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To: ACU Tenure and Promotion Committee
Re: **McGarvey "Mac" Ice**

It is a pleasure to lend support to Mac Ice's tenure and promotion application. I'm thankful for Mac and for his distinctive gifts that enhance the legacy of ACU's Special Collections.

I have interacted with Mac on numerous occasions. I've read several of his publications and postings, have heard him present multiple times, and have witnessed some of the considerable benefits he has brought to the Brown Library, Special Collections, and the Center for Restoration Studies (CRS).

Mac brings distinct and considerable strengths to the Library and the CRS. He has expansive knowledge of the Stone-Campbell movement. He can describe it in broad strokes that create interest for the novice, and is equally equipped to explore the finest of details with experts. Mac knows the actors, events, and ethos of multiple branches of the movement, from its origins to the present day, in the United States and globally.

Enhancing his knowledge of the movement is Mac's charism for historical wonder. Mac's mind is a flowing fountain of questions regarding any restoration topic, and his wonder is contagious. I imagine that any student or scholar who is baffled in finding an intriguing topic would leave with a notebook full of leads after a conversation with Mac. He is able to see a topic from multiple angles and uncover important historical questions. Mac's publications and his posts in professional social media demonstrate his historical and theological skills and his ability to see the potential in any historical artifact.

Mac is a professional archivist. (The ACU Library is so blessed to have faculty with such skills.) Mac's historical knowledge allows him to accurately appraise the value of collections, and his networking allows him to know where materials reside. He knows how to arrange and preserve artifacts, and how to make them accessible to students and scholars. He is sensitive to the often-difficult decision to part with personal or professional materials. He connects with other directors and collectors, viewing collections collaboratively rather than competitively. Mac is adept at using social media to alert others of needs and strengths in ACU's holdings.

Special Collections is one of ACU's best-kept secrets. The CRC continues to be a leading center for restoration scholarship thanks to Mac and his gifts and passion to build the collection and provide value through it. Abilene Christian University is fortunate to have a faculty member such as Mac Ice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Monty Lynn' in a cursive script.

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