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Dear Reverend Dr James,

AWARD OF RESEARCH FELLOW IN RELIGION AND CULTURE

Greetings of peace and joy! The Christian Institute for Theological Engagement (CHRISTE) consists of academic scholars and specialised practitioners from various Christian traditions (Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant) who have voluntarily come together to engage in ecumenical Christian thought with special focus on contextual issues impacting contemporary society. It also promotes the study of Christian Theology and Interfaith Dialogue among the Christian populace in order to facilitate a germination of Christian theological reflection.

CHRISTE is a global academic initiative that comes under the intergovernmental charter of the United Nations Treaty Series 49006/49007 (comprising twelve governments spread out over four continents). This places the research institute under the legal jurisdiction of international law.

Research Fellows of CHRISTE are respectfully awarded these positions in recognition of their ongoing full-time academic work with various institutions around the world. Our involvement in the mission of CHRISTE is undertaken as a social responsibility for the intellectual and faith development of global society.

In appreciation of your academic achievements in the field of religion and culture, the Research Institute would like to confer upon you the position of Research Fellow in Religion and Culture for a duration of FIVE years. I, together with all our Research Fellows and Specialised Practitioners, very much look forward to collaborating with you for the betterment of the global human society. I am deeply certain that your expertise and ongoing active research will be of great benefit to the noble mission of our Institute.

Yours most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Kuek", is written above the typed name.

Rev. Deacon Dr Sherman Kuek OFS
Founding / Leading Research Fellow in Catholic and Ecumenical Thought