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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Brandon Kiesling and I serve as the Associate Pastor of Young Adults at First Baptist Church, O'Fallon, Missouri. FBC O'Fallon is committed to assisting believers to discover God's purpose through offering multiple avenues of Christian education, including small group Bible studies, a Christian Academy, and a library of Christian resources on our campus. We believe that if we offer quality opportunities for discipleship, believers will become equipped to strengthen God's Church and grow God's Kingdom.

We are embarking on a new journey to expand the resources of our library through offering electronic books (e-books). In the digital age that we currently live in, we believe that offering e-books will not only allow another option for accessing Christian resources, but that we can expand our influence upon an entirely different audience than before. For the past year, I have been working with the library staff at FBCO to develop this new medium of Christian education, and I am excited to let you know that we are ready to launch the "Greater St. Louis Church Library Consortium" and would love to extend an invitation for your church to join this exciting new ministry!

We have reached an agreement with *Overdrive*, the leading digital reading platform for libraries and schools, to offer e-books at a very affordable price to churches in our area. As part of this consortium, churches will collectively purchase digital resources and be able to share these resources with each other. The major benefit of joining a consortium is that you multiply your resources and get more out of every dollar that is invested. For example, if there are 5 churches in the consortium, each church will purchase and share \$500 worth of digital resources which means that your church will have \$2,500 worth of resources at your disposal when you only invested \$500! Each year, the collective pool of e-books continues to grow, which means that your library continues to grow as well.

Membership in this Consortium is based on average church attendance and the tiers are as follows:

- Average Attendance of 1-1,000: \$750 per year (\$250 to *Overdrive* and \$500 towards e-books)
- Average Attendance of 1,001-3,000: \$1,500 per year (\$500 to *Overdrive* and \$1,000 towards e-books)
- Average Attendance of 3,001-6,000: \$3,000 per year (\$1,000 to *Overdrive* and \$2,000 towards e-books)

Each participating church will be asked to sign a two-year contractual agreement that locks you into the tier in which you entered the contract, even if your church attendance grows during the allotted time of the agreement. Upon renewing at the end of the two-year agreement, the church's average attendance will be reassessed and you will be placed in the proper tier for another two years.

We believe this new offering of electronic sources will be a blessing to our church and surrounding community and we hope that you will pray about joining us in this effort. Once we get a total of four churches involved, we can officially launch the Consortium, so pray about it and let me know if you are interested as soon as possible. If you would like to participate in this or if you have further questions, please contact me directly at the email or phone number listed below. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

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