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Religious Institutions Grant Program

Letter of Recommendation

Please return to the address above by December 1.

Applicant Name: _____

Title of Proposed Project: _____

The Religious Institutions Grant Program supports research projects by academics and pastors dealing with how the religious core of an institution orients and shapes its mission and contemporary practice, the impact of the institutional field within which religious organizations live, the mutual interaction of religious institutions and American society, and religious institutional leadership.

The Louisville Institute is persuaded that vital religious institutions are essential to a just and flourishing society. The Religious Institutions Grant program seeks to advance our understanding of the contemporary situation confronting religious institutions so that they and their leaders can respond in more informed and effective ways to the challenges they face. The Program seeks to: 1) identify academics and pastors already working on these issues, 2) encourage others to develop research projects that would advance our thinking in this area, and 3) generate a broader conversation in the American academic and church communities about religious institutions.

Proposed projects should contribute significantly to our understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing religious institutions in North American society. They may employ a variety of methodological perspectives, including, but not limited to, the social sciences, history, ethics, biblical studies, and theology. They may also be interdisciplinary in nature.

We would appreciate your candid appraisal of this candidate and his or her proposed project in light of the goals of this grant competition. Please sign and attach this form to your recommendation letter, printed on your institutional letterhead. Thank you for your assistance.

Date

Signature

Title

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