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Dear Church Member,

Ref: Invitation to participate in a Doctoral Research Project.

I am conducting a research project as part of the requirement for my Doctoral Degree which is entitled: 'Why do people belong to a local Church? A study based on selected churches in the Oxford Diocese'. The research is being monitored by Chester University as far as ethical and academic considerations and standards are concerned.

As part of my studies I am intending to conduct quantitative and qualitative surveys. The two surveys are stand alone in the sense that you can participate in both or just one. The quantitative survey will be a short series of tick box questions to give me some background information concerning how long you have been a member etc. The second survey, the qualitative one, will be an hour interview ranging over what belonging to a church means to you.

The purpose of this letter is to ask if you would be willing to, for example, take part in a simple survey and then perhaps go on to being interviewed.

Of course, if you are willing to be involved in this research it is understood that you are free to withdraw from it at any stage and any information collected during the surveys will be kept strictly confidential. Also, could I reassure that, there will be no identifying information concerning participants published in my research.

If you are willing to proceed to the 60 minute interview we will be examining, in depth, your responses to the initial survey and exploring further what belonging to your church means to you.

If you feel able to join in this research I have enclosed a 'Consent Form, for you to confirm your willingness to participate. Do let me know if you need any further information. I can be reached by email roy@belongingtochurch.org or by phone 01993 898552.

I do hope that you will join me in this exciting venture, and remain,

Yours sincerely,

Rev'd Alan Roy Turner MA.