

## Letter of Recommendation

I have known Richard Gobble for over six years. During those years I have been able to see Richard lead as an Elder, as part of our Adult Ministry Team, and as the leader of our prayer ministry. I am delighted to wholeheartedly give my recommendation to him as he pursues pastoral ministry.

Richard is spiritually qualified for pastoral ministry. He definitely fits the qualifications Paul gives to Timothy to look for in elders. He loves the Lord with an intensity that is rare. The fruit of the Spirit is very evident in Richard's life.

Our church has found Richard to be a very gifted teacher. He is a careful student of God's Word. I have been challenged by his example of committing Scripture to memory. He is also a superb communicator. People love both his preaching and his teaching. Though more of a pastor than an academician, he speaks very clearly and well, and his teaching and preaching are full of good content and well organized. His strong challenges to godly living are tempered by his wonderful, light sense of humor and gentle spirit. He is a winsome person with excellent gifts for teaching and preaching.

Richard is intensely committed to prayer. He has led our church through numerous ministry challenges by directing us to turn to the Lord in prayer and then facilitating those seasons of prayer for our congregation.

You will find Richard to be a team player. There is no 'lone ranger' in him. He thoroughly loves people and enjoys working with others in making plans and decisions. He is an encourager and brings out the best in others.

Richard Gobble is highly regarded at our church and the thought of he and his family leaving is bitter sweet. They will be immensely missed. But I do believe he is gifted and called to be a pastor. So I am happy to recommend him for pastoral ministry.

Please call if you have any further questions.

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