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To the Tenure and Promotion Committee:

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Jennifer Huddleston for promotion to the rank of associate professor. I have known Jennifer and her family for approximately five years and have worked with her in numerous projects at the University Church of Christ. She and her family have been a part of our intergenerational care group since they arrived in Abilene. Although my own training does not give me the competence to comment on her scientific work, I am happy to comment on one of the essential criteria for academic advancement at ACU: her leadership and service to the church. I am convinced that she represents the epitome of what ACU expects of its faculty members. I have observed as she has demonstrated both service and leadership to university students and to the larger community.

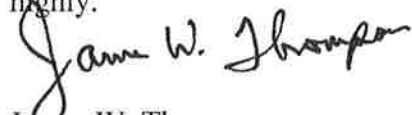
Her teaching effectiveness extends beyond the university. Last year I was present in a series of classes for adults on science and religion in which she discussed DNA and human origins. As one with little scientific background, I was impressed by her ability to make her scientific research accessible to a class of non-scientists. Not only did she teach with great clarity, but she handled a controversial topic with great sensitivity.

Jennifer has taught at UCC both in children's and adult classes, and is usually among the first to volunteer for servant-leadership roles.

She has also been active with university students. She and Andrew "adopted" a university student, and she has taught the university class in a series entitled, "Is the Church Anti-Science?" She taught another series on personal finances.

Along with her husband Andrew, Jennifer has taken on a leadership role with young families in the church. This role includes teaching, welcoming newcomers, organizing a regular lunch for the women, and the opening of her home for both visitors and the small group that they lead.

Jennifer is a valuable contributor to the ACU community and to the church. I recommend her highly.



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Scholar in Residence