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To Whom it may concern:

I would like to recommend Mr. Surleigh Y. Tara for one of the educational scholarships offered to island church members for training as a pastor or church worker. Surleigh has demonstrated an excellent ability to minister to islanders privately and publically.


Meeting him recently in Arizona, where we ministered to a sick Kosraean friend, Mr. Roosten Abraham, Surleigh demonstrated a most gracious and humble Christian testimony. He also shared in our island fellowship preaching the Word of God, with the enthusiasm of a deeply devoted disciple of the LORD. He is able to proclaim the Word of GOD powerfully.

For his future ministry, he would need professional training as a pastor and preacher. He would profit much from a Bible College or Seminary training. The LORD will use him and his wife in any island community, but especially among the Kosraean people.

As a former teacher and principal of the Bible School on Chuuk: Micronesian Institute of Biblical Studies (MIBS), I gladly recommend Surleigh Tara for any biblical and theological training and scholarship available to the Kosraean Christian Community. Surleigh has grown into a gracious husband and father since 1990 when he had just finished his military service. My interaction with Surleigh and his family was part of my pastoral service among Pacific islanders who lived in Southern California.

As a Kosraean, Surleigh will be a blessing to many from his home island living in various parts of the USA. Your assistance via a scholarship for biblical training will enable him to be a most effective pastor and counselor.

With sincere appreciation,



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