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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the years I've been asked numerous questions regarding my experience at Emmanuel. Most often people want to know about the most important component of my seminary education. The answer for me has always been the same: having the privilege and honor of developing a relationship with Dr. Christopher Rollston.

To be sure, Dr. Rollston's courses were by far the most formative and theologically insightful. When an intellectual giant is also a fantastic lecturer, the resulting curriculum is naturally going to be outstanding. His courses were absolutely the *crème de la crème* of my academic endeavors at ECS. But the classroom wasn't the context in which he had the most profound impact on me.

For much of my two years at ECS I had the pleasure of working alongside Dr. Rollston at Airport Christian Church, where I witnessed him function magisterially as a theological interpreter within a religious community. His humble and conscientious service, genuine concern and compassion for the members of the congregation, and ministerial leadership were truly extraordinary. I learned so much from him during our ministry together, but this ecclesiastical setting wasn't the most influential context either.

Instead, the numerous casual office visits that I had with Dr. Rollston were without question the most meaningful moments of my time at ECS. Our conversations over cups of coffee were tremendously developmental to my faith and significantly augmented my seminary experience. It was there within the confines of his office—where he was seemingly omnipresent—that he manifested the best ideals that Emmanuel stands for and became a cherished mentor and friend.

I offer this letter as a testimony of Dr. Rollston's exceedingly positive impact on my life.

Sincerely,



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