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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Executive Pastor of Ministries and Internship Coordinator at Journey Church in Bend, Oregon, I had the privilege of supervising Isaiah Stewart during his internship from September 15 to December 15, 2025. In this pastoral capacity, I am pleased to provide this letter of recommendation, highlighting Isaiah's spiritual growth and achievements. Under my guidance, Isaiah demonstrated a commitment to deepening his faith, which not only transformed him personally but also enriched our church community.

Throughout his internship, Isaiah and I collaborated closely on devotional and discipleship materials designed to foster a deeper relationship with Jesus (Rooted). This included daily studies of Scripture, prayer practices, and reflective exercises that encouraged him to integrate biblical principles into his daily life. Isaiah utilized these tools to transform from foundational understandings of faith to a more intimate, personal walk with Christ, often sharing insights that reflected genuine encounters with God's grace. His willingness to confront personal challenges through prayer and mentorship led to breakthroughs in areas such as forgiveness, purpose, and reliance on the Holy Spirit—qualities that will serve him well in any ministry or faith-based role.

In addition to his personal spiritual development, Isaiah gained a comprehensive understanding of church operations through hands-on involvement and guided discussions. We explored the "DNA" of Journey Church, including our mission, values, and the interconnected roles of staff, volunteers, and church attendees in advancing the Gospel. Isaiah actively participated in our weekly staff meetings and Bible reading that emphasized community, accountability, and spiritual formation.

Isaiah's spiritual journey during his internship was marked by authenticity and a passion for serving others in Christ's name. He emerged as a more grounded, discerning individual, equipped to navigate the complexities of church life and personal faith with integrity. I am confident that his deepened relationship with Jesus and enhanced grasp of ecclesiastical dynamics will make him an invaluable asset in any spiritually oriented endeavors.

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