

May 13, 2011

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of the application of Mr. Ryan Reed. I have known Mr. Reed for three years. He took several of my classes during his Master of Divinity degree program at Princeton Theological Seminary. He did an intensive directed readings project on psychology of education with me during his senior year. I have also had many conversations with Mr. Reed outside of the classroom context and beyond his time as a student at the seminary.

Mr. Reed has a sharp and inquiring mind. He engages subject matter in a searching and reflective manner. More than that, he has an uncommon ability to see the relevance of even the most challenging subject matter for lived faith in community. He has the ability to work with new material in both appreciative and critical modes.

Mr. Reed possesses communication skills and personal traits that will make him a highly effective minister or teacher. An effective communicator, he elicits lively and thoughtful conversation from interlocutors. His positive and open manner invites people into searching dialogue that often produces new insight. Mr. Reed has a delightful personality and people like to be in his company. He makes self-care and the maintenance of healthy boundaries a priority. All of this makes him very personable and effective in working with people of a wide range of ages.

For all of these reasons, I heartily recommend Mr. Reed to you. He would make an affable and effective member of your team and he would enrich your community in many highly desirable ways. Please give his application serious and full consideration.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information about Mr. Reed.

Sincerely,

Gordon S. Mikoski