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Dear Wilberforce Alumni and Loyalists, Greetings:

On Sunday, February 28, 2010, during the morning worship service, the Dayton Chapter of the Wilberforce Alumni and Greater Allen will again renew our commitment to a love affair with *Dear Ole WU*. To preside over our gathering will be one of our greatest preachers, The Reverend William D. Watley, PhD, Senior Pastor of St. James AME Church, in Newark, NJ. As a very special opportunity, the Wilberforce University Choir will be singing "The Gospel Mass" composed by Robert Ray. We expect Professor Robert Ray will be in attendance to witness this presentation at 4 p.m. to conclude the day.

I have continued this collaboration for the past fourteen years, driven by two factors. First, by a question posed to me by a rural Ohio State Representative at the time I was campaigning for support of another historically black college and university (HBCU). The State Representative asked me, "Why should we care, when the alumni and beneficiaries of the educational experience of that school don't care?" I did not have an answer to his question. Secondly, as Christians, I am reminded that we are obligated to care more in a world that "couldn't care less."

I am asking every alumnus to be prepared to give at least \$154.00, one dollar for every year of Wilberforce's witness, work and existence. I am also asking every Dayton Chapter Alumnus to contact at least one other alumnus from the area who is not associated with or a part of the Dayton Chapter for their support. I don't have to tell you of the ongoing need required to support and promote our school.

Do plan to worship with Greater Allen and the Dayton Chapter of Wilberforce Alumni on Sunday, February 28, at 10:30 a.m. and at 4 p.m. If *we* don't care, then who will?

Love you and love Dear Ole WU,

*Earl G. Harris*

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