**Letter Releasing Candidates**

[To all who are no longer being considered. Email is appropriate.]

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

The Pastor Search Committee of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (church name) has narrowed the field of candidates toward the selection of a senior pastor. We have prayed over and reviewed all the resumes. Although you possess a number of positive qualities, we feel led in a different direction at this time.

Thank you for your willingness to allow your name to be considered. We acknowledge that the process is not perfect, so should we feel led to come back to you at a future time we hope you would be open to talk with us.

May the Lord bless you and show you favor in your life and ministry. We would appreciate your continued prayers as we continue our search.

In Christ,

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Pastor Search Committee Chairman