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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce that Alan Crippen, the founder and president of the John Jay Institute, is joining American Bible Society (ABS) as Chief of Exhibits, Programs, and Public Engagement of the Faith and Liberty Discovery Center. This new and important initiative is being designed to help hundreds of thousands of visitors to America's founding city explore the relationship between faith and liberty in America, illuminating the influence of the Bible from our nation's founding to today. Alan is uniquely qualified to assist this strategic effort and I warmly welcome him to the Bible cause, requesting your prayers for success of this project and Alan's transition to the team at ABS.

For more than a decade, Alan has led an organization dedicated to fostering the legacy of one of ABS's founders – John Jay – seeking to cultivate and foster the spiritual, intellectual and leadership qualities of Jay in emerging leaders today. Alan and the John Jay Institute warmly welcomed ABS to Philadelphia last year, and since that time I have gained a deeper appreciation for the Institute's leadership, vision and work.

In his work at the John Jay Institute, Alan has inspired young leaders with America's story from the founding of the republic to the present day. His personal conviction is that the American story is unintelligible apart from its interplay with a larger story – the Bible. Integral to his work at the John Jay Institute has been the centrality of the Bible for understanding not only John Jay's driving passion, but the larger American story – its people, ideals and institutions. In this work, I have been impressed with Alan's demonstrated competence, commitment to excellence in scholarship, and deep recognition of the power of the Bible's influence in our nation's history.

Additionally, I want to express my deep appreciation to the John Jay Institute and its Board of Governors for releasing Alan to his new calling. Every organization must inevitably face the the loss of its founder. I recognize that this is an important transition not only for Alan but for the John Jay Institute as well. To the alumni and friends of the John Jay Institute, I urge your prayers and support of the Board of Governors in this period of leadership transition and planning. The John Jay Institute's mission is vitally important to Alan, to me, and to all who know about the excellent work it does in fostering principled public leaders.

Please join me in welcoming Alan to this new leadership role at American Bible Society.

Yours Gratefully,



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