

September 28, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to express my support and appreciation for Dr. Christopher Rollston. During my time at Emmanuel, I had the pleasure of taking many classes with him. He is without doubt the professor who has had the most impact on my life, both in academics and in ministry.

Dr. Rollston is a widely known and published scholar, yet his door is always open to students who want to talk about any issues they are dealing with. I have countless memories of having coffee and talking with Dr. Rollston in his office. During my time at Emmanuel, I served at Colonial Heights Christian Church in Kingsport as the Director of Children's Ministry. Dr. Rollston was always available to offer a listening ear and support with any issues I was dealing with.

I think seminary was the most trying time for my faith, because I had to look at the Bible in a completely new way. Growing up in the church, I knew the stories in the Bible, but studying the Bible critically was completely new to me. Having a professor like Dr. Rollston, who is willing to be honest about the text, and was available to help me work through questions about the Bible and about my faith, was monumental in my development as a Christian. I know that Dr. Rollston has offered the same support to countless other students during their time at Emmanuel.

Since my time at Emmanuel, I have continued to serve in ministry in the Christian Church Independent. Dr. Rollston continues to be available to talk and offer advice about ministry, in spite of a busy schedule. I am so grateful to him for the wise counsel he has offered through the years.

Both in and out of the classroom, Dr. Rollston's character is nothing less than exemplary. He is a patient, kind person, and that is evident to anyone who spends time with him. Emmanuel is very fortunate to have Dr. Christopher Rollston on staff, and I consider myself very fortunate to have studied under him. I consider him a mentor and a friend, and he has my absolute respect.

Sincerely,

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