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To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to recommend Rev. Wm. Austin for careful consideration as Campus Minister. I have known him for the past five years and worked carefully with him on many occasions.

He has taken time to visit every class I teach, to become acquainted not only with the professor, but also with the exact problems that the student has in learning. In this way Wm. Austin has over the period of a couple of years gotten personally and intimately acquainted with the situation that the students face with every professor in the school. He is therefore able to advise the students in accurate detail, especially about all their problems relating to studying and learning and in relationships with professors.

With the same attention to detail, he does the same thing about their spiritual quest. He sees through the forms and denominational differences to the essence of the need of the counselee and turns them in the direction of faith and affirmation. His house is often filled to overflowing with those in need and those who are searching for someone to understand and help. From abortion to rape and murder he handles the most difficult of problems with poise and loving care.

He is conscious of the central position and tradition in which he stands as Anglican. He is an expert in patristics and liturgy. But at the same time he works well with Baptist, Methodist, Reformed, Catholic and is highly respected by the Buddhists.

Upon occasion he is able to fill in both for teachers at the University and for ministers in need of having the pulpit filled. He delivered a magnificent address on the Real Presence of Christ to the Methodist Church last Sunday, which had all the members talking and exclaiming how well and thoroughly he explained it all.

In sum, he is a strong addition to any community in which he works and I for one, would very much like to have him continue at Hilo for many years. We need him!

Sincerely, *Evyn M. Adams*

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