Dr. Mappes and his family regularly live out their faith by providing not only teaching, but also bringing meals to students, and hosting students in their home. These acts of kindness and hospitality, unheard of in academia, are regularly practiced by Dr. Mappes. He has been a joy to learn from, and I am confident that he will be an asset to any ministry or organization.

It has been a privilege to study under the direction of Dr. David Mappes. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss his qualifications any further. I would be happy to expand on my recommendation.

In Christ's Service,

Reverend Michael Dellaperute
Lead Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church