



VERO ESSENE YAHAD
Unity in Diversity

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**TO: Members and Friends of Acts 2 Assemblies
RE: Rev. Gregory Smith**

Greetings in Messiah.

I am writing to recommend to you Prof. Smith, a man I have known, mentored and ministered with for the better part of a decade. Since 2011 we have corresponded and in 2012 we met while we were both officers of B'nai Yahshua Synagogues, a well-known Messianic Hebrew organization. A few years later, when I founded this organization, I sought him out to join me in the new endeavor.

The Vero Yahad is an organization dedicated to, among other things, training non-denominational Hebraic men and women professionalism and academic excellence in the work and art of ministry, particularly those who for one reason or another have neither the time nor money to attend the University seminary. The usual candidate has been called to "the care of souls" later in life, while still engaged in family or occupation. We truncate the seminary course-work and make it available in classes over a continuing period of time suited to the candidate's schedule.

Professor Smith began education with us five years ago and continues yet today; in that time he has worked hard to achieve a ministerial license and ordination as both deacon and elder (scriptural responsibilities as per I Timothy 3:8-13). More recently, he has also been approved by the officers of the Yahad as an assembly overseer and Dean for our EARTH Academy. He has taught several courses for us, the most difficult of which is our Hebrew course, now for the second time, with high commendation from his students. In the last year he has also taken part in our New Earth Restoration online services and seminars, serving as preacher, cantor and liturgist. For all these posts, he has humbly received and excelled, and continues his ministry education to date.

His compatriots here in our organization appreciate the work and help that he has been to all of us. And in my opinion, he may be the highest-rated minister in his involvement of any we have ordained! Therefore, I am proud to commend Prof. Smith to you. I have known many student pastors in my 50-year career, and I believe you are very fortunate to have him as pastor, teacher and co-founder of your assembly. And I am reasonably

sure that in all areas of his ministry to you, he is the best all-round minister you will be able to find. You are blessed. Elohim has favored you! I hope this letter will reassure you of his education, spirituality, professionalism and fitness to be your pastor now and for the time to come.

In our world, we as believers are facing challenges and opportunities like at no other time in history. We are faced with the Evil One sending more and more folks in to do dirty work and plan schism within our assemblies – to break them up and destroy them. Yet at the same time, the Internet has opened up incredible occasions to deliver the Word to millions of people worldwide. And that is why we labor on day by day, to bring shalom and unity among the brothers and sister. So I commend Elder Smith to you heartily – for “I know his works” and my “testimony is true.”

May shalom follow you.

Jackson Snyder

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