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Rev. Tom Stanley, Moderator,
Executive Board of the
Regional Board of the
Christian Church (DOC) in Oklahoma
301 NW 36th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Re: Simplicity Christian Church (DOC)

Rev. Stanley,

I am writing in support and recommendation that Simplicity Christian Church (DOC) become a recognized church and be chartered. I have been aware of their progress from the start. Their growth has been impressive. This church has been involved in the community and in regional functions with regularity. They have found ways to overcome many obstacles.

Articles of Incorporation have been filed. They have held Church in Formation status for over two years. They have met other important responsibilities such as observing weekly Holy Communion. They have shared attendance and budget information. Currently, it is my understanding, that they are completing work on an electronic way to record attendance and are revising their budget to include regular budgeted donations to the Pentecost Offering/DMF. I believe at this time they are also working on their Constitution and Bylaws. They are listed in the Yearbook and Directory as a Church in Formation. Pastor Israel Hogue, is attending Phillips Theological Seminary and is in good standing with the Christian Church (DOC) in Oklahoma.

Counting the number of people attending a church informs us, but it does so incompletely. For me one of the strongest recommendations for Simplicity Christian Church is the number of children that they are serving. Some churches have a very small number of children attending or none at all. Because I am working with troubled youth who do not even know the Lord's Prayer, I strongly believe the work Simplicity Christian Church is doing with children is so very, very important. I do recommend Simplicity Christian Church be Chartered.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Becker, Chairperson
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