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Mrs. Delores Foster, President
Central Atlantic Conference
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Dear Mrs. Foster,

We, the Church Council of United Evangelical Church, were surprised to hear about the action 85BD101, disqualifying interim staff from consideration for any of the final staff positions. Although in principle it may be a good rule, the reality is that it automatically disqualifies one of the most competent persons for the position, the Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Hamilton. Dr. Hamilton has proven himself to be a most able administrator, a compassionate healer of broken relationships and both a pastor and a friend to pastors and congregations alike. The increased giving to O.C.W.M. from Chesapeake Association is evidence to the excellent work Dr. Hamilton is doing.

Therefore, we prayerfully submit that it would be in the best interest of both the Chesapeake Association and the Central Atlantic Conference that the Board of Directors rescind its action 85BD101. We further submit that it would be in the best interest of all to nominate the Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Hamilton for the position of the Area Conference Minister to be deployed in the Chesapeake Association.

May the Holy Spirit guide your decision on this matter.

Yours in Christ's Service,

The Pastor and Church Council of
United Evangelical Church

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