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It is my pleasure to provide this letter of reference for Care of Creation and its remarkable Our Father's World seminars. As the preface author for Ed Brown's second edition book, I have witnessed publicly to this marvelous ministry and its transforming impact on local churches. The Au Sable Institute's emerging strategic plan for its next twenty-five years of service will have a significant focus on the role of the local church to educate and empower its members to serve the Creation Care movement through family, vocation and community. The OFW seminars are designed to move churches to action and having attended one, I can tell you firsthand that they are having a significant impact on the faith journeys of lay leadership and on the Creation through Care of Creation's overseas projects.

The seminars are a very effective blend of scripture, science, sociology and theology that enable each participant to find a voice and to bring an action plan through appropriate church leadership channels. These seminars will continue to grow in numbers and in impact in the coming year as best practices are integrated from previous sessions. It is critical that this bridge funding be secured to maintain momentum and begin to leverage church-based best practices through this important ministry.

In His Name,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Dr. Ed Johnson
President