

July 2, 2009

To Whom it May Concern;

I am The Reverend James M. Erixson, a citizen of the United States of America by birth. My position currently is an Associate Pastor for Senior Adults and for Congregational Care, serving at First Presbyterian Church of Yakima. My duties consist of caring for my congregation, visitation and directing Senior Adult activities in the church.

I met Zahid Chaudhry just before his pre-deployment to Iraq in November of 2001 at a Veterans celebration dinner. His wife is a member of our congregation and Zahid has frequently attended here since December 2000. I find him to be a good Christian.

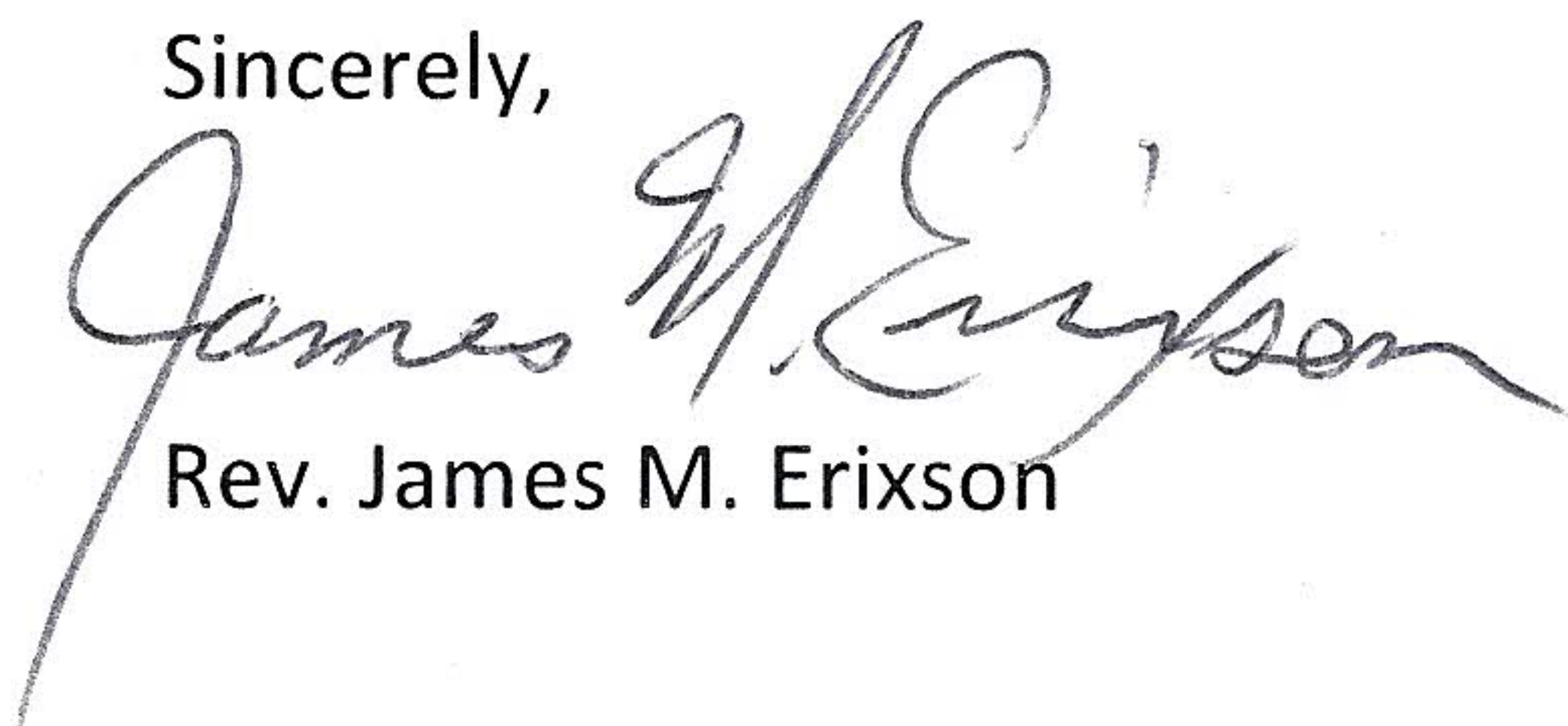
Zahid is very involved in our community. He has volunteered his time with the Yakima City Fire Department as a reserve, supporting the firefighters through rehabilitation, and filling their air tanks. I know he does a good job at this because I have worked beside him in this capacity and as a Chaplain for the department. Another area he has donated his time is with the local Red Cross.

Zahid is a loving husband to his wife, loving father to his children and a loving grandfather to his grandchildren. I am proud to know Zahid and his family.

I sincerely believe Zahid would be an asset as a citizen to this community and to the United States of America. He has served this country in the U.S. Army and he continues to serve this community even though he is handicapped due to injuries while serving in the U.S. Army.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,


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