

August 18, 2025

RE: Recommendation of Samuel Meade

To Whom It May Concern:

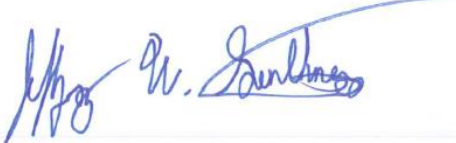
It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Samuel Meade. As a proven leader in his church and the community, Mr. Meade has led a distinguished career of excellence in all aspects of his life. What makes Mr. Meade stand out the most is his exceptional skills as a leader and the rare ability to relate to those that he leads along with stakeholders at all levels of an organization. He has the experience and know how to turn a challenge into an opportunity by first developing and refining ideas, turning them into solutions, and then deploying them in an organization

Mr. Meade first learned leadership as a student athlete and then progressed through ministry roles with every increasing responsibility. He has continued to develop himself by earning advanced degrees and through employment education. His discipline and drive afford him the capacity to take on a lot at one time.

In summary, Mr. Meade would be a tremendous asset to your organization. His combination of experience, academic proficiency, and natural rapport makes him an ideal candidate for a variety of roles from professional practice to teaching. I am confident that he will make a significant contribution to your organization and positively impact the lives of those he encounters.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of service to you in any way.

Respectfully Submitted,



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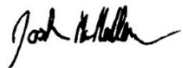
I am writing to recommend Pastor Samuel Meade as a potential adjunct instructor. Pastor Meade is one of the pastors at my church, Vineyard Church, in Virginia Beach, VA. I have known Pastor Samuel for over a decade and have had the opportunity to see and interact with him in a variety of settings and contexts. For this reason, I can speak to both his ability as a leader-teacher-mentor, but also to his personal integrity and commitment to Jesus Christ.

As a leader, I have observed Pastor Samuel's ability to face problems, present solutions, and development systems in which to implement those solutions. At the same, Pastor Meade does not view people as mere cogs in the wheels of a system, but as unique individuals created in the Image of God. I have had the privilege to sit under Pastor's Samuel's teaching and can attest to his organization, his ability to reach different levels of students/hearers, and his effective communication. I have witnessed Pastor's Meade's mentorship in a variety of scenarios; however, I will speak about the internship program which he has developed at the church. This internship program is focused on raising up godly leaders who can make a difference for Christ in this world. Many Regent students have participated in this internship program and have been blessed by Pastor Samuel's mentorship.

I can also testify to Pastor Samuel's personal integrity. He has the supreme desire to please God and follow Jesus. This shines through in his patience with his congregants, his interaction with his children, and his relationship with his wife, Olivia. As a Regent alum and current student in Regent's School of Divinity, Pastor Samuel also demonstrates his own personal desire to grow as a disciple of Christ and a commitment to ongoing training as a pastor-leader.

I heartily recommend Pastor Samuel Meade.

Sincerely,



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To Whom it May Concern

This comes to offer my full, unreserved and enthusiastic support of **Samuel Meade** as a potential adjunct professor at Regent University. I have known Samuel for over 17 years, when we began to be part of the church in which he has significant organizational and spiritual leadership roles.

In his leadership he has shown himself to be a person of integrity, compassion and high moral character. For over ten years he has worked as a senior executive pastor showing his ability to face and find ways to solve problems. In his regular teaching he shows evidence of the ability to communicate effectively to a wide variety of people. In his development of an intern programme his organizational skills have been evident. In his mentoring of others, including students from Regent University, Samuel has demonstrated his ability to inspire and form young leaders for their various areas of service. The breadth of his leadership skills is evident in him being a Varsity Football Captain and in receiving the Symphonic Band Leadership Award (2010).

Samuel's experience in and commitment to higher learning is clear from his credentials from Christopher Newport University, his two MA degrees from Regent University and from his being currently enrolled in the University's School of Divinity Doctor of Ministry programme. In all of this he also demonstrates his successful commitment to achieving long-term goals.

The developed and broad craft of Samuel's teaching skills is evident in his travelling widely to train leaders in churches in Arizona, New York, North Carolina, Minnesota and Masatlán Mexico, as well as his speaking at training events for senior pastors in regional and national conferences of the Association of Vineyard Churches.

I have every confidence that Samuel would make an excellent professor, inspiring and modelling Jesus-centred education for those at Regent University preparing for a life of service. I unhesitatingly and enthusiastically support his application.

God is good!

Graham

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From Professor Graham H. Twelftree



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Dear Sir/Madam,

Rev. Samuel Meade

It is a pleasure to recommend Rev. Samuel Meade to you. I have known Rev. Meade for several years as a local minister, as a distinguished graduate of our M. Div program, and now as a current student in our Doctor of Ministry program. I have also had the privilege of observing Rev. Meade in various leadership and ministerial roles. Rev. Meade is an exemplary and faithful Christ-centered minister, a person of singular integrity, impeccable character, strong leadership qualities, and with an enduring commitment to quality and rigor in higher theological and ministerial education. He is well-loved, esteemed and highly respected within ecclesial and scholarly contexts. Rev. Meade is often referred to as a model pastor and leader within the Hampton Roads Christian community.

Rev. Meade is an exceptional minister, student, scholar, and teacher. His questions, interactions, submitted assessments, and papers submitted during the programs he has been part of at the Regent University School of Divinity are of the highest critical engagement, consisting of faithful theological thinking, and positively reflects his personal quest for excellence and a Christ-honoring stance in teaching and ministerial formation. He is a gifted communicator, minister, researcher, and teacher. I can recommend Rev. Meade without any reservation.

If you would like additional information about Rev. Meade, you can telephone me at (757) 352-4258 or e-mail me at clbekker@regent.edu

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Corné J. Bekker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Corné" and last name "Bekker" clearly legible.

Corné J. Bekker, D. Litt. et Phil.
Professor and Dean



June 18, 2025

To Whom It May Concern.

It is my pleasure to provide a reference for Sameul Meade. I serve as the Associate Dean and Director of the Doctor of Ministry program in the School of Divinity at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Samuel is a doctoral student in our seminary, pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree, building upon his Master of Arts in Practical Ministry degree also done in our school. His masters and doctoral work so far have been superior, currently with a GPA of 4.00 in the doctoral program. His years of ministry experience and organization skills are apparent and stand out among his peers.

Samuel is a highly disciplined Christian with more than thirty years of ministry experience. Besides ministry, Sameul also has valuable vocational experience in the areas of marketing, web optimization, and data analysis. The combination of ministry and vocational experience made him approachable, trained him to think critically, and sharpened his communication and administrative skills. He has more than ten years of experience in the local church involving ministry management and executive team leadership. Experience in his local church ministry with leadership training, ministry development, and church planting have made him a valuable part of the church.

The thing that stands out most is Samuel's character. Despite his significant ministry experience, Samuel has remained humble and submissive to leadership and those he works with. He is a lifelong learner and strives to improve himself for the work God has called him to, for the benefit of others. He holds himself to the high standards of an elder in the church and his family life is strong and stable. His natural curiosity acts as a catalyst for learning and works well with his doctoral studies. When Samuel decides to do something, he does it with all his heart and might, determined to bring it to completion. His calling as pastor-teacher is obvious through his demeanor, and his resume speaks for itself.

I strongly recommend Sameul to you for any work in the context of ministry with my full support and blessing. Should you wish to contact me for further information or with questions, do not hesitate to do so via email (jamefly@regent.edu) or phone (757.352.4527).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Flynn".

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Pastor Samuel Meade as a candidate for a professor position at Regent University. As a Regent University alumnus myself, I believe that Samuel embodies the core values and mission of Regent, demonstrating academic excellence, spiritual maturity, and a deep commitment to developing future Christian leaders. His unique combination of pastoral leadership, theological insight, and academic training makes him an outstanding candidate to serve in this role.

Samuel has demonstrated a remarkable ability to lead, mentor, and teach effectively in the church, both local and trans-local. He has served in a senior-executive pastor position for over a decade at Vineyard Church in Virginia Beach. He also played a vital role in discipleship and leadership training within the Mid-Atlantic region for Vineyard USA. One of his most impactful contributions Samuel has made has been the development of a structured and intentional internship program designed to raise up godly leaders who will influence the world for Christ. Many Regent students have benefited from his mentorship, finding in him a wise and compassionate guide as they prepare for ministry. His ability to reach and inspire students at different levels is a testament to his effectiveness as an educator.

Beyond his teaching abilities, Samuel exemplifies integrity and personal character. His life is a reflection of his deep commitment to Christ, as seen in his dedication to his family, congregation, and ongoing personal and academic growth. As a Regent alumnus and current Doctor of Ministry student in Regent's School of Divinity, he embodies the university's mission to develop Christian leaders who will impact culture for the Kingdom of God. His pursuit of a D.Min. is driven by his desire to expand his leadership capacity, enrich his theological depth, and contribute meaningfully to both the local church and the academic community.

Samuel's credentials and experience uniquely position him to serve Regent University well. His passion for equipping the next generation of Christian leaders aligns seamlessly with Regent's vision. His teaching style is engaging, biblically grounded, and practical—offering students both theological depth and real-world ministry application. Additionally, his role as a pastor and mentor provides valuable insight into the spiritual and professional formation of students preparing for ministry.

I strongly endorse Pastor Samuel Meade for a faculty position at Regent University. His academic preparation, leadership experience, and unwavering commitment to Christ-centered education make him an exceptional candidate. I am confident that he will be a tremendous asset to the College of Biblical Studies and Christian Ministry, contributing to both the intellectual and spiritual development of Regent students. Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Meade".

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