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Professor Peter Lange  
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Dear Peter,

I am writing to inform you of action taken at the March 17th meeting of the Academic Programs Committee regarding the Duke Divinity School's proposal for three new professional degrees—the Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS), the Master of Arts in Christian Practice (MACP) and the Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.). The committee voted unanimously to approve the new program as described in the proposal documents dated March 12, 2010. The committee was impressed by the careful, thorough development of the proposal and by the School's careful consideration of the need for and financial planning for these new degrees. We are happy that the groundwork laid for these new degree programs by Dean Greg Jones and the strategic plan is being carried on by the incoming Dean Richard Hayes. We commend the School for using the accumulated expertise on campus in planning for the new programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the review process.

Sincerely,



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