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To Whom It May Concern,

ReNew Partnerships meets a great need of the church in their seeking the heart of Christ for unity and reconciliation within the context of diversity and college ministries. Through its staff, ReNew Partnerships is able to bring to the table discussions of multiethnic and unifying corporate worship through offering large group events, encouragement of campus ministers and small group exercises for college student groups. It has been a joy to see the transformation this ministry has brought to the campus of the Ohio State University (OSU) and to sit down with its staff and see their energy and vision for other campuses to experience the fullness of what Christ intended in His prayer for those who would choose to call themselves His disciples (John 17).

I have had the opportunity to watch the ministry of ReNew Partnerships grow and evolve at OSU from a vision and into a reality. ReNew Partnerships is able to allow students the opportunity to “come and see” what it looks like when we are willing to step out of ourselves and worship Jesus Christ with other Christians we would not normally (if ever) interact within our lives. ReNew Partnerships is also able call the ministers and campus leaders into open dialogue and to action through allowing them to see past cynicism and barriers – and truly pursue unity and reconciliation.

ReNew Partnerships has become one of the strongest catalysts for Gospel transformation on the campus of Ohio State and as the ministry continues to expand – I have no doubt that God will continue to allow their ministry to bear much fruit for His kingdom. Under the servant leadership ReNew Partnerships, it becomes the yearning of all who have the opportunity to experience the united and diverse worship to develop cross cultural relationships in the day-to-day life... and to offer healing to the brokenness which is present within the body of Christ, allowing a watching world to see that Jesus is the Savior of all peoples.

It has been an honor to serve with Chad and other ReNew Partnership staff, along with other campus ministers and students, in struggling to live out the call to be one people... and the fact that this is a ministry done in partnership speaks to its desire to challenge and encourage already existing campus ministries to pursue all the blessing of God – and not to neglect the call to unity. It is my prayer that ReNew Partnerships, with all the campus ministries that may join them, will have the opportunity to play a role is making Sunday mornings the *least* segregated hours of the week.

To GOD be all the glory. Amen.

Grace & Peace,

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