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Dear Pastor

The couple presenting this letter to you have a desire to minister to marriages within their locality as 2=1 (formerly Marriage Ministries International) leaders. Since you are their Pastor, and we believe fully in working alongside local churches, we are writing to ask for your approval for them to be appointed as 2=1 leaders in training and then Group Leaders.

2=1 was originally founded in Denver in 1983. It is now ministering to marriages, and more recently to pre-marrieds and parents, in almost 100 countries and has over 20,000 leaders worldwide. Our vision is to see strong spiritual homes that will be an effective witness in our communities. Our purpose is to help create, heal, strengthen and enhance marriages so that couples may be able to do what the Lord has called them to do. We believe that strong marriages make strong homes, which in turn make strong churches. 2=1 is not linked with any single church body but works with several denominations to enhance marriages. However, it is affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance and Marriage Resource.

2=1 provides four courses, one for 12 weeks for married couples called **Married for Life** another taking 8 weeks called **ONE for Life** for pre-married couples, another being a 9 week course called **Parents for Life** and the newest is a weekend course called **Intimacy Weekend** for those who have already taken the **Married for Life** course. In each week of the courses (except *Intimacy which is taught over a weekend*) a Biblical principle is taught and then during the week they work through some homework to reinforce the principles they have learned. The courses are scripturally based therefore aiming towards God's standard for marriage/family rather than secular standards. All the courses are designed to run like a cell group with a maximum of seven couples/14 people attending each group, including the lead couple (Group Leaders) and their Leaders in Training.

Our purpose in training couples to lead one, two or all of the courses is to enable them to present the course(s) to pre-marrieds/marriages within their local area. No couple will be given authorisation to lead without having filled in a Leadership Questionnaire and had the written approval of both the 2=1 leaders who have trained them - and their Pastor. Therefore, we are making this request. We also have a leadership maintenance programme in place so that the leadership couples are offered continued support, encouragement and prayer.

You can find out more details about our courses via our website. If you would like further information or have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the UK Office (details above).

We would be very grateful if you would complete the online "Pastors' Recommendation for Leadership" form as soon as possible. Thank you very much indeed.

We are looking forward to ministering alongside you, to the marriages of our nation.

Yours in Christ

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Blessing the families of the earth (Genesis 12:3)

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